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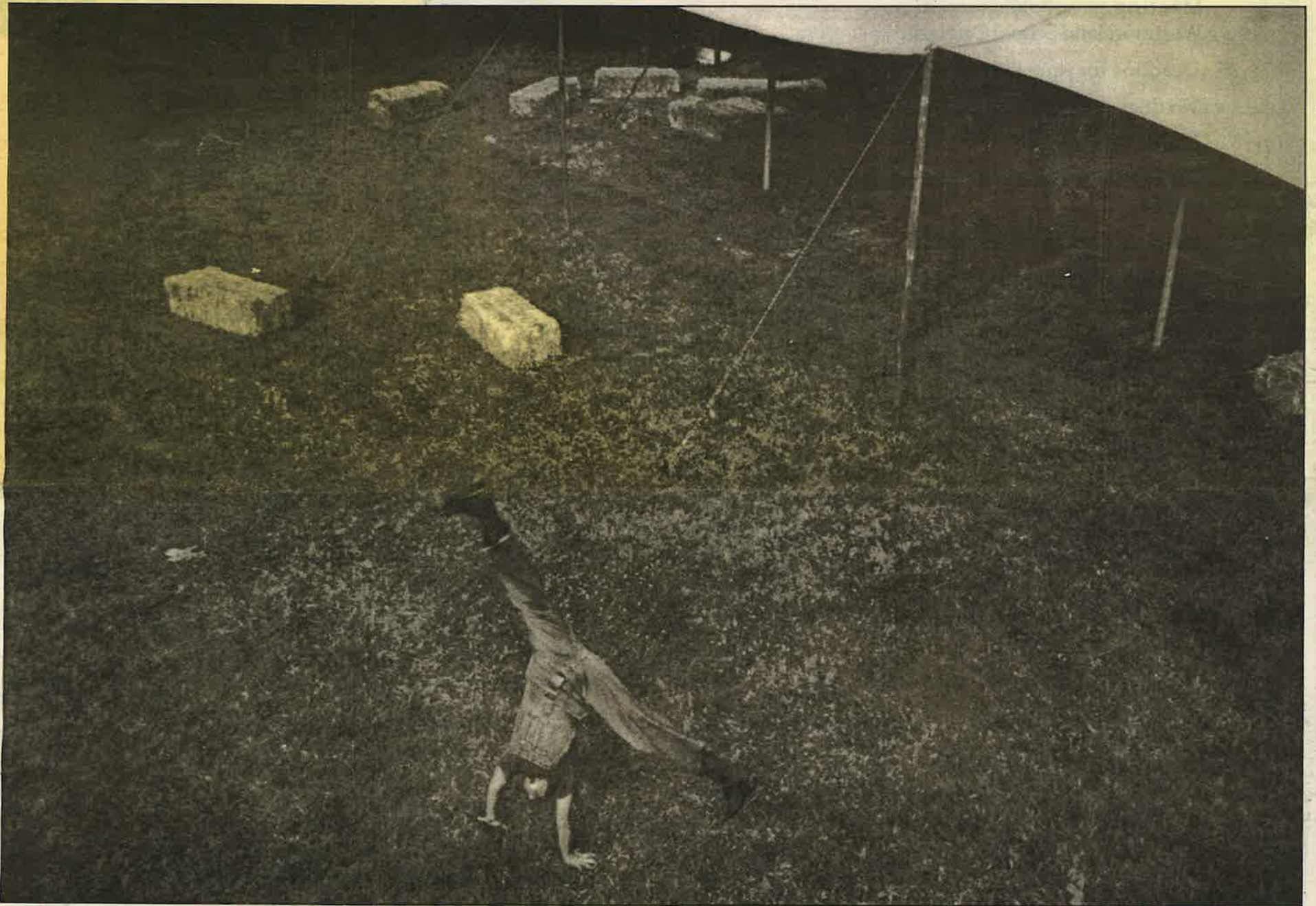


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The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.  
-- Winston Churchill



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Monica Lewinsky.....	Oh, Please
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Jon Pincus	Water Barrels
Merrill Levine	Wristbands
Barney Sullivan	Ambiance
Arrow Anders	Traffic
Susan Bryan	Security



Apr. 20 .. Board work session, to discuss OCF neighborhoods, 7:00 p.m., Central Presbyterian Church, 15th and Ferry Streets, Eugene

Apr. 27 .. Deadline for May FFN

May 1 .... Booth registration packets due

May 4 .... Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m., EWEB Community Room, Eugene

May 9 .... Spring Fling, WOW Hall

May 13 .. Community Village General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Westmoreland School Cafeteria

May 25 .. Deadline for June FFN

June 1 .... No dogs allowed on property

June 6 .... Main Camp opens

June 13 .. Charter member booth claim begins

June 20 .. Returning booth claim begins

June 21 .. Deadline for complete vendor fee payment

July 10, 11, 12

..... Millennial Fairy Olympics

Aug. 22 . Teddy Bear's Picnic

Sept. 2 ... OCF Evaluation Meeting

Oct. 17 ... Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m., WOW Hall



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Saturday, May 9  
WOW Hall  
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May 1 Sonie-Xplosion '98 Round #1  
 May 2 Zony Mash & Habaneros  
 May 3 John Wesley Harding & Steve Wynn Quartet  
 May 8 Clinton Fearon & Boogie Brown Band  
 May 10 A Taste Of The Arts  
 May 15 Rubberneck  
 May 16 Thresher & Blister  
 May 17 Michael Rose  
 May 23 Floater CD Release  
 May 30-31 Phoenix Dance Co.

**recently Unclassified material**

Our one and only Rebecca Buck is getting married! Come join her and her new husband, Sam, to celebrate and boogie with the Sugar Beets. It's all happening Sunday, May 3, 3:30 p.m. at the Downtown Athletic Club (Eugene). Call 541-988-0730 asap to RSVP.  
**For sale.** Snorkel wood fired 4'x6' cedar hot tub, extras. New, still in the box. No electricity needed. Richard, 541-686-1079. \$2,000.  
**Booth space needed!** After many years at OCF, I need to find new space for juried custom footwear. Call Kerry Tafoya, 509-395-2668.

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day Market office, 541-686-8885. Many thanks for giving.  
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**Booth space needed!** Lost my space and need a small area to show my paintings and cards of the Feminine Spirit. Call Mara Friedman, 541-767-0583.  
**Childcare help wanted.** Seeking Fair family mom in Whiteaker neighborhood of Eugene with one or two little kids to take care of my 21-month old son (Fair Family News mascot) in your home, M-F, 9:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., beginning May 11. Call Kevin (Busses, FFN) or Ari at 343-7970.



This newsletter is directed to the Oregon Country Fair family and all material is volunteered from the membership.

Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Please include names and a method for communication (i.e. phone #). Verification of Fair affiliation is necessary.

### Obey the Law - Change the Law

There's been way too much talk, it's time for action.

Well, there's been the opportunity to talk but only a small handful showed up for the workshops. How can you complain about who's making decisions when you don't give input?!

On March 16 we talked about law reform. Many gave wonderful suggestions, but no real commitments. One way that was suggested was to insert petitions in the FFN. This [letter] is plan "B". Just do it. Please.

As I stated at the meeting, I am working with Oregonians for Personal Privacy to change the law right now, right now, this year. We (OPP) have until the end of June to collect 98,000 signatures for the November ballot to amend the Constitution to legalize cannabis (marijuana) use for adults in private.

The same goes for the Herbal Medicine Initiative which provides for Medical Practitioners to prescribe or provide any herb or seed bearing plant, including marijuana, and any of their elutants.

So here is your opportunity to make the system work by giving your John Hancock.

Please do: read, sign, and let your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors sign too!

We are a registered Political Action Committee.

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vacy 420 for contributions to the Personal Use for Adults in Private Initiative; to Oregonians for Personal Privacy Medical Health Right for the Herbal Medicine Initiative or a notation for both and your donation will be divided equally.

You may reach us at and obtain petitions by writing or calling: Oregonians for Personal Privacy 420, P. O. Box 24715, Eugene, OR 97402, (541)485-4526, opp@efn.org.

*Etienne  
aka Auntie Em  
Security*



### Know the Law

Dear Fair Family:

State Senator Bill Dwyer, and his terrific wife Janet, attended our OCF Friends PAC meeting on Feb. 26th. We were able to ask him some direct questions and I think you will be very interested in his candid answers. He stated he is a constitutionalist.

#### OCFFPAC:

How do you feel about the state law that re-criminalizes possession of small amounts of marijuana?

**BD:** The government should not be in the business of watching what a law abiding citizen does in their own home. I did not vote for the marijuana law that was passed last year. Coupled with Asset Forfeiture laws, a bill that allows the police to stop and search you if you even 'look like' you might commit a crime, moves us toward a Fascist state.

**Q:** What is your reaction to the Asset Forfeiture laws? (The Lane Co. DA has threatened to take the OCF land and assets if drugs were found on the land during the CE97 OCFair.)

**BD:** They are unconstitutional. The 5th and 14th Amendments to our Constitution should provide protection. No private property should be taken without due process of law, nor should a individual (or group) be denied equal protection of the laws. I do not believe that the laws are being applied equally throughout Lane Co. and the OCF has been singled out.

**Q:** If you are elected what would you do to help the OCF continue to have our annual Fair?

**BD:** I support small entrepreneurial business! I believe the OCF represents community support of these businesses that

make up the crafts and entertainment we see.

I think the OCFair is a healthy fun event for Lane Co. and brings in a lot of economic benefits for many other businesses, such as airline, hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and provides a celebration of diversity. I would support the effort to make the Fair a safe and fun event for the neighbors of the OCF without interfering with the privacy of the OCF on their land.

**Q:** How will you be accessible to the constituents of Lane County?

**BD:** I answer all calls and letters and my door is always open.

**Fair friends:** The OCFFPAC has now endorsed Sen. Bill Dwyer as the Springfield/East Lane Co. candidate. He is a friend to the OCF. Pete Kilger, West Lane Co. and Greg Hume, Cottage Grove area are also receiving our endorsement. If you are in their districts vote for them - if not in their districts we can volunteer time to get out the vote, or make donations (\$\$\$) to them or the OCFFPAC. The OCF is under attack. We must change the political atmosphere and these candidates can do it!

*Cathy Coulson, Touch the Earth, Booth 386*

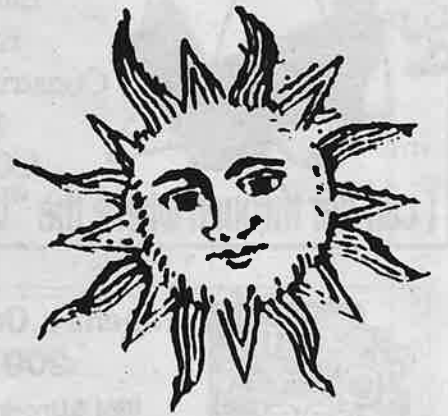


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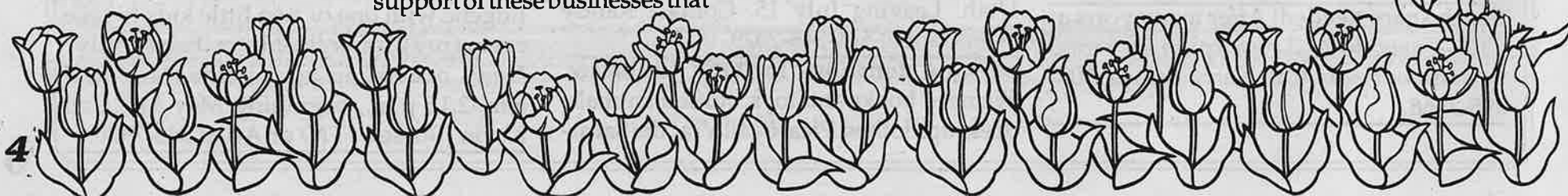




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## Moving Right Along

by norma sax, Administrative Assistant

Well, we did it. The seemingly never ending saga of the office move has taken another turn because we actually did relocate to 442 Lawrence Street in Eugene. It's a beautiful office with room to work, store our potpourri and have meetings for up to about 20 people.

Moving day went smoother than my angst ridden psyche anticipated because so many wonderful Fairies were there to donate boxes, pack boxes, lift boxes, load boxes, carry boxes, unpack boxes.

Leslie and I would like to thank everyone who gave us their time, their energy and their love to help make this transition go so smoothly. Please join us in a round of applause for (in no particular order): Charlene Tremayne, Rob Shirey, Andy Strickland, Clif Cox, Matt Teply, Cameron Lougee, Dick Stewart, Charlie Lefevre, Christina Kreps, Jenlin Hodgden, Gypsy Savage, Steve Simmons, Ichabod, Mary Shuler, Michael Ottenhausen, David Helton, Jenny Newton, Registration crew,

Jeff Harrison, Ken Kirby, Connie Pruen, Bella Wren, Lil Soto, and the one who doesn't like to be thanked in public (but who is one of our Super Volunteers). Of course, let's not forget Arrow Anders and Anna DeLocis who have made this space just what we want it to be. I hope I didn't forget anyone and ask forgiveness if I did.

Please stop by if you're in the neighborhood and see our new digs.



## Spring Fling Fun

by Bob Fennessy

On Saturday, May 9, the Oregon Country Fair Spring Fling is proud to bring you entertainment by David and Martita Maderas and their family band ABAKA-DUBI, plus a special opening performance by Flamenco Chica.

All Fair Family are encouraged to be on hand when the doors of the historic WOW Hall open at 6:30 pm for this year's Spring Fling. Prior to our 7:00 pm meeting, we will be treated to a flamenco dance performance by Martita Santiago Maderas and her dance troupe, Flamenco Chica.

Martita has been dancing professionally since 1956. Her career includes billings with Carlos Montoya, touring with the USO, and performing for President John F. Kennedy at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium in 1962. Additionally, she and David have raised and home-schooled eight children—teaching them all to sing,

and play musical instruments.

(They also make their own clothing and costumes and are building a house together.) For the past two years Martita has operated the Bailar Dance Studio on Blair Blvd. in Eugene, passing on her knowledge of dance to future generations. The Flamenco Chica troupe includes daughters Rose and Vanessa as dancers, and sons Jaime on Spanish guitar and Ishi on percussion.

Spanish flamenco is an extremely exciting style of dance, so those with a weak heart might want to wait outside. Everyone else should try to grab a seat up close. "It's eye candy!" exclaims David, "You won't want to miss it."

ABAKA-DUBI is a world beat band that combines music and dance.

David is a singer-songwriter who creates most of the group's material in a style

that includes reggae, blues, Spanish and Caribbean music. The band features David on lead vocals, guitar, harmonica and percussion; Martita on castanets, percussion and vocals (and all choreography); Jaime on vocals, bass, guitar, arrangements and percussion; Rose on vocals, keyboards, bass and percussion; Vanessa on vocals, saxophone, flute, recorder and percussion; Marisol on vocals and percussion; and Ishi on drum kit, timbales, vocals and percussion. ABAKA-DUBI has performed several times perviously at the WOW Hall, opening for Zulu Spear and Reggae Angels; co-heading with The Church of the Latter Day Lennonites, and sharing the bill with Mark Alan and Tonedog at the 1996 WOW Hall Membership Party.

They are fun to watch and easy to dance to, which should make for an excellent climax to a perfect evening.

## Lost 'N Found Stories

(FFN Note: Send us your favorite episodes of missing and recovered experiences!)

### Oh Baby

By Cory Sullivan, as told to FFN staff

Because I am a coordinator, people come to me with their problems in Entertainment camp at the Fair. One dark night, a confused couple came to me and said there was a baby in their tent. Imagine their surprise, as they did not come to the Fair with a baby. Before I had quite determined what to do, a commotion drew our attention. A young mother was missing her baby! She had given her sleeping babe to a friend to put in their tent, one of many identical tents crowded closely together, along the narrow, twisting paths.

Soon the baby was back with her family and all was well.

## Story of a Cosmic Scarf

by Mother Zosima

I, Mother Zosima, always buy a Limbo Graphics OCF scarf. This has been a tradition since Limbo Graphics' and my first OCF, in 1983. But one year, my collection's continuity was threatened. I got to the booth too late in the Fair and they were out of scarves! I was really bumming...

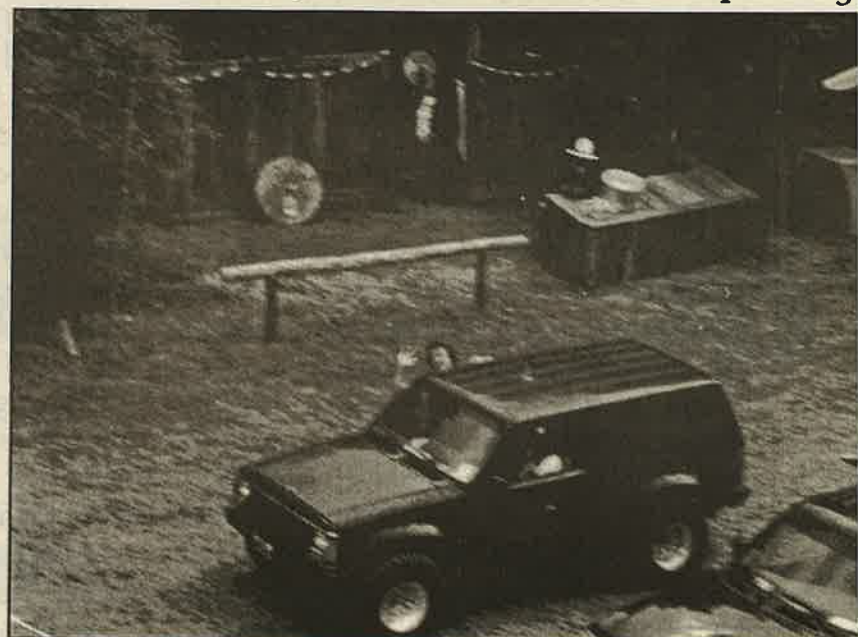
Until I ran into my friend Brion. Brion had gone to Limbo Graphics earlier that day to buy me a scarf as a present. But when he got there, only one was left. The owner of Limbo Graphics knew I hadn't come by yet for my scarf and began to express a hesitancy to sell it to Brion. Brion laughed and explained he was buying it for me. It was pretty cosmic; my scarf made it to me.

And one year, I lost my camping pass, back when we made them into buttons. It was fun convincing people all fair that I was me. The crumpled note from Moz, saying I did have a pass—technically—didn't go far. I had to tell really funny penis jokes to get through.

## Oregon Country Fair

People all around  
 All different, some strange  
 Selling fudge, rich chocolate  
 crunchy walnuts, smooth peanut butter  
 delicious amaretto, whole slice, half  
 "How much should we get?"  
 Oh look, here comes the parade.  
 The jugglers, the musicians  
 "Can't you feel the drums?"  
 Silver man, touch my nose  
 leave your mark on me.  
 Go bare foot, feel the dirt  
 Under your feet, between your toes  
 Ow, sharp stone, ah cool grass  
 Finally the people disperse  
 Time for the Saturday Night show  
 late to bed, rest at last  
 wake up late, start all over again  
 Sigh, time to pack up and go  
 There's nothing like the  
 Good old Oregon Country Fair  
 Sure going to miss it, can't wait  
 a whole year for the next one!

written by Alice Powell, 17 years old,  
 living in Ebensburg, PA



Low speed chase through Figure 8



Where the money really came from

photo by sax

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**Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes everyday; wisdom consists of not exceeding the limit.**  
 -- Elbert Hubbard

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*Jerry apparition sighted in this year's crowd.*

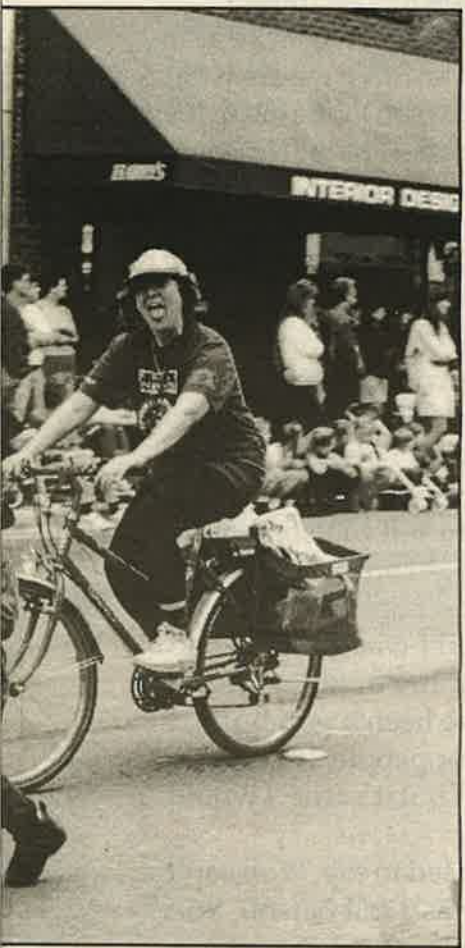


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*It's all a joke!!!*



*Dazed and confused after Jerry sighting*



*People's choice: Best seat at the Midnight Show*

**Let us be thankful for fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.**  
 --Mark Twain



## Meet Marlene Showker

A Profile of Our  
Newest Board Member  
by Mary Drew



**M**arlene and I spent weeks trying to catch up with each other. We finally met in my kitchen one afternoon during Spring Break. Marlene is a committed year-round VegManEc Fairy, and a devoted mom to three boys: Lee, 21; Justin, 9; and Jonathan, 8.

Marlene was an art major in high school. A love for plants and her attraction to art led to an interest in landscaping, and she earned a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. She went on to study Landscape Architecture. After meeting her partner Jim, her life took a new direction.

In Marlene's words: "Outside the Fair, I'm most of all a mom. My husband and I own an equipment and rental company in Los Angeles. We work with the television industry a lot. Our main expertise is providing sound for television shows—the sound that the studio audience hears. We make a lot of financial decisions. We have really good people who do a lot of the day to day. We give them the foundation and let them work in their own way."

Marlene and Jim started coming to the Fair from LA in the 80's. "I was coming up every summer, and always heard it was impossible to get on a crew. I was at Main Stage reading the *Peach Pit*, and saw an article about VegManEcs. It sounded like just what I wanted to do. Later, I went to the Fair Office and Bill Verner, [Site Manager at the time], was there. He said they were having a work party that Saturday and I should come on out. That was in February of '94. Once I learned about wearing layers and staying warm, I just kept going out there and I really liked it.

"VegManEcs is a year round crew. We have work parties once a month. I'm generally out there every Sunday. I love our land out there. It's a place I go to get grounded and rejuvenated. People who come out just during Fair time are missing 99% of what we have. It's a magical place."

I asked Marlene what she likes to do during Fair time. "I like to hang out in camp. I try to avoid the crowds in the 8. It's better now with Chela Mela. That's a nice place to be because it's more open. After-hours I pretty much just hang out with friends and wander around. I visit my booth friends and see what they're doing. My really favorite time at the Fair is outside of Fair time. I used to be different—I

used to get really sad on the last day of the Fair. But now I appreciate the quiet time I get to be out there on the land."

When a vacancy occurred on the Board due to Niels' death, Marlene was appointed as the person with the next most votes in the last election. I asked Marlene about why she had run for a Board position, and what it was like for her to be appointed.

"I wasn't going to run for a Board position. It turned out that I ran from the floor, so people who weren't there didn't actually get to hear me speak or vote for me. I wanted to run because I was somebody



photo by Mary Shuler

different. I think change can be a good thing. I was really planning on getting some name recognition and maybe running next year. The way it turned out was not my expectation.

I was on Path Rove with Niels last year, on Oso's crew. Niels and I were partners. It's a shocking thing to lose someone like that. I really think of Jim Sahr as taking Niels' place, and I guess what you could say is that I'm taking Jim's place. What Niels had to offer the Fair was something unique and special to Niels. What I have to offer is something different.

"VegManEcs have a saying, 'Above all, reverence for the land.' My personal agenda is that I hope we can all take care of what we have. The love of the land is unifying, sort of like the glue that holds everyone together. Using that love and taking care of our land—we've done so much harm to it. It would be good to use our caring to restore it. What we have is really unique. We have an opportunity that is really not there in other places. We

have a lot of native plants and endangered species. It's not just agricultural. We have wetlands, riparian land. Years from now kids can come and learn from it. It's an opportunity to preserve something and keep it special. I'd like to see the Fair be good stewards of that unique piece of land.

"I think we seldom realize the amount of impact we have on the land. The thousands of people that come to the Fair have such a big effect. I hope that when people make decisions like to cut brush at their campsite, that they will realize they are impacting the environment in a big way. We're losing a huge amount of our understory, and that leads to losing our big trees. There's a symbiotic relationship between the trees and the understory, and it's really sad when we continue to lose trees.

"Sunday after the Fair we have our VegManEc 'New Year.' We assess what needs to be done, and try to look ahead. It's such an ongoing process—there are people who love their land and want to protect it, and others who don't think much about it or haven't been educated. One of our strongest missions is to help people to see the land the way we see it on a year-round basis. That would encourage them to respect it and want to preserve it. We are so lucky to have that land. I always encourage people to come visit it."

I asked Marlene to tell me something about herself that might surprise people:

I went to Catholic school for 12 years. I was almost convinced I was going to be a nun until my sophomore or junior year. I probably would have been a good nun. I have a lot of caring for people. It's hard to say that about myself but it's true. I would be a teaching nun.

"My ex-husband used to say, 'You can't think about Marlene as a tall person. You should just think of her as a short person in a tall body.' I guess it's true that once you get to know me I'm not as imposing as I look. I don't feel like an authority. I don't think tall people have all the answers. Sometimes it just looks like they do."

Marlene has high hopes for the Fair. "I wish people would come to the Board meetings, be involved. It would be really good, at least to read the *FFN* and know what's going on. There's this theory of 'us and them,' but really, we're all just 'us.'"







## Notes from Community Village

by Candace Simmons



During the announcements at the March 11, 1998 Community Village meeting Fairie Kimberly announced that this year she is in charge of butt cracks and all out zaniness. Jen Lin said the Agent of Reality training will probably take place in the next Fair cycle.

Bob Fennessey spoke to the *Fair Visions* again. Janet Tarver volunteered to be the adult supervisor of the trial endeavor. Several people voiced various opinions on the subject, ranging from the need to simplify the process, the need for very specific supervision and possibly the need for a subcommittee. Also several suggestions were made about reducing the number of pages and issues produced. It will be produced on the mimeograph and should be a lot of fun! Good luck to all involved.

Holy Cow was consented on for one

more year [as the Village restaurant] with one stand-aside and at least one abstention.

Jo Autumn spoke about the Moonlodge. She had kept a journal last year and said it had 250-300 visitors and seemed to be very well received. She was hoping to be welcomed back to the Village and set up in the same spot again this year but met with some unexpected opposition. She was directed to first try to be relocated somewhere else in the Fair at large, then if that attempt failed return to the Village for re-approval. Also, in the same item there were two stand-asides to have the space designated for re-use for that purpose. The whole item was tabled until she hears one way or the other from the Fair about relocation.

Eligibility forms and Village guidelines

were passed out at booth breakdown.

The Southern Oregon satellite meeting is tentatively set up for Saturday, May 16. The Portland satellite meeting is tentatively set for Sunday, May 17. The specific times and locations will be announced at upcoming CV General Meetings or can be confirmed by Karla Headley at 541-689-7618 or by your booth coordinator.

The Council meeting was held at Kimberly's house. We discussed the Moonlodge issue and Karla quoted from the minutes regarding the November approval of the return of the Moonlodge if rejected by the Fair at large.

Steve and Tom will co-coordinate Village admissions this year. Crystal will contact the Fair on the Far Side camping issue. Tom will coordinate bulldogs, since he coordinates the sweep.

### Path Planning Planning

by Leslie Scott

Spring has sprung and the path Planning Committee is picking up where we left off last year. We wanted to let Fair family know what's up for 1998 and on the drawing board for '99, so here's the scoop.

We spent a beautiful Saturday afternoon walking the site last weekend and you'll be happy to know that Mother

Nature was pretty kind to us this year, so there are no "emergency" moves necessary. We decided our first priority will be to fill available booth space in Chela Mela, finish opening up the Junction and begin planning for the "Way Back Way" and "Sesame Fix" changes we identified last year and need to make in 1999. Our fearless leaders for this next phase of planning

are Kirk Schultz and Shirley Demaline, both of whom were instrumental in making Chela Mela the happening place it is.

We'll publish a list in the May *FFN* of times and places where we'll meet, map and ponder all this. In the meantime, if you'd like you can write us at the office c/o Path Planning. We appreciate everyone's interest and input.



### Environmental Groups Clean Up

by Julie Cherry, Jill Heiman Vision Fund Recipient Committee



Voting Fair members selected environmental issues from a list of potential Jill Heiman Vision funding categories. Among other categories on the ballot, the vote tally ranked social or economic justice as second and homelessness and youth and teen services in a tie for third.

The Jill Heiman Vision Fund recipient committee then gave the highest priority for funding to a plan to widen the representation of Lane County's environmental community on the various non-elected boards and commissions that have authority to influence the county's environmental policies. The proposal to increase the effective participation of Oregon's environmental movement in the political process and to educate candidates and elected officials about environmental issues was submitted by a statewide environmental education group affiliated with the Oregon League of Conservation Voters.

The OLCV Education Fund will receive the first \$5,000 donated from the 1998 Fair's fund-raising process to:

- Compile a comprehensive list of all positions on Lane County boards and commissions.
- Publicize the availability of open positions.
- Encourage environmental community members to get involved.

In addition to the OLCV Education Fund,

the JHVF recipient committee chose two other non-profit organizations dealing with environmental issues as potential beneficiaries of the fund.

The amount eventually distributed depends on the total raised during the Fair. That amount is combined with a matching contribution, up to \$10,000, from the Board of Directors. The committee then allocates available funds based on the results of a prioritizing process that evaluated proposals from groups responding to the committee's request for proposals.

The two other organizations, both Eugene-based, in funding order, are:

- Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, which requested \$6,000 to carry out a demonstration project with the Eugene school district involving habitat restoration and landscaping on school grounds. The project is related to a school district proposal to shift from the current restrictive policy governing herbicides to one that allows more chemical-intensive weed control methods. The funded proposal includes plans to offer training in natural landscaping to Eugene school district grounds maintenance staff and to increase local support for more naturalized school landscapes in an attempt to stimulate opposition to the proposed increase in herbicide use.

- Citizens for Public Accountability, which requested funds to support its ongoing educational and outreach projects related to environmental issues that impact local communities. CPA members monitor local government council and commission decision-making processes that impact growth-and-development plans. The group gathers documents through Freedom of Information Act requests, appraises the community of situations affecting the environment, and has dedicated itself to "holding elected officials publicly accountable" for environmentally-related decisions. The recipient committee funded the CPA's \$5,750 request at \$5,000.

If funds remain after the first three awards, a fourth group, the Western Environmental Law Center, would be the next recipient. The Center, which has a Northwest office in Eugene, requested funds to provide legal services to community groups that work to ensure local pollution-generating companies comply with environmental and public disclosure laws.

Following the 1997 Fair, the OCF donated \$12,734 to two Eugene non-profit agencies dealing with the issue of homelessness.

Funds gathered during the fair are donated by:

- Food vendors and craftspeople.
- Staff who return food vouchers to the Fair at specially marked Vision Fund donation boxes at information booths.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



APRIL 6, 1998



**PRESENT:** Martha Evans, Tom Alexander, Charles Drew, Charlie Zennache, Paxton Hoag, Daniel Dillon, Michele Sharpy, Jack Makarchek (left during the property management item), David Liberty (arrived for logo jurying), Charlene Tremayne & Marlene Showker (alternates).

**NOT:** Jim Sahr

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Martha moved, and Tom seconded, the minutes of the March 2, 1998, Board of Directors meeting.

Steve Gorham corrected the vehicle shed/pole barn item which should be budgeted at \$5,000 not \$1,000 as written. Steve Wisnovsky added that \$5,000 would not be enough.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR

• Thursday, April 9: The Fair will honor two super volunteers, Palmer Parker & Shirley Demaline, at this year's Heart of the Arts Awards at the Hult Center.

• Saturday, April 11: Highway Clean Up. Meet 10am at the Warehouse.

• Monday, April 20: Work session on Fair Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Development. Central Presbyterian Church, 7-9pm.

• Saturday, May 9: Spring Fling, WOW Hall, 6:30 p.m. See the article and announcement in *FFN* for more info on Spring Fling.

• Jeff Harrison announced Craft Committee would hold its next monthly meeting at 6:30pm, May 19.

• Main Camp opens Monday, June 1.

• It has come time for Steve Wisnovsky to choose which hat he will continue to wear. So he announced his resignation as Site Manager. Just kidding. Big April Fools joke on all of us. Seriously, he resigns as Traffic Co-coordinator. He also announced that Arrow Anders is a Co-coordinator-in-Training, a position which does not require BoD approval.

• Daniel said Ed Hawley, *West Lane News* editor, is looking forward to upcoming articles about the Fair for the paper. Any budding or blooming journalists interested in writing a few pieces?!!!

• Dennis Todd announced that the Fair has received \$19,200 & \$2,100 in grants for wetlands restoration. Weekly plant walks will happen Sunday mornings, 11am, to identify & flag native wetland plants. Meet at the east end of the wetland mitigation pond east of the Long Tom River.

(Thanks Dennis for writing the grants!)

• Booth registration packets were mailed out via bulk mail; you should have yours by now if you're supposed to receive one. If you haven't, contact Registration via the Fair office.

• Marcia Sanford, Elmira Middle School student, presented a copy of her school report about the Oregon Country Fair to the BoD.

### MEMBER INPUT

Etienne wanted to know why her letter and petitions regarding marijuana law reform were rejected for this issue of the *Fair Family News*. (This had been suggested at the last work session on law reform.)

norma said that the Fair attorney is in the process of responding to the legality of what the Fair can and cannot do as a 501(c)3 corporation. Etienne said she would like to see the family take action on this movement before May.

### STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

**General Manager.** Thanks to the Site Advisory Council for painting the bedrooms and bathroom in the yurt. Many, many thanks to norma who directed the move to the new office at 442 Lawrence. We were literally moved in hours due to her wonderful organization of boxes color-coded for each room and the abundance of volunteers with willing backs & vehicles. Gypsy helped tremendously and Charlene came during the week and completely

unpacked and stocked the kitchen. Thanks to Rob Shirey, Clif Cox, Ichabod, and Palmer for electronically wiring the office so all phones, fax, and computers work. We're in and we're happy.

Thanks to Lynn Marx for the Guidelines production. They look really good.

The Fair received an RFP from the City of Eugene to take over management of the Eugene Celebration. Leslie presumed the BoD was not really interested.

She met with the Fair's attorney and a designer regarding fire suppression requirements for the office. This will be on the agenda next month as a budget item.

**Administrative Assistant.** norma said thanks to everyone involved with the office move. See the article in this month's *FFN*. Most things are still in boxes so be patient if it takes a while for her to find what you want. Craft deadline was last week. The Entertainment deadline is tomorrow, April 7. Most of her time this month has been spent packing, unpacking and handing out and receiving applications. She spends a lot of time at the fax machine this month sending off various applications upon request.

**Site Manager.** The site is wet & soft and greener than last month. Vehicles only on graveled roads. Park your car and take a walk. It's pretty damn beautiful with the trilliums (white and rose), wood violets, bleeding hearts, fawn lilies, calypso orchids and delphiniums abloom. The ospreys, turkey vultures and hummingbirds have returned and the mosquitoes have emerged. One of the consequences of our mild El Nino winter will be a population explosion of skeeters, ticks, fleas, chiggers, etc. eagerly awaiting the arrival of human hosts, so be prepared. We'll use the timed release BT (bacillus thuringiensis) donuts again to try to control the mosquitoes. But, it is a wetlands environment. Anyone that wants to come out and hang a bird or bat box in their camp is most welcome. We should also expect and prepare for a bumper crop of yellow jackets and hornets.

This month has been busy with tree planting and propagation projects. Thanks to David Hoffman, Dennis Todd, Ed Moye, Arrow Anders, Codi French, Chad Miebach, Daniel Dillon (Prindel Creek Nursery) and Ron and Tammy Robinson (Balance Restoration Nursery). Daniel and his company donated 300 one-year-old red cedar and hemlock seedlings. All of them are in the ground or in nursery pots. The VegManECs pulled the hay bales out of the 8 yesterday. We've begun collecting plant material for the wetlands restoration project. On March 22, we began a plant inventory/survey on site. Thanks to Dave Newhouse for his expertise and to VegManECS who joined in.

The Fair's long-suffering tractor has spent much of the past month in Buck Morris' shop (site crew mechanic). Thanks to Buck for solving many problems and to Randy Nowell who trailered the tractor into town. Speaking of vehicles, we've found and purchased a 1986 Ford one ton flatbed (tilting) in good condition that suits our needs. Thanks to Michael Bishop (Traffic, and a darn good mechanic) who gave it the initial inspection, and to Chela and Phillip Guyette who got it from Wilsonville to Eugene on Saturday. It will soon be on site and hard at work after a few repairs, and it will be done under the budgeted amount!

Thanks to Palmer and Lyn & Elise Kampf of Site Advisory Committee who repainted more of the interior of the yurt in preparation for the new caretaker.

The test results on the Fair's well continue to show nitrate contamination more than 2.5 times the Maximum Contami-

nation Level allowed by the state health division. The message is bring your own drinking water, and stay on the safe side.

A ladder is missing from the Fair's site inventory—a ten foot, two section light aluminum one. Please return it if someone borrowed it or used it elsewhere on site. If it doesn't turn up soon, it will have to be replaced.

The site is open Friday through Monday—we're around and working mid-week, but Chickadee gate may not be open.

**Treasurers.** Hilary said that it is interesting to note on the balance sheets that we now have more assets in real estate than we do in bank accounts.

## OLD BUSINESS

### LOGO JURYING

Jeff Harrison, Craft Inventory, exhibited this year's entries with a guest appearance by Vanna and explained the new decision process. Instead of using a numeric rating system, BoD members were asked to mark yes or no by each item on their form. A preponderance of "yes" or "no" would determine each item's fate. All items submitted this year had been logo approved in prior years. All twelve items were again approved by the BoD!

### CARETAKER HIRING

Martha moved, and Charles seconded, the BoD hire Andy Strickland as the new resident caretaker.

*Peach Gallery:* David Helton said it best, "Right on, Andy!" followed by applause from everyone in the room. Leslie thanked the Hiring Committee for their great work.

*BoD:* Marlene, who is on the Hiring Committee, said that Andy is an excellent candidate and the Fair is lucky to have him.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed. Andy thanked the Fair for allowing him to realize this ambition.

### BUDGET MISCELLANEY

#### LTD INCREASE

Paxton moved and Tom seconded, the BoD increase the Lane Transit line item in the GM budget by \$2500.

*Peach:* Leslie apologized for asking for the increase. However, when she met with LTD last month she learned that our charter discount would be reduced to 15% from 20%, and that the hourly increase will be \$5.25. Hours have been cut back, primarily after 8pm, which is when we advertise that the last bus is leaving the site.

*BoD:* Michele wondered if we've checked into using any school bus companies. Paxton approved of the bus cutbacks so long as enough buses are present at the end of Sweep. Martha urged anyone in the Fair membership to start a bus company now that Iron Horse is no longer around.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

### SHADY GROVE

Charlene moved, and Paxton seconded, the Fair allocate \$500 to relocate/rebuild the stage at Shady Grove.

*Peach Gallery:* Cory Sullivan (Entertainment/Ambiance Co-coordinator) said the stage would be moved to in front of the mushroom hole at what is currently the back of Shady Grove. This would solve a congestion issue, give the tree a much-needed rest as well as block the back of the stage from view, and may save Shady Grove as a stage for a few more years. Leslie said the Budget Committee approved it on condition that it would work out operationally, which it seems to do.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

### DONATIONS

#### FRIENDS OF EUGENE

Jack moved, and David seconded, the BoD donate \$500 to Friends of Eugene.

*Peach Gallery:* Leslie advocated for this proposal but also wanted it made clear that this request was brought to the BoD last month prior to her election to the Board of Friends of Eugene. They are one of four groups asked by the Mayor to review the Land Use Code Update which will determine how Eugene will continue to develop. Two of the other groups are the Chamber of Commerce and the Home Builders Association, both of whom have lots of money to throw at this and are behind most of the development schemes that have wreaked such social and environmental havoc in this

community. To have a chance to support Friends of Eugene is a real opportunity. It is currently estimated that a new single-family home costs taxpayers \$25,000 in direct and associated costs of development.

The motion passed: 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention (Marlene).

### HIV ALLIANCE

Charles moved, and Jack seconded, the BoD donate \$500 to HIV Alliance.

*BoD:* Martha said that while she supports this issue as an individual she opposes this motion as it is not in keeping with the Fair's mission. Jack disagrees. The problem is the majority of the public thinks this is not their concern which is why the Fair cannot turn a blind eye. It is everyone's responsibility. David added that HIV Alliance has many good educational programs and activities as well.

The motion passed: 7 in favor and 3 opposed (Daniel, Paxton, and Martha).

### FIRE CREW CO-COORDINATOR

Paxton moved, and Charles seconded the BoD appoint Amy Unthank as Fire Co-coordinator.

*Peach Gallery:* Leslie thanked Linnea Hanson for her wonderful albeit brief reign as Fire Co-coordinator. She said Amy is young, sharp, and knows fire issues. Tom Henneghan (Fire Crew) added his support as well.

*BoD:* Charlene added her thanks to Linnea, which was followed by a round of applause.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

### JILL HEIMAN VISION FUND GRANT AWARDS

Michele moved, and Martha seconded, the BoD approve the JHVF recommendations for this year's grant recipients as follows: \$5,000 to Oregon League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, \$6,000 to NCAP — Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, \$5,000 to Citizens for Public Accountability, and \$6,000 to Western Environmental Law Center.

*Peach Gallery:* Leslie said this represents a wonderful diversity of projects, local and statewide. It's exciting to think that we'll be able to support their work.

*BoD:* Michele said there will be an article for the FFN explaining what each group proposes to do with their grant money. If revenue funds exceed \$22,000, JHVF will reconvene to determine further awards.

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Daniel).

### ST. VINCENT dePaul LOGO PROPOSAL

Marlene moved, and Charlie seconded, the BoD approve St. Vincent dePaul's use of the Fair's Peach logo on recycled, molded glass.

*Peach Gallery:* Ann Morris (VegManEC & St. Vincent dePaul representative) explained that all items are 100% post-consumer recycled glass items (sun catchers, paperweights, etc.) sold to raise money for their economic development programs. They are eager to work with the Fair. They will sell the items via catalog, at local shops, at the Fair or in conjunction with the Fair. They are open to suggestions. Jeff Harrison wondered what ramifications this would have regarding logo items for the future. We may be opening a can of peaches. Palmer said notwithstanding all the good that St. V deP does in the community he shudders how loose the Fair is with the logo. He believes the Fair should hold a tighter reign on it. Kimberly Gladden (Community Village) expressed concern about fairness to those who had just submitted their wares for the logo jury process. Hilary is also concerned about logo use and would be more supportive if it was a joint project with the Fair or to authorize a specific production level of 1,000 units or so. Jeff Allen (crafter) is concerned that these items would be in direct competition with logo items sold at the Fair. David Hoffman (CV) would be supportive if a limit were set on the number of items produced or production time line. He would also like St. V deP's initials on the piece. Nancy BeBout (Energy Park Co-coordinator) thought the project needs more information & guidelines set. Ann said St. V deP wants to work with the Fair on this as a joint project. Each piece would come with a card explaining what the project is and how this is two local non-profits working together for the community. David Helton (Registration Co-coordinator) expressed support for St. V deP which does a lot of grassroots economic development. Perhaps the profits from the recycled, molded glass should be tied to a specific project. Jeff



Harrison said approval of this plan should be contingent upon approval of the prototype. This is a unique opportunity to provide financial support without funneling the money out of our budget.

*BoD:* Tom's friendly amendment of a \$50 negotiated licensing fee was accepted by both parties. Daniel said it will take some time to write the contract. This could be a unique item for the 30th Anniversary or for the Rivers Concert with Mason Williams. It would represent more than our interests. We need to control use of the logo or risk losing it. Any work with the logo should be tasteful & well-done. It should only be sold at the Fair if it passes all jury processes. He agrees also with a limited run and final approval of prototypes.

Charlene wondered what would stop other groups from using the logo without seeking the Fair's permission. She is also concerned that St. VdeP is a religious organization. Michele supports the idea that sale profits should be tied to a specific project. Additionally, any money the Fair receives for licensing should be donated to a specific cause.

Martha's friendly amendment that the BoD authorize St. VdeP to produce 1,500 sun catcher units with a peach which may not be sold at the Fair was accepted. Martha supports the tremendous amount of good work St. VdeP does for people who really need help in our community. Jack agrees. Exploring partnerships with other non-profits is a novel concept. This deepens our roots in the community. Marlene said St. VdeP helps all people indiscriminately; they do not proselytize. Charlie suggested a committee form to draft the licensing contract.

David's friendly amendment that the BoD give final approval for production of the prototype was accepted. Tom said he shares crafters' concerns and would oppose this proposal if it was from Big Brother. Jack yielded time to Leslie who said we had no problems with St. VdeP's religious affiliations last year when the Fair gave them \$8,000 through JHVF to buy a van for First Place Center. In the end the motion reads:

**The BoD authorizes St. VdeP to produce 1,500 sun catcher units with the peach logo which may not be sold at the Fair. There will be a \$50 negotiated licensing fee and the BoD will have final approval for production of the prototype.**

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

#### SECOND EVENT — SUMMER '98

**Daniel moved, and Tom seconded, to increase the BoD budget by \$1000 for special event permits and instruct the GM to proceed with the permit process for a second summer event this year.**

*Peach Gallery:* Leslie explained that the Fair has been approached by Mason Williams to do a river-inspired arts festival benefit for the Long Tom Watershed Council and the Fern Ridge Library. To hold a concert on Labor Day weekend, we would need to begin now to start the temporary use permit process which takes six months. Potential partners may include the Library foundation, the City of Veneta, McKenzie River Trust, Secret House Vineyard... This is just the type of event we expressed interest in at the Open Space forum. It is a smaller/intimate concert, 3,000 - 5,000 people to benefit the community. This would be a one-day only venue. No camping. The plan may be to hold the festival on part city land, (Larson property) and part on Fair land with a bridge connecting the two. Very symbolic. Hilary questioned who produces this event; who fronts the money. Cory wanted to know what part the Fair would play and what mechanisms are in place to let the membership have some time for comment. Anna DeLocis said it would be good to pursue such events during our down time rather than when everyone is gearing up for the Fair. David Helton is supportive but concerned that it proposes to use Main Stage because of the power needs. He opposes any other event using any part of the 8 or Chela Mela.

*BoD:* Paxton said he did Security during Furthur and folks were very cooperative. The only problems we had of folks in the 8 were Fair family who wanted to check out their booth or the site. We need to create the infrastructure for doing a second event. This one seems small enough and doable. He is concerned that we may be overworking our GM.

Martha agreed. She is not familiar with any benefit concerts that made any profit. This may just be what we're looking for but not in our current timeline. David disagreed. This is a benefit, not commercial, concert. It is small in scale and we may need to negotiate a break even point. However, we should begin the permit process now; we can change our minds later. We don't need to front the permit money until the hearing. Charlie said the current proposal is inadequate. Nothing has been budgeted for

any infrastructure, i.e., toilets, water, security, advertising, etc. Jack said every second event could be different in flavor. Something just fell out of the sky. The city wants to be involved with us. This contradicts the typical image cast upon us. Is it cosmic alignment or fate. We should go with it. Let's give the GM permission to take baby steps and everything will most likely fall into place. This will revitalize our commitment with the city. Marlene noted that it is possible to rent large, quiet, 3-phase generators that may be concealed anywhere.

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Martha).

#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

**Charlene moved, and Martha seconded, the BoD direct Leslie to proceed with contracting with a property management firm to rent the upstairs apartment in the new office building.**

*Peach Gallery:* Arrow summed up the members' interest well. We run a Fair; we don't run property. Leslie said she has a draft agreement with Howard Property. They recommended renting the apartment for \$525 - \$625/month. \$560 was chosen to cover the management company's fee.

*BoD:* Charlie wants the Fair's attorney to review the contract before anything is signed. Charlene added that we don't want any pets in this newly remodeled apartment. Daniel was curious why the rent was held low. Marlene thought we should charge what it is worth. Martha objected to what she termed as this form of "classism." This was followed by applause from the Peach Gallery. Charlie yielded time to Hilary. There is a current problem with homelessness because of the high cost of housing. The Fair may hold the costs down consciously as responsible members of the community.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

The next BoD meeting will be Monday, May 4, 1998, 7pm at EWEB. The agenda, subject to change includes: Budget Miscel-lany, Big Events, Law Reform Actions, Dog Control Crew proposal and Reverification of Non-Conforming Use (this would authorize the GM and the attorney to work with LUMP Committee to map general use areas of the Fair site based on our 1985 verification).

