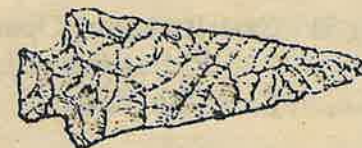


**Family Album**  
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*photo by Mary Shuler*



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## CALENDAR

- Aug 18 ..IS NOT ANNUAL EVALUATION MEETING!!!!
- Aug 28 ..OCF Annual Picnic - 2 PM at the site. Potluck for Staff, Booth People & Performers. (NO DOGS)
- Aug 30 ..Long Range Planning Meeting, 7 p.m., OCF office
- Aug 31 ..Craft Inventory Open House 7:30 PM at the office, 1458 Ferry, Eugene
- Sept 1 ....Deadline to remove reefers
- Sept 6 ....Fair Family News Deadline (Will always be 1 week before BOD meeting from now on.)
- Sept 6 ....Deadline for Candidate Statement to be submitted to Fair Family News for publication.
- Sept 13 ..BOD Meeting-7 PM, WOW Hall, 291 W 8th Street, Eugene
- Sept 18 ..OCF Equestrians, Marching and Bicycle Group, and Pooper Scoopers leaving South Eugene High School 10 AM for the Eugene Celebration Parade. Call Reggie De Soto 942.5238
- Sept 21 ..Annual Evaluation Meeting - Come and give us your input at the WOW Hall at 7 PM
- Oct 16....Annual Meeting for all members (*Major issues and BOD elections*)



### PICNIC ANYONE?

The Fair provides barbequed meat, corn on the cob, beverages for all tastes, and paper/plastic table settings. Please bring (with serving utensil) such things as main dish, salad, dessert, bread, relish, vegetable sidedish, chips/salsa, or even additional beverages. Expect music, sauna, games, good companionship. (Please, no salads made up of chopped wristbands.) Please pack out what you pack in. If you would like to spend an hour barbequing chicken, please call Norma or Bill via the Fair office.

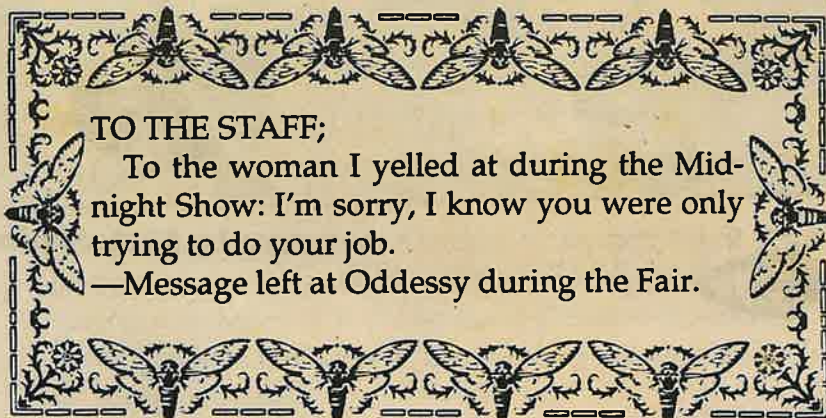
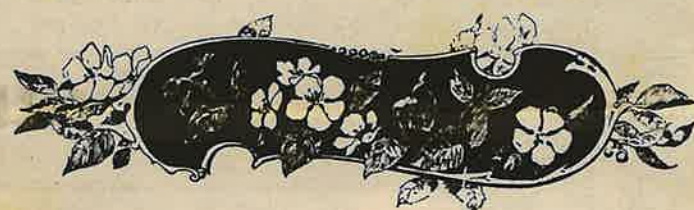


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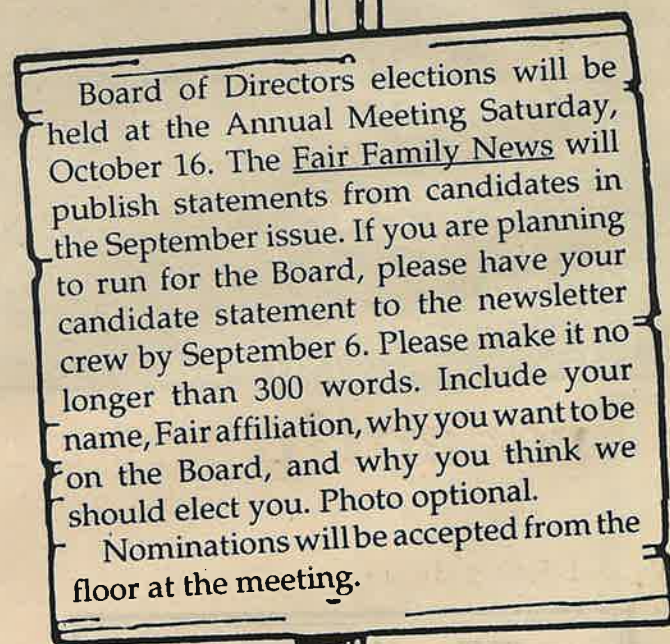
Announcement: Elections Committee is looking for a few good volunteers to help with the Annual Election! Write a short letter of interest and mail it to the office, Attn: Carol Bull or Steve Gorham OR call Carol at (503)935-2768.



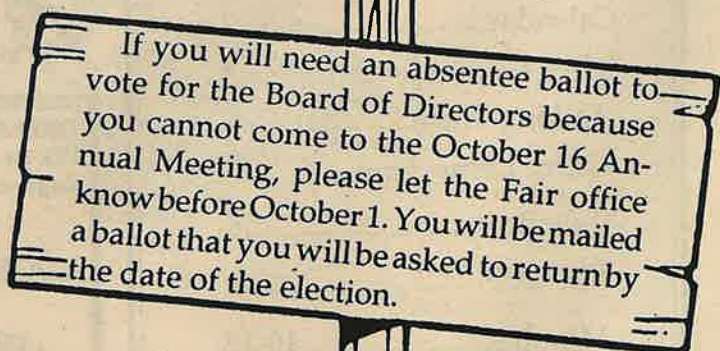
#### TO THE STAFF;

To the woman I yelled at during the Midnight Show: I'm sorry, I know you were only trying to do your job.

—Message left at Oddessy during the Fair.



Board of Directors elections will be held at the Annual Meeting Saturday, October 16. The Fair Family News will publish statements from candidates in the September issue. If you are planning to run for the Board, please have your candidate statement to the newsletter crew by September 6. Please make it no longer than 300 words. Include your name, Fair affiliation, why you want to be on the Board, and why you think we should elect you. Photo optional. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.



If you will need an absentee ballot to vote for the Board of Directors because you cannot come to the October 16 Annual Meeting, please let the Fair office know before October 1. You will be mailed a ballot that you will be asked to return by the date of the election.

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**Lost:** At least two of the "yes/yes/yes" banners from the Fair are missing. One was taken during clean-up on Tuesday. Please return them to the Fair Office; much labor went into their construction.

**Announcement:** Just in case you didn't notice page two, the Fair Picnic (for Fair Family—this means you) is August 28. It is Potluck (mark your things), and those handy plate and drink holders, frisbees and portable chairs may be useful. You will see us there! FFN folk.

**Wanted:** Room to rent, under \$200. mo. Happy to share housing with other Fair family folk. Call

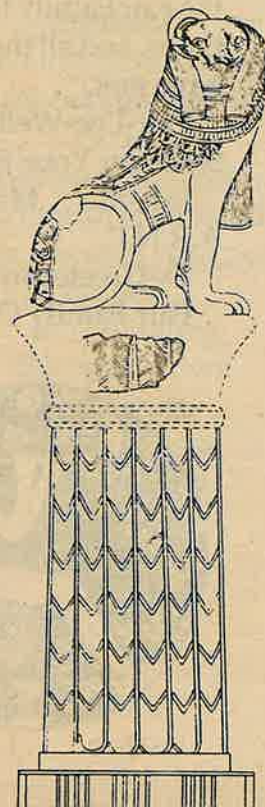
343-4298, leave message for Katie in Construction box.

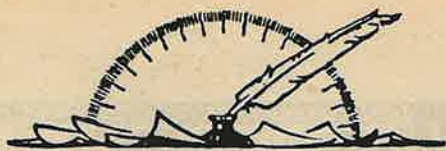
**Wanted:** Still looking for folks to write and contribute Fair related art, literature, poems, chocolate cheesecake, energy for THIS newsletter, we meet at weird times, so messages in the FFN box are the best way to make contact.

**Announcement:** Let's start the year anew for un-Classified

materials, so I can still feel good calling it recent. Please continue to send your SHORT un-classifieds, ATTN: FFN un-class. Thanks, Erica ☺

**For Sale:** Gas powered Miller 200 portable welder. Excellent condition recent tune-up \$950. Also Monarch wood cookstove, extremely restoreable \$300 obo. J or H 935-2912





### Family Orphan

Shalom Fair Family News:  
I used to be a Greeter at the Fair, the one with the banjo at the front gate who would say, "Put a smile on your face and welcome to the Oregon Country Fair." It is Saturday, July 10th and I am not at the Fair. I was bumped from my job. When I asked if I did anything wrong, the "leader" said I didn't but that someone who used to do my job was going to take my place.

When I lived in Eugene I put in many hours of work as a Vegemanec, for I loved the land.

I cannot work Security, for I suffer from PTSS (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome). Being a greeter was perfect, for I love to smile and make others smile. I hold no bad feelings toward the "leader," but expected a little more sensitivity from him. I live far away, and have no way to connect with anyone to get another job at the Fair. I would like to start a new group at the Fair called the "Fair-Lee-Wells."

I noticed last year at the end of the day not a lot of the public was smiling as they left. As an experiment, I sat at one of the exits and said, "Thanks for coming to the Oregon Country Fair, have a safe trip home, keep a smile on your face, Fair-Lee-Well and see you next year." Most of the people would start smiling again and make some kind of comment. I think the Fair needs to thank the patrons of the Fair and let them know we appreciate them and not just their money. It would take one person at each exit.

I hope I can find a place at the Fair next year, or I will have to give up my membership in the family, due to the by-laws. If this can't be arranged, then I want to thank the Fair Family for all the good times, and all the nice people I have met.

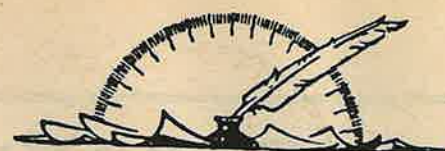
Fair-Lee-Well and Keep a Smile on Your Face.

Jerome Mark Parnes  
A.R.N.P.

Ex-Greeter and Banjo Player  
Fair Family Orphan



## LETTERS



### Silver Suggestion

Dear elves, fairies, sprites and others...

It's Monday morning and my face is a little sore from all the grinning this past 3-day magical weekend. Thank you so much, all 5,000 of you!

I'd like to suggest that you may wish to formally dedicate the 1994 Silver Anniversary celebration to "support the ongoing struggle in Oregon opposing Oregon Citizens Alliance political attacks on the civil rights of our gay, lesbian and bisexual brothers and sisters" or words to that effect.

Community fairs are classic examples of society's diversity, that we are all in it together, worthy of equal rights and respect. The Oregon Country Fair has always held these basic tenets. It may be that your Board of Directors and other OCF members will want to incorporate this in your Silver Anniversary publicity and advertising, with a special dedication in 1994.

Because the OCA will be doubtlessly sponsoring yet another statewide ballot measure in 1994, seeking legislation against homosexuals and bisexuals, a strong stand against OCA bigotry from the Oregon Country Fair is an idea you may wish to address.

The Gay Parade at the Fair was a visual, delightful statement. It surely must be strenuous, hot work underneath those large puppets displaying huge "Stop OCA" buttons! But it's a message that needs to get out there. Bless those volunteers and all others who do so much to entertain...with a message.

I hoped that use of armbands eased some of the burdens of those who empty latrines, garbage cans and the many other jobs. I'm quite certain that those who whine about the armbands are never the ones who clean latrines.

Great job, good work(s). I'm forever grateful for the renewal OCF gives my life.

Sincerely,  
Lady Liberty  
Fairgoer



### Real Time

Four years ago Ongkar (from Security) imparted to me a perspective on the Fair that has helped me with the frustration we all sometimes feel.

1993 marks the 24th year the OCF has been alive. If you look at actual operation time on site, you will see we have only about 3 1/2 months of real time operation. (3-5 days times 24 years.)

I think we are doing extremely well for such a short time in operation. Think about it!

Mary Beth Havel  
"Mom" of Security

### It Was Great

Dear Fair Family,

This was the best Fair ever! It had an aura of earlier Fairs. I loved it. It was special to walk the Figure Eight after hours, have a relaxing dinner, share quiet time with my sweetie, and feel safe about the security of our camp.

The sweep seemed successful every night. In trying to analyze why everything went so well, one may guess...wristbands. Management should not be hasty with that conclusion. There were many factors integral to the lessening of the after-hours population problems that have plagued the Fair for the past several years.

Having many checkpoints after hours helped. Wristbands were examined closely. Picture identification would have been as easy to check. Careful examination of everyone entering camp areas was carried out by non-security crews. Time and again cheerful staffers directed would-be crashers to doors that opened back outside the Fair. The cooperation was wonderful. Clearing the parking lot worked well. Zumwalt camping appears to have been successful.

There was a feeling of belonging and family that hasn't been felt for a long, long time. The only murmur Fairly ever-present concerned the wristbands. Many people said, as I did, "I love the Fair. I'll try it." I wore the band. I was happy to be among my many friends. A week later, though, I felt as if I was still wearing it. I'll choose the picture identification next year.

Many people were not aware there was an alternative to wristbands. They said

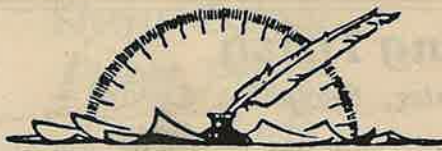
they would choose picture identification if given the opportunity. Complaints were of chafing, hair tearing, scratches, and interference when trying to be close with a loved one.

We have a year to prepare for our 25th OCF. Our anniversary should help us remember how it began. Let's make figuring this out a group process that values each individual and doesn't trivialize anyone's convictions.

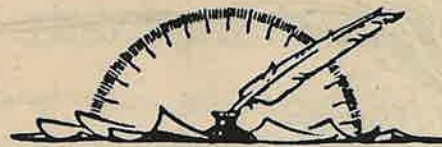
Thanks again to everyone for the greatest Fair ever!

Cheryl Jones  
Fair Family Member





# LETTERS



## Save the Dates

Dear Fair Family

The recent action taken at the July Board of Directors meeting concerning changing the date for the 1994 Fair to July 15, 16, and 17 continues to frustrate me. The fact that it was new business, voted on without input from the Fair family via the newsletter, adds to my strong feeling that the issue needs to be re-visited. I recommend that the 1994 Fair date decision be put on the September meeting agenda for resetting to July 8, 9, and 10, 1994. (*Editor's note: it has been.*)

I have continued to gather information regarding the conflicts that many crafts people AND performers will face if the July 15, 16, 17 dates are chosen.

The Salem Art Fair and Festival occurs that weekend EVERY YEAR. I went to Salem this year and recognized a number of OCF craftspeople. They told me they participate in Art in the Vinyard the FIRST WEEKEND, and Salem Art Fair and Festival the THIRD weekend each July. Summer fairs are a major source of income for them.

There is a music festival in Grass Valley, California the FIRST weekend in July, and many of our Main Stage performers travel north to our Fair the SECOND weekend. After the OCF, Ambiance, Shady Grove and Vaudeville performers travel to Corvallis for the DaVinci Days or to Vancouver for the Vancouver Folk festival the THIRD weekend in July.

Craftspeople and performers have these summer traditions and sources of revenue to help maintain a lifestyle that (I believe) the OCF supports. Besides, many of our staff and paying public also attend this abundance of summer gatherings and festivals in the Pacific Northwest.

Please consider this letter as my strongest vote for the 94 Fair, our 25th anniversary, to be held on July 8, 9, and 10.

Anne Henry  
Board Member

## Waiting Teens

Dear Fair Family News,

Yes it was another wonderful Fair! It seemed clearer and cleaner this year (advance tickets? Wristbands seemed to have joined the star-planet influence on our Fair.)

Although, this was the second year in a row that Teen Crew workers and their parents were roaming about on the first day wondering where the Teen Crew leader or her assistant were—for hours and hours!

It would seem the worst thing to show a teen is tardiness and a feeling of abandonment; it strengthens their own tardiness and abandonment when their leader is thus. If she's too busy—good leader or not—she needs replacing.

Also, the sun is an enemy of children's skin. If teens are not sunscreensed, they should not work. Sad as it is, in 20 years they will understand this. It should be a rule and enforced. These teen are our children. Thank you.

Mary  
a mother of a teen



## Back in Kansas

"OH Auntie EM there's no place like OM!"

Some one said to me, you're not from Kansas. No, I'm not. I learned long ago there's no place like Oregon. Kansas is that place away from the Fair people call the 'real world'—it's black and white and Kansas to me.

What a nice surprise when I landed on site to find a new bridge and they named it 'Auntie EM' ...You're not in Kansas anymore!! Thank You Construction Crew, Artist, and those involved. You're One Creative Family and I'm happy to be a fairy sparkle with you!

Oh, the Fair was wonderful to me! After 12 days without a day off Sunday came! I walked by the bus admissions and off stepped a handsome volunteer member who was birthed to his first Fair. As a veteran, I took him under my wing, got him banded and broke fast at the New Day. As we walked onto the bridge the OM circle began. The Magic began. We joined the family and we were touched...Ahhz!!

But not all things in Ahhz was very nice. It had its share of lions and tigers and bears—oh my. The whisk back to Kansas came on Monday when Security got a black eye for something not in their control. Please note that all staff members are not Security and not all staff has had Crisis Intervention training. May I suggest that those on STAFF with Crisis Intervention Training receive a shirt saying STAFF (those who can deal with problems), and those who do not have Crisis Intervention may wear shirts that say STAPH (Those who should not deal with problems.)

Speaking of shirts, may it also be suggested for the 25th Anniversary, that

STAFF/STAPH receive tie-die shirts and a Silver Peach for all!

Relishing in this year's Fair, to add to the memories of others and counting the days till next year.

Love  
& Peace  
Auntie  
EM

## Respectfully Clean

The first year I worked on the Recycling Crew I really enjoyed all the thanks for "cleaning up after us." This year I'd like to thank several food booths who not only did a truly outstanding job of cleaning up after themselves, but who exhibited respect for fellow Fair family and, above all, a reverence for the land.

Rising Moon Ravioli (L56) was as pristine and a part of the land the day they left as it was during the year with Mother Nature watching over it. Soy World, Organic Orange Juice, the Olive Grove, Tofu Palace, Nearly Normals, Patti's Pies, Bangkok Grill and Dana's Cheesecake were also commendably clean and left little impact on our cherished land.

I hope the following guidelines will make it easier for everyone to be an ecological—as well as a happy—camper.

1) Separate recyclables, compost and garbage and put them in an appropriate, accessible place for pick up.

2) Be creative in making your own mini-recycling station to help the people who eat at your booth recycle everything possible.

3) Use as little disposable serving material as possible.

4) Offer a price reduction to people who bring their own cups to buy drinks.

5) Pick up all the litter around the booth several times during the Fair and after.

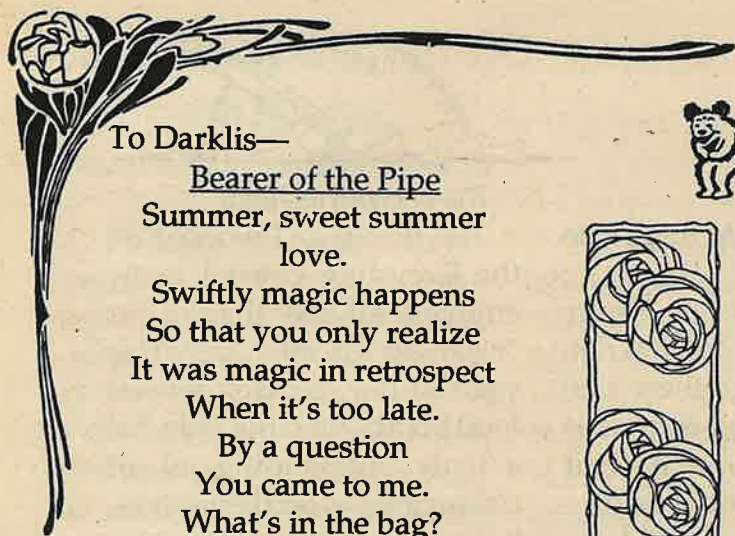
6) Display a butt can (half filled with water) in a conspicuous place and encourage smokers to use it.

7) Rake the duff (leave, twigs, etc.) back into the woods rather than out to the path to be carried away.

1993 was a wonderful fair for me. I look forward to just as much magic and a little less trash in '94.

Katy Stokes  
Recycling





To Darklis—

**Bearer of the Pipe**

Summer, sweet summer love.

Swiftly magic happens  
So that you only realize  
It was magic in retrospect  
When it's too late.

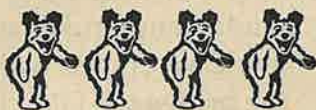
By a question  
You came to me.  
What's in the bag?  
Peace? Joy? Love?  
All of those and more.  
You gazed into my eyes  
And I knew you from before.

I touched your skin  
Only for an instant  
And fell in love with your  
reaction.

Our union was consum-  
mated

During the intimate act  
Of sharing the pipe.  
Oh, sweet pipe bearer  
I was back on my path alone  
Before I realized  
How much I truly love you.

From Jayson Long  
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**Om, Om on the Range**

Michael Omogrosso  
Leila Snow  
OM Circle  
Co-coordinators

This OM is for you for making this year's OM Circle a resounding success. Reports from around the Fair indicate we were holding hands and omming throughout the entire 8 except for some short segments along the upper end of Shady Lane, Abby Rode, and the service road connector. We have not received any reports from within the Left Bank, but people at Jill's Crossing and DeSpain Lane near the History Booth could see no OM activity from the new loop.

Both of these areas, between the Eight and the Left Bank and around the Daredevil Stage locale, have very few booths and so need more staff recruited to connect all the pathways for the 25th extravaganza.

Om Circle wishes to thank Steven Bearhug, booth #491, McKenzie Maps/Nirvana Tubes, Upper River Loop, for being the first to volunteer to coordinate an area this year. Thom Lanfear for struggling through cryptic messages and fair craziness to deliver to Om

Circle the first fair map in several years. (It certainly helped to boost morale and improve planning); KLCC for broadcasting the 1993 OM to all its listeners; the Fair Family News and the Fair Vision for spreading the word (OM), Community Village for providing OM

Circle a home and hands-on support; Energy Park Puppeteers for Friday night; and particularly David Oaks for taking the initiative to announce the OM Circle at the Midnight Show.

We give special thanks to those who stood in the OM line and to those who could only OM in their mind because of staffing or booth duties such as that fabulous collection of garbage gurus, the Recycling Crew.

If you have suggestions for next year's OM Circle or desire to coordinate specific areas such as sections of the paths or vendors or staff (Traffic, Security, etc.), please call or write: Michael Omogrosso, 864 W. 4th, Eugene, OR 97402, (503)344-8444.

An OM a day keeps negativity at bay!



**Talking Trash**

by Robert Painter, Recycling Crew

Many of you, up early during the Fair, have observed the Recycling Crew working its way through the paths and outlying areas. As we go from station to station, we walk, "sweeping" the grounds for litter and debris. Of particular annoyance are the plastic forks, which splinter when stepped on, and cigarette butts, which are numerous beyond belief.

To reduce plastic fork debris, and to keep them out of the waste stream, we have distributed buckets for plastic tableware, which we collect and send on to BRING for recycling in Southern California.

To help smokers keep their butts off the ground, we place purple "butt cans" throughout the Fair. They are helpful. The last time we measured, we collected half a 55-gallon barrel of butts during the event!

However, the cans present various problems. Because of the flat tops on the cans, thoughtless fairgoers stack cups, plates, bottles, and various other throwaways (including disposable diapers) on our cans, which are intended only for cigarette butts. They are time consuming to decorate and label, and they need a hole made to hang from. The water we use to extinguish the butts causes the cans to rust over the years.

Accordingly, between now

and the 1994 Fair, we are going to try a new type of butt can.

We are going to distribute hanging plastic water jugs throughout the site. They will be partially filled with water to extinguish burning cigarettes. They have a small opening, to encourage their use only for butts. They have a conical top to discourage stacking other debris on them. They are free to us (thanks to BRING Recycling), and are plentiful. They can be cut open if emptying them is a problem. They can be recycled once we have used them. They have a handle, so they can be easily transported by smokers heading off to lonely shifts at various outlying areas of the land.

For now, they will be crudely labeled, but if they are effective and we decide to use them next year, we will work on making them attractive.

Look for them at the picnic and when you visit the site. Give them a try. We are actively seeking feedback. Please send any ideas, comments, etc., to Robert Painter, 261 Ash, Eugene, OR 97402.

We calculated we spent over 450 person hours cleaning the paths of debris during and after the 1993 Fair. With your ideas and cooperation, we hope to cut the task considerably.

The Recycling Crew



photo by norma sox

## They Came, They Paid, They Left

by Wally Slocum, Fair  
Family News Staff

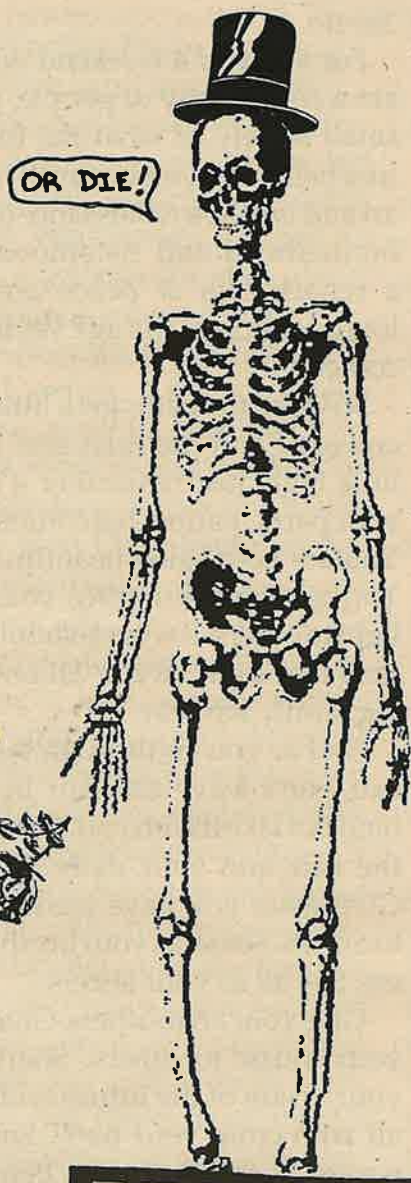
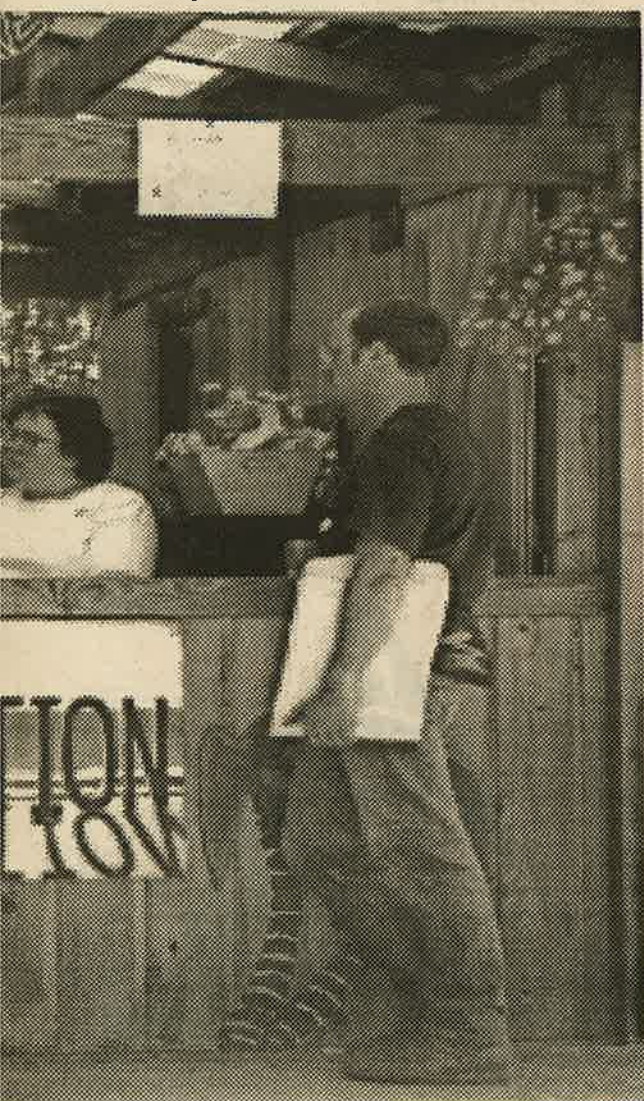
This year's Fair attendance of 45,394 was, according to those in the know, 4,991 below the record 1992 figure of 50,385. This ten percent drop was widely welcomed as contributing to a more leisurely and less-crowded Fair. An informal survey of vendors found that most did as well or about as well as the prior year.

Friday attendance was 14,158; Saturday 16,912; and Sunday 14,316. Almost exactly forty percent of attendance (18,416) was by advance ticket sales. Of these, 364 were senior or other discounted type tickets. Of the gate sales, discounted ticket sales figures were not available.

As expected, with total attendance down, bus ridership was lower. However, a first was established: Saturday the busses took back about 200 more people than they brought out. Perhaps day workers who carpooled in left by bus.

At no time were the pre-set daily caps on attendance of 16, 18, and 16-thousand surpassed. Packets of advance-sale tickets did sell out at some places and were not replenished from the gate stock. This may have contributed to some rumors among the public of a sell out, and thereby have discouraged some people from driving to the gate to seek admission.

The Fair received the full face value of each advance ticket sale. Handling charges above the face value were paid by the ticket purchaser.



## Gritty Disneyland

(Printed with permission of Fred Crafts, KUGN critic at large, who gave this review of the OCF on his radio show. KUGN is a Eugene country music station.. Ed.)

I can't compute how many years have gone by since I last visited the Oregon Country Fair but I am guessing that it's been at least 20 years. Yes, I was there at the beginning, when the fair was nothing more than a collection of make-shift booths that sold homemade candles and stuff among the trees. It was very funky, very rustic, very poorly attended, very pathetic. But a lot has happened to the Fair over the past two decades.

The 1993 Fair was absolutely terrific. It has metamorphosed into something at once familiar, yet different—a symbol of how processes started in the Sixties have entered the mainstream.

Where it once was a private forum for the revolutionary, it is now a playground for everyone—the terminally hip and the weekend wannabees, all mingling together to celebrate diversity and similarity. It gives hope for mankind, if only for one weekend a year.

The changes were easy to spot. The clapboard booths are now architectural wonders with inventive names; there is running water and electricity; the crafts are done by professionals who travel a circuit along the coast; the food is provided by local restaurants; the marching band can play with any band. As a result, there is a tone of funky slick-

ness everywhere. But I like that. Like a gritty Disneyland, it is a safe and clean environment for—and who would have guessed it?—families looking for something to transport them for a few hours. They don't have to look far here, for people-watching is the number one activity. Yet, bizarreness, rather than the Sixties Revisited, is the pre-

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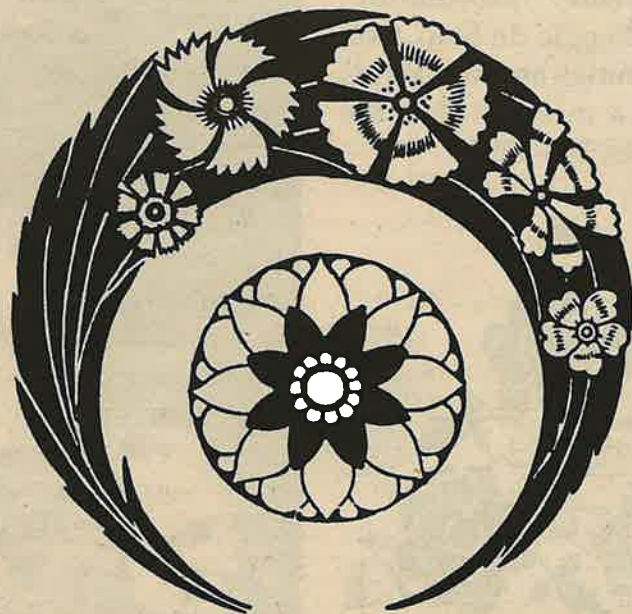
vailing tone. Bright costumes and spectacular makeup are the rule. It's Mardi Gras on the banks of the Looopy

Long Tom River. In fact, to call this a hippie fair is a gross misnomer. It is an event for everyone who is up for a good time.

Can you tell that I liked the Oregon Country Fair? Yet, to be honest, I didn't want to go, and nearly talked myself out of it. I was impressed with the ease by which vehicles and pedestrians were handled. I had heard so much about the partying at the Fair that I was shocked at how clean, safe and orderly it was. Still, the mood was festive. I spent five hours there and was enthralled every minute.

The fair has changed a lot over the years, and I for one am very happy with the direction it has taken. It retains enough of its roots to have authenticity, yet with maturity has come class. This is a fair for the '90s, not the '60-s—thank goodness. A true people's fair. I find that both empowering and promising for our future.

On the Crafts Scale of 1 to 10, I give the Oregon Country Fair a 9.5.



## OCF ON PARADE

as told by Reggie DeSoto  
to Carol Bull

Here comes the 16 Foot Oregon Country Fair Banner carried by 3 or 4 intrepid volunteers, followed by bicycle people, green-shirted Vegemanees, jugglers and Fairites of all descriptions. This is the OCF in the Eugene Celebration parade!

Then we have the banner of the Fighting Instruments of Karma Marching Band/ Chamber Orchestra and the band playing anything from John Phillip Sousa marches to the Bullwinkle theme. (Sometimes we have the BIG Pup-pets!)

Rolling along next is a big old flat-bed truck decorated with balloons, streamers, banners, Yes-Yes-Yes drapes, kids and assorted Fair family. The truck serves as a slump wagon and water/fruit juice/soft drink refreshment stand for the parading Fairites.

There's the Security and Traffic Horse Patrols, (last year we won a first place award) with Oregon Country Fair saddle drapes. Bringing up the rear is the Official Pooper Scooper, which last time took third place in the Pooper Scooper Competition.

This year's staging will be at South Eugene High School, September 18, at 400 E. 19th St. in the west-side parking lot, starting no later than 8 AM. Come well-fed and prepared to walk 2.5 miles, i.e. have comfortable shoes, dress for warm weather with the usual possibility of rain. Wear your Fair family best. This is our opportunity to show the Fair to the Eugene community!

The Eugene Celebration 1993 theme is "A New Frontier"— Wild West, Space Exploration, Tall Tales, mythical heroes, new places, life forms, and rituals, and, of course, hippies. (All entries must be tasteful and subordinate to the overall design of the entry.)

For further information, contact Reggie de Soto, 942-5238 evenings and weekends or leave a message thru the Fair Office, 343-4298.



## Bring the Light

by Dave Stetta

The Fair is a place of magic where the past and future merge together as one. The high ideals of the past and a vision of the age yet to be. We've poured our hearts, minds, and souls into these grounds with a labor of love and passion that surely comes from the purity of our hearts. Here we have given you everything we have.

Here everybody is your brother and everybody is your sister. The trees are your friends, the grass is here for you. And if you go really deep you can feel the cosmic love of the universe. Because here, we are all one. Love the Fair, embrace the Fair, and it will give you back everything that you put into it, and more.

The musicians have spent hours on their instruments, the entertainers have spent hours on their acts, the artists and crafts people have spent hours on their arts, fine foods and drink are prepared with the greatest of care. Why? Because they love you, and want you to have the very best of what they have to offer.

So at the end of their shows please feel free to toss in a dollar or two. For they have shared their lives with you.

For a day or a weekend we are a community of people, a small society of what the future beholds. A renaissance of art and music, a renaissance of brotherhood and sisterhood, a renaissance of peace and love, a vision of the age yet to come.

So when the paths get a little crowded and the dust gets a little high, just remember it's your participation that counts. You are here being beautiful. You are here bringing your light to others. If we rub shoulders that's o.k., we're all one big family anyway.

And as you go through the exit don't leave the Fair behind but take it with you. Bring the Fair into your daily life. Give what you have learned to others. See all as your brothers. See all as your sisters.

Give your art to others. Give your music to others. Share your vision of the future with all who cross your path. For we are all children of the light bringing in the age soon to be.

So remember. Love the Fair and embrace the Fair. The Fair is a place of magic and the Fair is a place of love. Keep a small cottage for it in your heart, nurture it with care, and it will always take good care of you.

From all of us, to all of you



photo by Mary Shuler

## I Drove 475 Miles to Vote

by Mary Beth Havel

I drove 475 miles (one way) to attend the Special Meeting June 4th 1993.

I did this to demonstrate the needs of the Fair family concerning those of us who live too far away to join in the daily government of the Fair. We need better communication from ALL of the family not just those based close enough to Eugene to be heard. I propose we step into the electronic Info age with a voice mail set up on the Fair computer to allow all of us to vote and leave our suggestions and helpful ideas; to pool our resources.

Would all of the family not living close to Eugene be willing to spend 50¢ or 75¢ to call and vote? How about \$2 to leave a request, suggestion and/or any other resources you have available? I know I would (easier than writing a letter).

There are several different ways this can be accomplished. The Fair could set up a 900 line to a computer voice mail and give us a membership # plus a personal code # to access the system. We could vote with a week's notice. We could leave opinions for each Board meeting. We could just have the computer and voice mail without the 900 phone line.

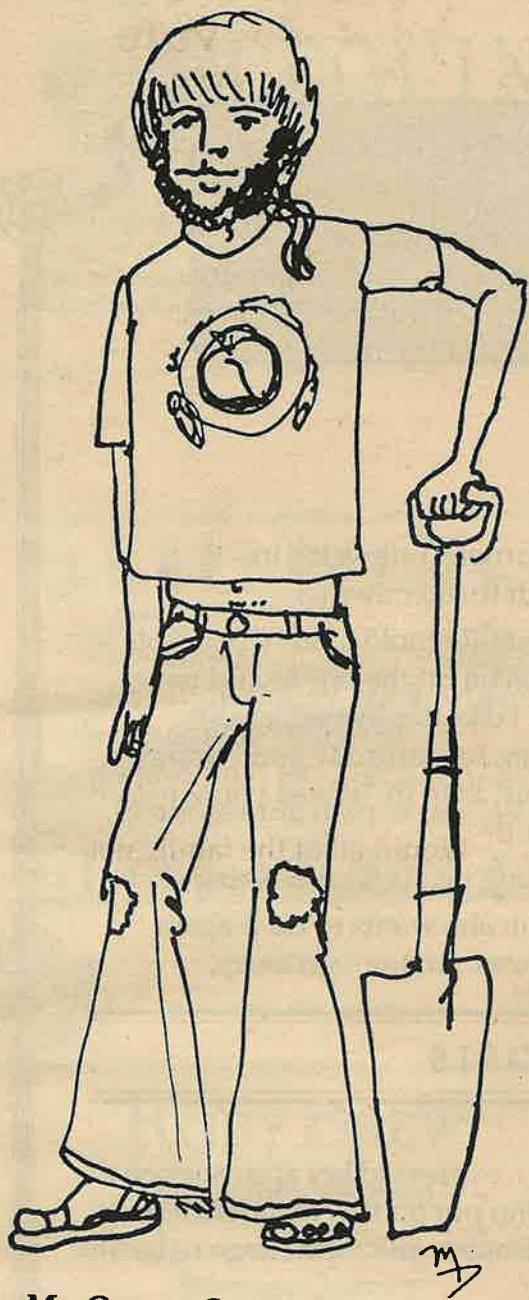
I have access to the equipment and am willing to set up the program, if the Board and the Fair family are interested!

All we need to get better communication is

- 1) a computer
- 2) voice mail
- 3) willingness to use the system
- 4) a touch tone phone
- 5) leadership







Mr. Oregon Country Fair

## Memoirs of the Oregon Country Fair

by Lou Grosso

Love laughter freedom  
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photo by Warren Walsh



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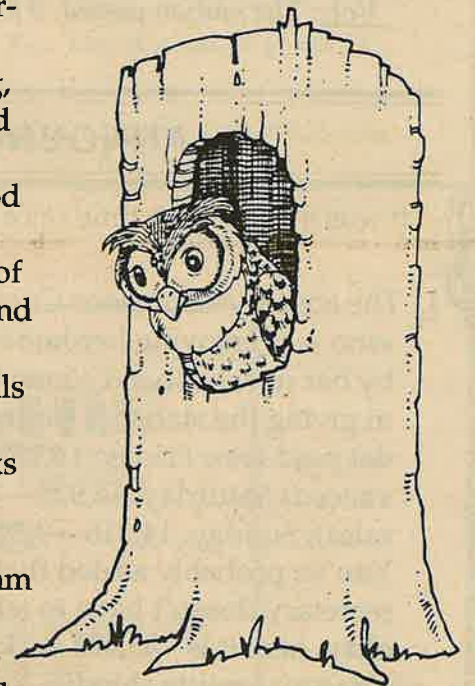
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 Cool refreshing drinks of  
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 hibiscus

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 and dancing to the rhythm  
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 the Riverview Lounge  
 Shady Grove Amber Tide  
 Joanne Rand the Dead  
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 the blanket the washboard  
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 The Gypsy caravan  
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 the "magic bus"- Kira  
 Taylor Ed and friends.



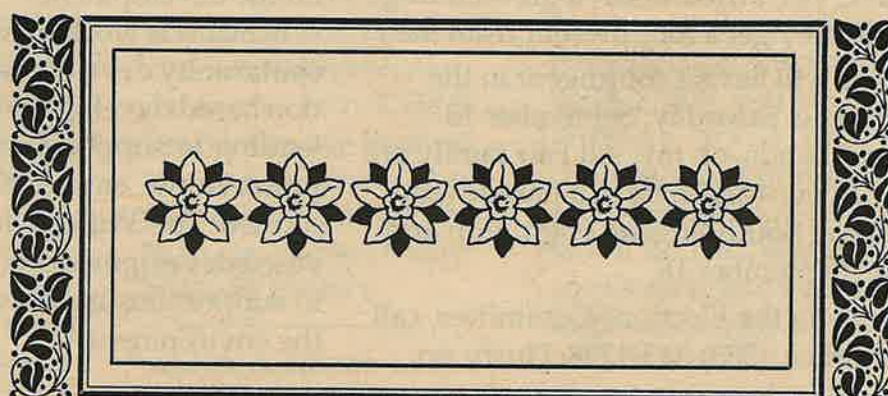
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 the peace

## EDITORIAL

norma sax, editor

i wrote this to the Board and i wanted  
 to share it with the rest of the family:

i am proud and honored to work with  
 the members of the newsletter crew. erica  
 lerch, mary shuler, carol bull, michael  
 ottenhausen, and brad lerch consistently  
 and lovingly give their very best to pro-  
 duce a quality publication that has, in  
 just a year, become an institution for the  
 fair family. heidi doscher works like hell  
 to make sure you get it. these people  
 deserve our respect, our admiration, and





**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 1993**

**PRESENT:** Daniel Dillon, Martha Evans (alternate), Steve Gorham, Paxton Hoag, Kelly Isgrig, Jack Makarchak, Jim Sahr (alternate), Margo Schaefer, Jeanne Sharpy, Steve Wisnovsky

**NOT:** Bob Durnell, Anne Henry

it's a full moon. it's a blue moon. watch it, buster.

**MINUTES**

**Motion:** Margo moved to approve the draft minutes of the July 5, 1993 Board of Directors meeting. Jim seconded.

**Background:** The secretary, who turned into a total slug during the month of July, had other things to do (or not do as the case may be) and didn't get the final minutes out in time to be approved at this meeting. The Board didn't seem to mind too much.

*Vote: The motion passed, 9 for (Paxton not there yet).*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

it was a damn fine time once again

1. The absent Admissions Coordinator, Michelle Sharpy, who was enjoying her honeyfullmoon, was represented by her new husband's new brother-in-law, Frank Sharpy, in giving the statistics for the 1993 Fair admissions. Dem dat paid was: Friday: 14,158—7,382 (gate), 6,776 (advanced), Saturday: 16,929—10,211 (gate), 6,718 (advance sales); Sunday: 14,316—9,394 (gate), 4,922 (advance sales). You've probably added that up in your head so the secretary doesn't have to tell you the total, right? Oh, okay, here it is - 45,403 suckers, I mean people, paid to came to our litle shindig. Yeah, them.

Margo Schaefer and Michele would like feedback about advance ticket sales—what worked and what didn't work? What can be done differently?

2. THE OCF FAMILY PICNIC IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 2 P.M. MAIN STAGE. LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE FAIR FAMILY NEWS. You have it in your hands right now. Go look on page two, before you forget.
3. The Evaluation Meeting is Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., at the WOW Hall, Eugene.
4. The Annual Meeting, at which the Board of Directors is elected, (see the Fair Family News for details about running for the Board) is Saturday, October 16, at the WOW Hall, Eugene. Time to be announced. (it might be in philadelphia, if the secretary, who will be in that city for her brother's wedding, can convince the fair to move the meeting. before you ask, yes, i tried to have the wedding moved to eugene. see if they get a nice present from me.)
5. The Oregon Country Fair will have a contingent in the Eugene Celebration Parade, Saturday, September 18. Horses and bicycles and bands, oh my. All Fair family are invited to participate; if you want to be in a parade (and who doesn't?), show up at South Eugene High, 19th and High, 8 a.m., Saturday, September 18.
6. If you would like to serve on the Elections Committee, call Carol Bull via the Fair office, (503) 343-4298. Hurry up,

election's just around the corner. (unless it's in philadelphia, which is much further away.)

7. Ready for more numbers? Don Reynolds, Bus Coordinator, said 27,427 trips were taken on the bus to and from the Fair. (27,427 trips, huh? i'd better leave that one alone.) For the first time ever, on Saturday and Sunday, more people rode the bus out than in. Makes you wonder how they got there, doesn't it?
8. Margo said yeah us for putting on such a smashing event.
9. the secretary had so much fun she wants to do it again next year. with the same bozos. so don't go away.

**REPORTS**

General Manager

Leslie Scott, General Manager, expressed her appreciation to and amazement at everyone who put on this wonderful party we just had. She said "it is a pleasure and a privilege to be an employee of this organization."

Zumwalt Park camping was a riproaring success. City of Veneta officials are starting to plan for Zumwalt 94. Special thanks to John Doscher and Galen Carpenter who did magnificent jobs but who missed the Fair.

Reefer removal deadline is September 1. Booths which don't remove their fridges by then will be charged a \$25 storage fee, although the Fair would really, really rather not store these puppies.

Leslie emphasized the need for feedback and evaluation and encouraged everyone to attend the evaluation meeting or send in a feedback form if you have comments and suggestions.

Site Manager

Bill Verner, Site Manager, thanked everyone for their participation in making this such a great Fair. The site is recovering nicely, said Mr. Bill.

If you need straw for your garden, come and get it—there's plenty.

We now have a front end loader on the tractor.

Bill's getting the site ready for the picnic.

Bill reiterated the need to have reefers, sinks, tents, cigarette butts off the property by September 1. (well, he didn't mention cigarette butts but the secretary has personal biases. never would have guessed that, would you?)

Bill expressed his thanks to Lin Handford for use of his very popular post hole digger and tractor.

Treasurer

Hilary Anthony, Treasurer, said we had \$570,000 income from January 1 to August 2, 1993. This included revenues from admissions, pass sales, registration fees, and miscellaneous income.

Hilary introduced Arthur Dye of Ecotrust, which is working to "develop community organizations designed to promote research and education, conservation, policy reform and economic development."

Ecotrust is working with South Shore Bank, the nation's first community development bank "to create a regional conservation based development banking strategy which will target its lending to support businesses whose products or operations preserve the environment." EcoTrust and SouthShore have formed The Willapa fund, part of "a regional conservation based development bank strategy, which will target its lending to support businesses whose products or operations preserve the environment."

Mr. Dye explained the Willipa fund would welcome us as investors and participants in the organization.

Leslie thanked Hilary for following up on the Board's request to investigate socially responsible investing.

#### Craft Committee

The Craft Committee is holding an open house for anyone interested in serving on that group on August 31 at 7:30 p.m., at the OCF office, 1458 Ferry Street, Eugene. For more info, call Brian Alexander at 344-6735.

#### Personnel Committee

Martha said the Personnel Committee will be evaluating both current staff members at the same time.

There are openings on the committee—if you are interested, please send a letter saying so to the Fair office at OCF, P. O. Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402.

#### UPDATE

##### Road Improvements

Steve W. said the money approved for road improvements was money well spent. We were very lucky we got through the Fair without any cars getting stuck in the mud, although we did come close. (it's a good thing we didn't hold this little soiree in Iowa.)

##### Legislation

Steve W. (again) said the Oregon legislation discussed at the July meeting has passed both the House and the Senate and probably will be signed by the governor. We did receive assurances from Lane County that these modifications to the mass gathering statutes were in no way directed at us and they acknowledged we are in the parameters of the mass gathering statute of 3,000 or fewer people overnight. The bill will allow local governments to charge reasonable fees for the processing of mass gathering permits, so if we have another event on the land, and have to apply for a mass gathering permit, we will have to pay a fee.

Steve talked to some legislators about changing the threshold of the mass gathering statute from 3,000 to 5,000 but the idea was not well received. (by them, maybe. we like it a lot.)

## OLD BUSINESS

### FERN RIDGE LIBRARY

*Motion: Jack moved contribute \$500 from the Board Fund to the Fern Ridge Library Fund. Jim seconded.*

**Background:** Representatives of the Fern Ridge Library, which is seeking to become self-sustaining and offset revenue losses due to Oregon's Measure 5, discussed the fundraising process of the Friends of the Fern Ridge Library. The organization is asking the OCF for a \$2,000 contribution to the Library fund.

**Public Discussion:** Hilary reminded the Board that none of the \$3,500 allocated to the Board for discretionary spending has been spent, but that traditionally \$1,000 is donated for the Whiteaker Thanksgiving dinner, which is coming soon. (the turkeys are getting nervous. they're forming support groups and 24-hour crisis lines. there's even a network of vegetarian safe houses for refugee turkeys.)

**Board Discussion:** Board members encouraged the Friends of the Library to work through the OCF Endowment Committee in seeking more donations. Jack explained that the Friends of the Library is a political action committee (PAC); Hilary said although we can legally give money to PACs, it is not within the Endowment guidelines to do so.

Kelly is concerned about possible censorship, particularly in regard to the Oregon Citizens Alliance, and asked if there are safeguards against this. Jack and Dick explained that the Friends of the Library has a policy statement that "follows along with the tradition of free, local, and public libraries" and outlines a review process for complaints about what is in the library. Jack said the Friends of the Fern Ridge Library placed an ad in the West Lane News asking for a no vote on an OCA sponsored anti-gay rights ordinance. (well, that right there would get the secretary's vote, if they wanted to fill up the library with old archie comics.)

Margo asked that the Board pace itself in spending the \$3500 allotted for discretionary spending.

*Vote: The motion passed, 10 for, 0 opposed.*

### FAIR DATES

(were they just what we wanted and nothing we ever expected?)

**Motion:** Jim moved to set the dates of the Oregon Country Fair using the following formula: in a given year that the Fourth of July falls on Sunday, the Fair shall be held on July 9, 10, and 11; subsequently, the Fourth falls on Monday, Fair dates shall be July 8, 9, and 10; the Fourth on Tuesday, Fair dates shall be July 7, 8, and 9; the Fourth on Wednesday, Fair dates shall be July 13, 14, and 15; the Fourth on Thursday dates shall be July 12, 13, and 14; the Fourth on Friday, Fair dates shall be July 11, 12, and 13; the Fourth on Saturday, Fair dates shall be July 10, 11, and 12. Paxton seconded.

**Background:** The Board voted at its July meeting to set the dates for the 1994 Fair as July 15, 16, 17, a week later than the traditional second weekend in July. Many staff members felt this was necessary to adequately prepare for the Fair, that having the Fair the weekend before would be too soon after the Fourth of July holiday. Several others, particularly booth members and entertainers, have expressed concern that this will interfere with other summer fairs and festivals at which they sell or perform.

**Public Discussion** Leslie said she understands the conflict but urges the Board to think about the implications of setting the early date, not just for staff, but also for the condition of the land. Leslie feels more people will stay on the property after the Fourth of July and we do not have the resources (e.g., toilets, water, security) to deal with extra people on the property before the Fair. Leslie asked everyone's cooperation in not staying at the Fair site until they're supposed to, Wednesday or Thursday.

Carol Bull, Craft Inventory, said she has heard from several booth people that a later date for the Fair will create a hardship for them in that they will have to choose between events in which to participate and they will lose income.

Frank Sharpy said that at the last meeting, three out of the past four General Managers asked that the Fair dates be moved back and that we don't have the crews to deal with all the extra people on the land.

Kelly O'Brien of Security spoke for setting up a consistent schedule for the Fair.

Charlene Tremayne suggested the dates be set for the second full weekend of July each year.

**Board Discussion:** Paxton would like to see a standard schedule.

Jack feels operations made a good move in scheduling the event later. He likes the fact that dates are set only a year in advance.

Margo said she understands both sides of the issue but it comes down to making decisions about health and safety. She is concerned about fire danger if there are too many people on the land earlier than we are prepared for.

Kelly feels we need to support craftspersons and entertainers in their needs and would like to see a motion put on the floor to look at avenues for dealing with everyone's needs.

Daniel read a letter from Anne Henry in which she asked for reconsideration of setting the dates of the 1994 Fair. (See letter in Fair Family News). Anne said that she is frustrated that new business was voted on without input from Fair family and she feels strongly that the issue needs to be revisited after hearing from Fair members.

Steve W. feels a year in advance is as far as he's willing to plan. He is also concerned that our 25th anniversary will take extra planning and that the later date will help this.

Jim said he proposes this motion "in the interest of a formula that folks can rely on to make plans in advance, and far into the future, if they so desire, and also as a rational system to choose the Fair dates. I wish to call to your attention that, in our most recent history, the Fair dates have been following this same formula."

*Motion: Martha moved to table the discussion on setting the dates for the 1994 Fair to the September Board meeting. Steve G. seconded.*

Vote: The motion failed 6 for, 4 opposed (Jeanne, Jack, Paxton, Steve G.).

Vote on original motion: The motion failed, 3 for, 6 opposed (Kelly, Jeanne, Margo, Steve W., Steve G., Jack); 1 abstained (Martha).

Motion: Paxton moved to rescind the dates for the 1994 that were set at the July meeting and reset the dates to July 8, 9, 10. Steve G. seconded.

Motion: Paxton moved to table the discussion on the above motion to the September meeting. Martha seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 7 for, 3 opposed (Jeanne, Margo, Kelly)..

The Board welcomes any feedback and suggestions from Fair membership about setting the dates for the 1994 Fair.

#### OFFICE MANAGER HIRING

Motion: Daniel moved to adopt the timeline, budget, and job description recommended by the Personnel Committee for the hiring of a new Office Manager. Specific computer responsibilities will be added to the job description. Martha seconded.

Background: The Personnel Committee recommends hiring a new Office Manager on a three-quarter time basis at \$8.00 an hour. The primary responsibilities are secretarial and administrative assistance to the General Manager, as well as organizing and training office crew volunteers.

The Personnel Committee recommends a timeline for hiring that includes approval of a candidate at the September Board meeting and a hiring budget of \$500 to include mailing announcements to Fair members and advertising in the Eugene Register Guard.

Public Discussion: Leslie said that although the Personnel Committee originally was going to ask for a full-time position, she asked that it be three-quarter time. She feels that we can utilize volunteers to fill in the extra time. The Office Manager will need to be a volunteer organizer. Also, Leslie said we need to move the office and she is looking at a shared office space with Lane Arts Council that may include sharing a receptionist.

Hilary would support a full-time or 3/4 time position, but emphasized that the more time cut back from the job, the more is left undone.

(many spoke about "3/4-time persons" and "half-time persons" and the secretary wonders what these persons are when they're not persons. are these like centaurs, who would qualify as half-time people? if data mated with a human and produced an offspring, would it be a half-time person and a half-time android?)

Board Discussion: Jack recommends two half-time positions so that we can offer benefits to two people.

Steve G. feels the hiring budget of \$687.80 is excessive.

Vote: The motion passed, 9 for, 0 opposed (Jim left).

#### BY-LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE

Motion: Steve G. moved to appoint Russell Poppe, Frank Sharpy, Palmer Parker, Paxton Hoag, Jim Sahr, Brian Nessler, and Charlene Tremayne as to the By-Laws Revision Committee. Russell Poppe would serve as a non-voting member of the Committee. Margo seconded.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 1 opposed (Jack).

#### INVESTING ACCOUNTS

Motion: Steve G. moved to authorize Hilary Anthony, OCF Treasurer, to invest up to \$100,000 in an ecodeposit at South Shore Bank in one of their insured accounts. Margo seconded.

Public Discussion: Charlene recommended we urge South Shore and Ecotrust to include Oregon in their projects.

Board Discussion: Kelly is concerned that the Board is voting without reviewing the printed materials about the organization.

Martha is excited that we are investing in Southshore Bank. Jack is concerned about investing in a bank with money

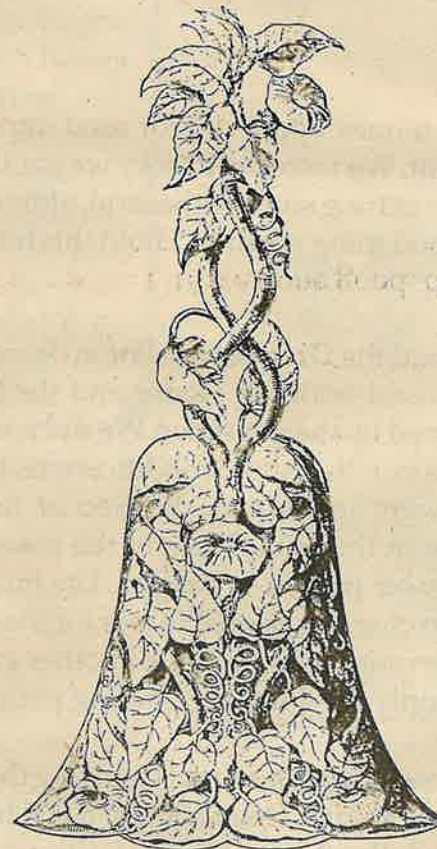
market accounts and certificates of deposits.

Vote: The motion passed, 8 for, 0 opposed. (Jeanne left.)

#### NEXT MEETING

**When and where: September 13, 1993, 7:30 p.m. WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln, Eugene**

What: Office Manager Hiring, Dates of 1994 Fair, Office Location, Endowment, Personnel Committee, Budget Committee Members, Elections, Land Acquisition, Newsletter, Work Session Dates.



a brush babe with a clipboard



thank you, fair family, for my fair so spécial

thankyou for making my life so special

it was a beauty wasn't it? we done good, didn't we?

