

Newsletter for Fantasia

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS for Thursday Oct 24th

MORNING -

- 8:30 - 9:30 Tai Chi, R. Millen - 13
 9:45 - 2:30 SO trip down Cape, Lunch out. - 19
 9:45-11:45 On Stage, Mavis & Crystal - 15
 9:45-11:45 What is gender, Gilbert - 15
 9:45-11:45 The Gender Train, Denny & Laing - 7
 10:45-11:45 Feminine Voice III, A. Fennell - 13

LUNCHEON - Noon to 1:00pm Commons Flagship

- 1:00-2:00 Occasional CD, R. Docter
 1:00-2:00 Follow Me Boys, Abbass

AFTERNOON -

- 2:15-4:00 Sensitivity Training, Jones - 21
 2:15-4:00 Virginia Prince Contributions, Docter - 7
 2:15-4:00 The Feminine Toolkit, Miller -
 2:15-6:30 Follies Rehearsal - 15

Evening -

- 8:30-11:00 Fan Fair Follies - 15
 11:00- Apres Follies Party - 15

after activity denotes location on FF Map

Quote of the Day - "We can only change the world's view of gender by changing the views of men" BV

QUALIFIERS

Fantasia Fair is a week long celebration of gender diversity, and it attracts some of the most wonderful personalities you could ever meet.

We have all made a commitment to be a part of this annual event. Many of the participants are the very people who keep the Fair alive and growing.

Your Fair fee includes delightful accommodations, incredible meals, access to professionals, and the opportunity to belong.

Every fall, some people come to P-town thinking that just being in P-town is the Fair. This is not true! You can come to P-town anytime, but you cannot be part of the Fair from the outside. The Fair is all of US.

Together, we all become the Fair. We blend and we get into this whirlwind week, getting to know one another as our true selves. ***This is Fantasia Fair. Accept no substitutes.*** BV

FAIR DYNAMICS

One thing I have learned after attending three Fairs, this is my fourth, is that each Fair is different from the last. They all do have a lot in common with each other. They all have a Fashion Show, a Follies, two Banquets, many workshops, super seminars, and about 100 or so wonderfully diverse people. These incredible personalities, veterans and newcomers, provide color and excitement when coupled with the growing experience in Fair organizing.

The week builds with the comforts of P-town all around us, gained knowledge, new friends, and participation in Fair events. We all grow during the week, and being a

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Who's Here

Andrea Susan - The official Hostess of the Fantasia Fair Fashion Show for the last six Fairs has been to seven Fairs, the first one in 1976. Andrea is a Television and film producer/director, who also makes military communication films. A member of the LIFE group on Long Island, Andrea looks forward to her time in P-town every year. She was one of 37 who attended the first unofficial gathering of CDs in Hunter, N.Y. in 1967. Her son, Gary is the Fair's video producer.

One of her fondest recollections of the Fair was her first meeting with Virginia Prince at the 1976 Fair. She

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part of this adventure is a reward you can carry with you throughout the year.

Strut down the runway in the Fashion Show to cheers and applause. Perform, with some of your new friends, in the Follies and feel your heart soar.

It is people, like you and I, all of us, together, who make the Fair what it is. So, do as much as you can. Learn, play, and enjoy, and what you can't fit in this Fair, try to fit into the next BV

THINGS TO DO

By now you've all found what a wonderful place P-town is. Aside from all the unusual shops (P-town *must be* the earring capital of the world) and succulent restaurants that abound, there are many quaint little places to meet people and sights to see.

The public benches in front of town hall are a super place for people watching. Treat yourself to a manicure, even a pedicure, cruise the wharf (Oh My !) or go boat watching at the marinas. You can arrange a whale watch with some friends from the marina, or rent a bike and go exploring.

If you have a little time between Fair activities, just north of the Universalist Church is the Pilgrim museum and tower. Don't wear four inch heels though if you intend to climb it, there are hundreds of steps to the top. The panorama from this lofty spot is well worth the exercise. While you are up in the tower, look north towards the National Recreation Area, the P-town airport, and the Atlantic Ocean.

A short bike or drive north will bring you to hiking and bird watching on the park's nature trails, or stop at the visitor center for a grand view of the miles of sparkling beach that surround P-town.

For the more adventuresome, you can even investigate the beach on horseback. Enjoy ! BV

AA has daily meetings at noon in the lower meeting room of the Unitarian Church on Commercial St. All are welcome



DONNA MARIE NEEDS A NEW PAIR OF SHOES

Who's Here cont.

had been writing to her before arriving in P-town and it was Virginia who took her on her first public outing to the Hyanis Mall. She credits Virginia as always being there for her, and she said "Don't worry, you'll pass. You're with me".

As a Fair veteran, Andrea loves to see the speedy growth that is experienced by the newcomers. She advises them not to be shy (are there any shy people left ?) and to not be embarassed that they are only just coming out. " If you want to see the world as a woman, try a trip to the local A&P. The A & P is the closest thing to the straight world you can have in P-town . Sure, P-town is a very open, diverse community, but the supermarket is the real test ".

Andrea passes very well and travels extensively as her girl self, and has been just about everywhere from Disney World to virtually every city (and supermarket) in the world. Anyone who has seen her in action as the Fashion Show Hostess is aware of her sharp wit and fabulous stage presence, which when combined with her genuine compassion for all transgendered people, makes her one of the most outstanding personalities of the Fair, and, in 1994, she was chosen as Ms. Fantasia Fair. B.V.

Chiropractic & Image

Dr. Paula S. Sperry, a local chiropractor, presented a wealth of interesting information to more than 20 people on Tuesday after lunch at the Flagship. Taking advantage of all the crossdressing in P'town this week, she looked great in a black tux with kelly green cummerbund & tie.

After leading the group in simple stretching exercises to help us relax and become more aware of our bodies, all done while sitting, she enthusiastically began by talking about body language. Did you know that people's impression of you is only 7% what you say, 38% how you say it, but 55% how you present yourself! (How they get these numbers, I don't know, but I certainly do believe in presenting well.)

A short anatomy lesson, stripping away the flesh down to the bones, yielded few surprises but did lead to a couple of useful tips for more feminine walking.

Instead of relating the expected bad news about 3-inch heels, Paula told us about a drag queen patient who presented with back pain. She wore Nikes during the day and wasn't about to give up the spikes she wore at night. Her problems were greatly alleviated by replacing the Nikes with high-heeled cowboy boots, thus reducing the extremes to which she subjected her spine. (continued on page 4)

AWARDS BANQUET UPDATE

The Awards Banquet at Michael Shay's will start at 6:30 on Sat. night to afford us more time to be together. Dinner will be served at 8:30. Check your meal ticket for this affair, as there has been a species reassignment, the chicken dinner has been changed to FISH. Please plan on attending this special event. Giltz

CONGRESS OF TG ORGANIZATIONS

The fall meeting of CTGO will be held during Fantasia Fair at 4 pm, Sat. 10/26, at the Pilgrim House and will be chaired by V.P. Linda Watson. The goal of CTFO is to bring together Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender groups under their umbrella, and to sponsor TG Lobby Day in D.C. on May 6-7, 1997.

OIGS & IFGE Bookstores

During the week, OIGS has a bookstore at the office in the Pilgrim House, with many interesting and hard to find books.

On Friday and Saturday the OIGS Bookstore will move to Gifford #25(it may be located in Pilgrim House, if possible) and join the expanded IFGE Bookstore. Vanessa Murray, of IFGE, will be glad to guide you in finding just the right books for your own interests and for taking home to family or significant

QUOTE

Overheard at a luncheon, " I so look forward to the Fair that when I do come here, I don't see the end at the beginning ". M.G.

FASHION SHOW - 1996

The Vixen Lounge at Pilgrim House was the scene last night of one of the most lavish Fashion Shows ever. The electric atmosphere of our eighteen stunning models, and the spicy commentary of Andrea Susan and co-host Maryann, presented to the audience a night to remember.

With the help of the Pilgrim stage crew, Jamie, Emilee, and Penny, transformed the Vixen Room into a usable showcase for the models to display four pieces of their incredible wardrobes. After some knowledgeable instruction about modeling on the runway by friend of the Fair, Martine, everyone was comfortable, glamorous, and stylish.

The four outfits worn by our gals began with casual wear, and gradually, step by step, progressed to their evening wear. Casual suits, dresses, and separates were modeled as day wear during the first half of the show, and was followed in the second half by a glittery presentation of cocktail dresses and evening gowns. Sparkling sequins, bangles, and colors galore, captured the attention of the audience, while the smiles and emotions of the models created the wonderful atmosphere. B.V.

Volunteers are needed to place Follies posters around town. Stop by the office for instructions.

Candy Lee Scott of Cape Cod's local TG group, Investments, has been taken ill and will not be able to attend. Someone is needed to sell 50/50 raffle tickets in her place. Stop by the office if you can help. We wish you well Candy. Get better soon.

If you have any announcements, articles, stories, or pertinent information that you want published in this newsletter, don't hesitate to submit your additions.

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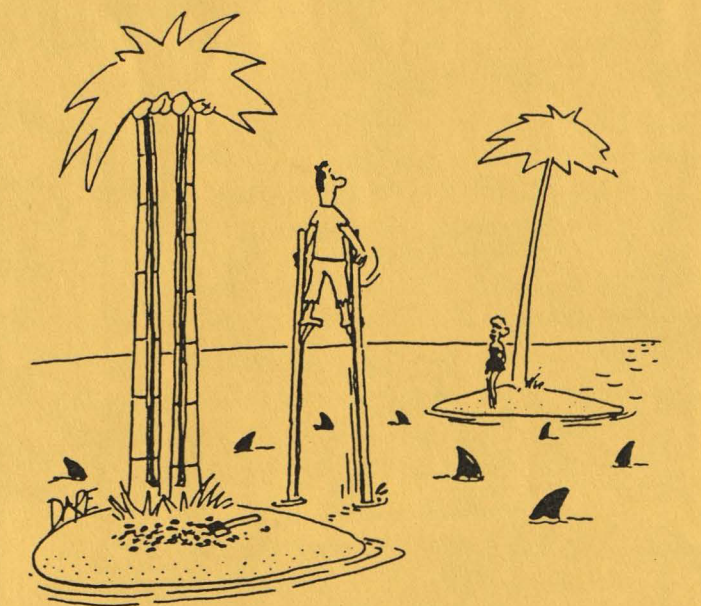
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A cartoon illustration on a yellow background. In the foreground, a man in a white swimsuit stands on a small, sandy island. He is looking towards a large palm tree on the left. The palm tree has a thick trunk and a large, spiky frond. In the background, another smaller palm tree stands on a similar island. The water is represented by simple lines, and several shark fins are visible in the water. The caption at the bottom reads: "HE'S GOING TO BE MAD WHEN HE FINDS OUT THAT I'M A CROSSDRESSER".