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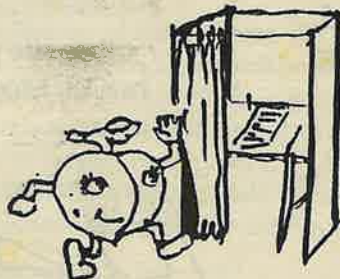


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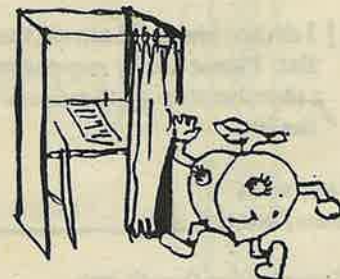
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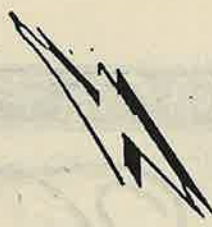
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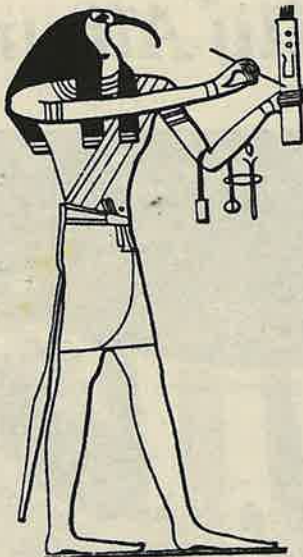


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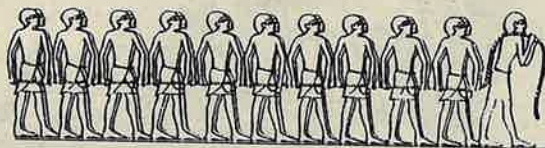
CALENDAR

- Sept. 22 . Craft Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., OCF office
- Sept. 24 . Forfeiture law workshop with Shaun McCrea and Floyd Prozanski, 7:00 p.m., Eugene City Hall
- Sept. 28 . Deadline for October *Fair Family News*
- Oct. 5 Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m., EWEB Community Room
- Oct. 17 ... Annual Meeting, Election of Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m., WOW Hall, Eugene
- Oct. 18 ... Fair site pre-flood clean-up party, 10 a.m., meet at Ware House
- Oct. 19 ... Work session regarding attendance cap, 7:00 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church, Eugene.
- Oct. 26 ... Deadline for November *Fair Family News*
- Nov. 2 ... Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m., EWEB Community Room
- Dec. 14 .. Forfeiture law workshop, Location TBA



Help wanted

Volunteer carpenters and construction types to help us build the Fair's vehicle shed this fall. Call 935-7846 (Fair site phone) for work party schedule and details.



Congratulations to Michael at Crystal Magic who received the Peach Award during the Fair from Kali Kaliche for "years of donated balloon extravaganzas."



The Long Tom Watershed Council's Annual meeting and celebration will be held Tuesday, September 29, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Willamette High School in Eugene. Food, fun, music, educational displays and talks await those who attend. It's free and open to all. If you're coming, call Dana Erickson, 541-683-6578.



Happy Birthday to our Fair Family Libras

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| Arna Shaw | Fair Central |
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| Michael Connelly | Neighborhood Response |
| Mother Zosima | Entertainment |
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| Catherine Clark | Community Village |
| Artis | Spoonman |
| Dave Landau | Traffic |
| Lisbet Frey | Lot Crew |
| James Largent | Lot Crew |
| Mike Lovato | Lot Crew |
| Darb Yslas | Lot Crew |



Welcome to our family, Jyoti, one year old, who came from India and who very wisely chose Sue Barnhardt of Community Village to be her mom. We'll see you at the Fair next year, Jyoti.

Don't forget the workshop on "How to Raise Forfeitures Laws as a Political Issue During this Election Year" organized by the Law Reform Group. Thursday, September 24, Eugene City Hall, Council Chambers, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Condolences

We are so sorry to report that Roger Vasquez, of Roger's Towing, the service we use during the Fair, died in a head-on collision caused by drunk driver in Veneta on August 15. The OCF extends deep condolences to Roger's family.

Are You a Member?

Some of you may still not be on the lists of your choice, namely, the mailing list that will get you this newsletter every month and/or the membership list!!! So, check some of the following and mail to: OCF Membership/Mailing, P.O. Box 2972, Eugene, OR 97402.

- I am not receiving the *Fair Family News*; please put me on the mailing list.
- I do not know if I am on the membership list. Please verify my name and send me a membership application if I am NOT on the list.

I am with crew/booth# _____

Crew leader/booth rep _____ who can verify my participation.

My name: _____

Mail address: _____

This is a new mailing address.

Get Out the Vote

The Annual Meeting, which includes election of Board of Directors, voting for Jill Heiman Vision Fund recipient category and deciding on a petition referendum, will be held October 17, 6:30 p.m., WOW Hall, Eugene. Be the change you want to see - VOTE!!!

Fair site pre-flood clean-up party October 18. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Ware House area.



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Recently unclassified material

Seeking donations in support of his running of the Dublin Marathon on October 26. Benefit for Arthritis Foundation's Joints-in-Motion Marathon Team. Suggested donation, \$1.00 per mile (\$26.20). Please send donations or requests for more info to Les Castle, 720 E. 20th Avenue, Eugene 97405.

Found at picnic. Crystal, watch, child's backpack. Call OCF office to identify and claim.

Lost and found. One more chance to claim fairy outfits found after Fair. Call OCF office to identify and claim or the AA will wear them for Halloween.

Sale. Moving out of storage sale. Bunk beds, \$30, range \$50 (gold). Call Auntie Em at 541-741-2195.

Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette in Eugene, is expanding. We are looking for a progressive restaurateur with some capital/equipment to operate a coffee shop/juice bar/soup kitchen on premises. Contact Dave or Scott, 345-8986.

Salem Town Hall & Community Celebration Youth Speak 5, 10am to 11pm, Oct 10 Vick @ 399-1798, vickph@open.org

Lost at picnic: Black and Tan plaid jacket with bob dylan patch and name tag patch reading "scht" with "lucky" black rayban wayfarer sunglasses in pocket. Please contact Stephen at 847-6365 or baabbaab@hotmail.com

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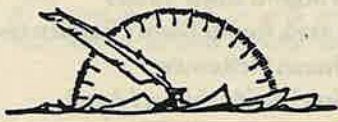
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Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.

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

Long Tom Thanks

Dear Fair Family:

A big THANK YOU to you for donating a booth and passes for the 1998 Fair to the Long Tom Watershed Council. We had 12 volunteers that worked for five weeks to put together our booth and displays with Project Leader Paul Reed. At our booth, we had a sign-up sheet and nine people utilized that to indicate their interest in the Long Tom Council. One of them came to the next general meeting after receiving the newsletter and is now enthusiastically volunteering to help plan the Annual Meeting and Celebration (September 29) and gather sponsors.

Looking forward to working with you as we move along in the volunteer efforts to improve water quality, fish habitat, and overall conditions in the Long Tom basin!

Cheers,
Dana Erickson
Coordinator

A Voice for the Members

Dear Fair Friends:

Many of you are aware of the petition that circulated during and after the Fair to amend the OCF By-laws. The proposed amendment would put in place a Bi-annual Survey of the Membership.

For those of you who have indicated your support of this issue through your signatures, thank you! We collected over 600 signatures. I am quite hopeful that the proposal will be on the October ballot.

I strongly urge everyone to vote in favor of this "voice for the members" and to let your OCF Board (BoD) representatives know that you support

this critical change to our By-laws.

A copy of the petition appears in the current issue of the *Fair Family News*.

I believe the Survey is an important step for the Fair because it provides the Board and the Membership with a means to communicate. As it stands, there is no effective procedure to inform the BoD about issues that the Membership finds important. This has and will continue to (in my opinion) lead to member apathy and frustration.

The proposed Survey would allow both the BoD and Membership to develop a list of issues that could be a working agenda for a 2-year period, allowing everyone to be able to anticipate future discussions and possible decisions on a particular subject. The process for developing the Survey questions (refer to Petition text) is meant to give all issues a fair chance to be heard without bias.

This may not be the ultimate solution to all of our communication problems, but it is a good start. I urge you ALL to vote in the upcoming election and to encourage other members to vote...it is IMPORTANT to us all.

Most sincerely,
Ms. July of Fair Central
Reese Prouty

Anyone Seen My Shadow?

Dear Family:

My story is not of a lost and found story, it is of a simply lost story which is hoping to be found. My shadow (that is, my photo ID) decided to run off Monday night while I was in the sauna. It wouldn't have been so bad if a unique water drop that was given to me by a special water fairy wasn't with my ID at the time. When I went to the sauna the next morning it was no where to be found. It can be identified by the unicorn stickers on the back and the very cheesy fairy on the front by the name of Tangerine Dream.

Now the year of '97, my mom went into a booth on Strawberry Lane to reload her camera and left her leather Minolta body cover in the booth somewhere. So, if you found my wandering shadow or my mom's camera cover, let us know through the newsletter and you can hang onto them till next year and find us at the water tower.

Peace, love and godspeed
Tangerine Dream

P. S. Reward offered. Good karma

Points to Ponder

Dear Fair Family:

Thanks for a great Fair. This year's Fair was the best I've been to. You could walk the Eight in the middle of the day and not feel like cattle. You could stop and visit friends along the path. You could stop and visit a booth or have something catch your eye across the path. The Chela Mela meadow was a magical place for kids of all ages. There were no major security or medical problems. Everyone I spoke to had a great time.

In the coming year, we have some important decisions to make. Do we want to lower the cap and maintain lower attendance or do more advertising to increase attendance? If we do lower the cap, what will we do to make up the revenue we lose by lowering the number of people attending? How do we plan and pay for future growth? What will we do for our thirtieth anniversary? Should we reroute the path up at Pike street and if so, how?

These and many other issues will be addressed in the next year. I urge all of you to get involved. Attend committee meetings, workshops, and Board meetings. Go to the annual feedback meeting. This month's FFN contains candidate statements from people running for the Board. Read them. Ask them questions. Vote. We will all benefit if we all participate. We need your ideas. Please get involved.

The FFN is a good vehicle for expressing and sharing ideas. I would like to see us develop others. I would like to see us set up bulletin boards (or other such things) where different issues facing the Fair can be discussed on the Web. Unfortunately, I lack the technical knowledge to make this a reality—perhaps some of you can help. Thank you all for making this year's Fair so wonderful.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Charlie Zennache, VegManECs,
Board of Directors

Volunteers, Not Saints

This will take more than "A" letter. Speaking of letters, Thank You, Admiral Kohl. Well said. How disappointed I was at the workshop(s) when only the Board members and I showed up. It takes all of us to contribute and we can't read minds. Besides, the pen is mightier than the sword.

Also, I'd like to stress the importance of Niels' favorite issue "Cohesiveness." His untimely death did and still affects us all but perhaps this was meant only to bring us together on tough issues, not divide us. Law Enforcement would love to see us fail and they're watching and waiting. Niels was a role-model volunteer; like most of us, we do it for the love of it. The rewards go beyond this Fair, world and lifetime. We're not saints, we're volunteers.

This year I was fortunate Not to depend on Food Vouchers and Gladly gave back to our unofficial crew leader, Tina (Thank You), who gave them back to my co-workers who needed them. Volunteers are the workers of magick and Yes we should be compensated. More than anything I would like to take a shower after "dancing with trees" without paying or waiting for them. Now that I've opened Pandora's Box, things keep rolling out, for eg.; My own S.O. paid \$40.00 to come on his only day off to work Sunday a security shift that was needed but cut, without complaint.

Then there's Health and Safety issues. Children should be priority #1. If I was a child and went into a bucks I'd be scared too. More wash stations. Safe drinking water. More Guidelines (not - sorry - a lot of people did not have or could find them).

Well do you trust a fair over 30? Yes! Not older - Better! Hand in hand in one voice OM.

Love & Peace
Auntie EM'



photo by Wally Finney

Petition for Survey

(The following petition will appear on your election ballot.)

WE THE FAIRIE PEOPLE...

Purpose of our Petition

We the undersigned members of the Oregon Country Fair (OCF), in the Fair spirit of a democratic organization, request an amendment to the OCF By-laws instituting a bi-annual membership survey conducted by the OCF Board of Directors (BoD). The purpose of the survey is to provide Board members with an opportunity to be responsive to the concerns of a broad, cross-section of the membership, and to provide members with a forum through which to express their concerns, ideas and desires.

By-law Amendment (Survey) to be Placed on the Agenda of the 1998 Annual Meeting

We further request that this by-law amendment be put to the membership as

part of the 1998 OCF annual meeting and election process. Results of this vote by the membership would be tallied by a non-partial, ad-hoc committee appointed by the OCF BoD. If the amendment change passes by a simple majority of those voting, we the membership request the Board to make the by-law change so that the survey will become part of the election process on a bi-annual basis.

Administration of the Survey

- Survey to be comprised of items put forth in the form of yes/no opinion questions and/or preference questions.
- First survey to be conducted during the elections of 1999.
- Any verified member may place item(s) on the survey through a separate petition process requiring at least 25 registered member signatures.

• Survey items must be submitted to OCF at the same time as the candidate statement deadlines.

• Finalized survey questions and the petitioners statement/explanation will be included with the published BoD candidate statements in the *Fair Family News* and the voter's pamphlet.

• Results of the Bi-annual survey will be tallied by a non-partial, ad-hoc committee appointed by the BoD and will be available to the BoD by the annual retreat.

• Results of the survey will be published in the *Fair Family News* no later than the December issue.

• Survey items supported by a simple majority of the voting membership will be scheduled to discussion at a special BoD/membership meeting to be held in January of the following year.

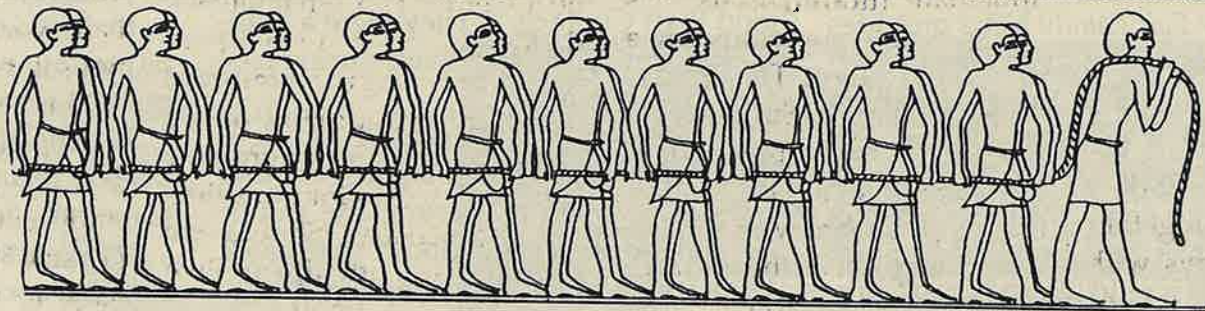


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The ever hardworking VegManEC crew

VegManEC Visions

by Phillip Guyette

Another Fair has come and gone, and most people left with wonderful memories of magic and fun, and special purchases or gifts. Unfortunately, many of them left things behind that are harmful to the land. The Fair site is a beautiful and magical place that most Fair family sees only a few days of the year. To keep it this way takes countless hours from the site manager, caretaker, and the year-round crews who maintain this land we all love. This year the cleanup task has been especially difficult due to the extraordinary volume of straw, hay, wood chips, furniture, and other floatable materials that were left behind. The debris must be cleaned up before the floods.

Literally tons of straw and hay were left in booths and campsites this year. Straw and hay left on the site creates several problems, one of which is fire danger. The site already had one unexplained fire involving hay since the Fair, and one of our neighbors recently lost a house due to a fire. Another problem resulting from hay or straw left on the ground is the inhibition of understory growth. Much of our groundcover is dead after the Fair and needs time to recover; hay and straw retard the necessary re-growth. Without ground cover, the topsoil erodes away during the floods. The loss of understory also weakens the overstory, resulting in the loss of our majestic trees. The trees,

plants, flowers, animals, and insects that live on our site are all part of the "Fair magic;" they depend on us to preserve their environment. Next year, IF YOU PACK IT IN, PLEASE PACK IT OUT (WHEN YOU LEAVE)...TAKE ONLY MEMORIES, LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS.

You're all invited to join the VegManECs the first Sunday of each month for an organized work party (we meet at the warehouse at 10). We've got lots to do before the floods...please come join us and share in our love for the land. If you have any questions, please call one of the coordinators—Anne, 343-0786 or Phillip, 484-9741.

Report of the 1998 Annual Oregon Country Fair Booth People's Meeting

We began our meeting by reading the minutes of our first gathering, OCF 1989. Of the visions shared at that time we happily note that most have manifested over the years, thanks to the cooperation and fine efforts of the Country Fair Family. (Advance ticket sales, paying-off land, more water and outhouse facilities, offsite camping, SOP passes, a new loop, trade circle accommodation, reinstating the OCF Craft booth committee).

In recognizing that the majority of the staff are local and organize year round to take care of the Fair, we want to find ways to improve the relationship between the local family and the far flung crafter cousins. We want to feel welcomed rather than that we are crashing someone else's party. The Fair's reunion now spans two generations for most of us crafters and its significance in connecting with and strengthening our sense of family and community runs deep. The *Fair Family News* provides a forum that we would like to make even better use of, such as articles describing details of the 5 Year Plan, construction guidelines and regulations, path planning policies, names and numbers of contact people to answer questions as summer approaches. We would like the Craft Committee to become a bridge that goes both ways, communicating staff policy to crafters and working with the craftspeople to meet their needs in determining policies that affect them.

We welcome Kim Allen (Characters in Clay) and David Peek (The Mocassin Co.) to the Craft Committee. The fact that they are willing and able to attend the Thursday meeting at the Fair brings joy to our hearts. David has gone so far as to volunteer to compile a Crafters' Mailing List to be used among the OCF family. If you did not get the Blue Sheet and want to be in the catalogue, call David at 541-935-2061. Jeff Harrison of Craft Inventory is also beginning to compile a list of all crafters from each booth, rather than the booth rep only.

He can be contacted via the OCF office.

Voices and Visions 1998 (Griping happens when communication doesn't.)

1. We left many messages with construction concerning our booth's accidental destruction. No one ever replied.

2. There are no cohesive construction guidelines. All seems arbitrary. What are the county and fair guidelines? Can they be put in *FF News*?

3. It is not fair to arbitrarily move an 18 year crafter's booth to accommodate a food booth. Neighborhood is everything. Our livelihood depends on it. It sets a bad precedent. Open up to communicating rather than dictating. Enclosed is a petition signed by 24 people stating "We do not support displacing a craft booth for the purpose of putting a food booth in its place." (Ed note: Petition has been given to General Manager.)

4. What happened to the "Neighborhood Staff Contacts"? They were a helpful, welcoming staff presence during past fairs. Please reinstate.

5. The spirit of this event is "doing it different" and not becoming just another commercial venture. Serving the public first and the crafters last doesn't feel good. We're trying to set the example of family first, then business.

6. Have Thursday of the fair open to the Fair community so that we can avail ourselves of information resources, crafts, and comraderie.

7. Make it mandatory to have reps from construction, BOD attend this meeting so we can ask questions and be better informed. (We missed you this year, Paxton.)

8. Have a feast for the staff and BOD Wednesday night of Fair to show our appreciation and share information.

9. The Crafts Committee needs to be a voice for the crafters to the staff, not the other way around. They do not make themselves available to the craft community and are closing their meetings. This has to change.

10. Public attendance is maxed out. Less is worth trying.

11. Are we pricing ourselves beyond the reach of the general population's shrinking dollar? (Parking, admissions)

12. Interact on the Internet at earthdance.com.

13. We need craftspeople on the board.

14. The jurying system pigeon-holes artists. It does not allow for collaborations. We want to recognize our master crafters via an agreed-upon standard and allow them to bring whatever they are creating. Trust us, trust us, trust us.

15. Have a hearing to create policies to deal with jurying, non-functioning booth reps, party booths, how long to be in a booth to qualify as a permanent member, etc. Get booth histories, crafters' input (Questionnaire). People are willing to travel long distances to be heard. We need a committee willing to work these issues out using a democratic process. (Vote)

16. Having the Fair Family picnic on Saturday excludes Saturday Market crafters from being able to attend.

17. The Rainbow Tribe meets once a year to plan their event. Can we learn something from them?

18. We treasure this privilege to gather together and celebrate: not only our families, our fabulous feasts, our music and dancing, our artistry, pagentry and magic but also our visions of unity, sustainability and cooperation. As Carol K. Anthony says, "We view others as adversaries when we give up on them." Some of us work away all year and travel far to attend, contributing our efforts for the few special days of the fair. We have been coming here for 2+ decades (more or less) If the staff only tolerates our being here, feels overworked or under-appreciated, we want to heal this. Don't give up on us. We are your greatest allies. Tell us what you need. Respect our needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Wren (Yerba Buena)



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Fair Family Boothies

The Law Reform Group

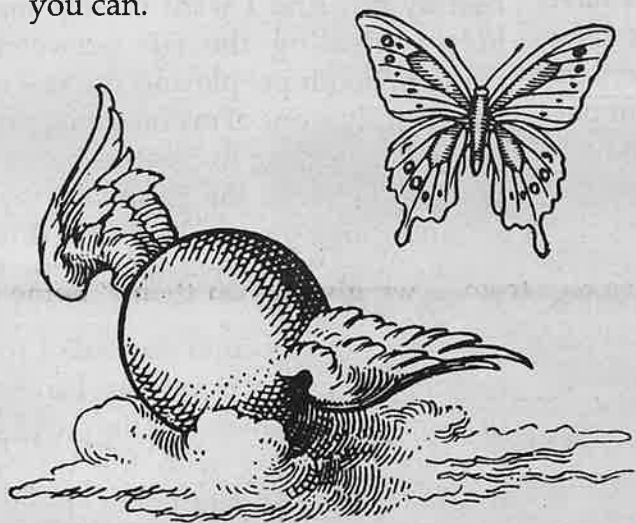
The law reform group continues to move forward with our efforts to change the unjust forfeiture laws. Since the Fair we have compiled a mailing list. If you would like to be on it please write us care of the OCF or email us at ocf@efn.org.

We are now working on ways to get our message out to the public at large. We are creating informational/action packages to give out.

We are planning to have a booth at the Eugene Celebration.

We have also scheduled two educational workshops for September 24 and December 14. The first workshop is designed to arm attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to make revision of the forfeiture law an election year issue. The second session is designed to arm attendees with information on how best to influence their state legislators.

We need your help. Please get involved in whatever way you can. Get on our e-mail list and share ideas over the net. Write and share your knowledge or stories. Come to a meeting (every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the OCF office, 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene). Volunteer for a shift during the Eugene Celebration. Help us advertise our educational workshops. Come to one of the workshops. Do whatever you can.



Jill Heiman Vision Fund Recipient Ballot

Every year the Fair collects cash and food voucher donations, doubles these donations, and forwards the result to groups and agencies working on a specific issue. This issue is chosen by a vote of the membership. Your ballot will have the following list of social issues from which you will be asked to select next year's Vision Fund donation recipients.

- Animal and Wildlife Causes
- Appropriate Technology
- Arts and Cultural Issues
- Basic Needs (hunger/housing/homelessness)
- Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
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- Elderly Issues
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- Environmental Protection and Recovery
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- People with Disabilities
- Social and Economic Justice
- Substance Abuse
- Youth Issues
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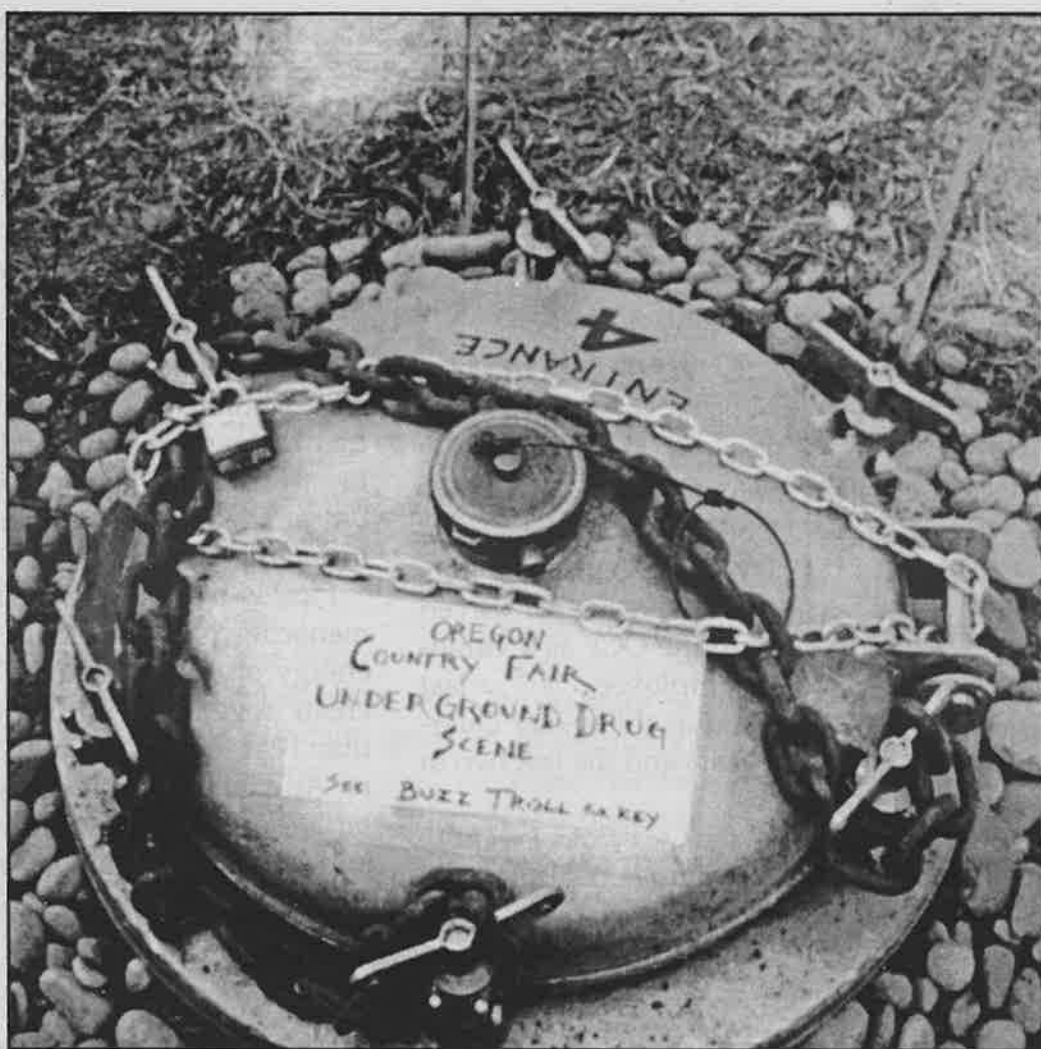
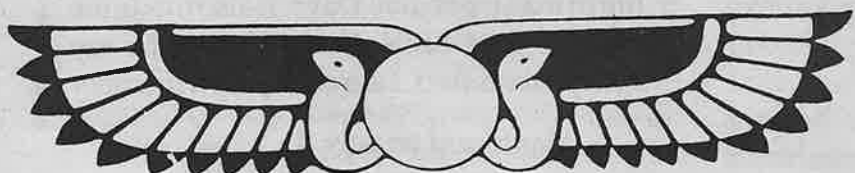


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Rebel Toilet Poem
Mother Zosima

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*No more wrapping my butt-length hair
Up in my skirt, fearing the urinals
No more piles of steaming shit
Wafting up towards my genitals
No more holding my breath and running in
As Dave says, "Hurry up! It's about to blast off!"
And no more of those stumbling DuCaniveaux
Bad lavatory mimes
With toilet paper on their feet
Leaving trails behind!*

*Oh Blue Liquid of Mystery, that makes it all OK
Why are my shoes' soles not toxic after I walk your way?
Men can dangle a safe ways away
And aim in a urinal
But girls and women have to untap a pile of shit
and pee over it, be over it...*

*I have to say, I like the name
"Best Pots," of the company that serves us
But I have to complain units were not
Serviced enough and it was dangerous*

*This is a serious problem
It precedes any endowment fund talk
We have really bad sanitation problems
And they need to be addressed and stopped*

*We need more shitters or we need better service
This year is the worst I've ever seen
16 years I've been at the Fair
But this year, the shitters were obscene*

*Let's clean up our toilet situation
It's ugly but it needn't be so unsafe
We have the money and the ability
To make shitters a less hideous place!*



Candidate Statements

These are the statements submitted by candidates for the Board of Directors election to be held at the Annual Meeting, October 17. Statements are printed verbatim as submitted by the candidates, with spelling and punctuation corrected by FFN.

Doug Carnie

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Hello, my name is Doug Carnie (aka Woggle) and I am seeking an open position on the Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors. I have been involved with the OCF as a volunteer and part-time employee over the last eight years. I served as thirty-day Quartermaster for six years and the last two in Fair Central.

As a member of the OCF BoD, I want to concentrate on the original ideals that our Fair was founded on. I feel that as an event there are few equals, but as with many alternative lifestyle events, the management and BoD have become more mainstream and conservative than our family.

To achieve a more representative view of our family I would like to propose several short and long term ideas.

In the short term, all interworkings of the Fair need to be transparent. All policy and planning meetings need to be open. Board meetings need to be held at a time and place easily accessible to the most members. Live interactive meetings on the Internet are possible and so would meetings in different towns. I would like to see term limits on all positions in the fair. WE are a Large and talented family, we need all of our energy and ideas to stop the inherent problems of long term established power bases.

In the long term, I want the membership input on all important issues. I would like to see us start an OCF type Habit for Humanities, support reverence for all the land (not just our little piece of paradise) and the education of our family. We need to make room for our past and future.

Our Fair's most valuable asset is the family. From them comes the magic.

Katie Cousins

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Sitting by the fire pit in Construction Camp this early August evening, I feel truly blessed to be a member of this community. The rich and varied textures of all of you weave themselves around me like the breeze stirring the trees just now. The Fair site is the most holy place I know—yes, because of the inherent sacredness of the land, but more so because of the magic touch that all of you bring to this piece of property we call Home.

I, too, count myself among the many of us who have felt ourselves to be alien beings in a society lacking in consciousness. And, who, by the grace of Divine guidance have somehow found our way to this unlikely location slightly to the west of Eugene, Oregon, and in so doing, know deeply that we have located our true spiritual tribe in one another. It is nearly 11 years since I first discovered the Oregon Country Fair, and in that time, the Fair has

inspired me far beyond anything before or since. It has challenged me to come more than I thought possible, and it has humbled me to tears through its welcoming embrace. The Fair has redeemed me, healed me, and made me whole.

I know that no outside force, however menacing, is as powerful as the combined energy of our community. The Love we create together will always be stronger than Fear. And as I sit in the cool breeze of an August evening—though the Fair site be "deserted"—I am secure and confident and very much at home. The imprint of my tribe is all around me. See you in the Spring...

Charles Drew



I am running for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Oregon Country Fair. Before deciding to run again, I did serious thinking, even agonizing over the decision. I have made mistakes, as have

many of us, but I am certain that I have the energy, commitment, and a different perspective to offer to the Fair. I am willing to listen to the end, to put ego aside, and put the Fair first in my decisionmaking.

I have served on the Fair's Board of Directors, on the Personnel Committee, and on the Budget Committee. I have been Construction Co-Coordinator, acting Deconstruction Coordinator, and a Path Rover.

As a Board member, I was responsible, along with Martha Evans, for introducing the motion that made the OCF a drug and alcohol free event. I was a strong supporter of instituting paid parking. As I look around the Fair, I can see the evidence of many projects I have championed, such as the Left Bank, Volunteer Bridge, and Energy Park's Info Booth.

I believe one important issue facing us as a result of this year's low attendance is how we proceed in our decisionmaking regarding attendance caps and budget issues resulting from lowered attendance. This year's low attendance was an anomaly; however, it showed us how mellow a smaller Fair can be. We were successful in discouraging people who were making the Fair unpleasant for everyone, and I encourage us to proceed in the direction we have begun; to make the Fair truly a family event. I am in favor of an attendance cap, and I believe the Fair needs to begin budget planning on projected attendance figures lower than the cap.

I believe that if we work at releasing the inharmonious thought and attitudes that grow deep within, our fair magic can create positive changes.

Raimon Franck



Howdy! Seeking a chair on our Board has been on my wanna-do list for more than a handful of years. Personal matters and neighborhood/city

projects (and politics) prevented me from giving more of my time and energy until recently. Perhaps, first a bit about my involvement with the faire. I've been a crafter (jeweler & lapidarist) since the mid-70's, and started being part of the fair's artisans in the early 80's. First time was sharing (un-juried) with a booth via friend of a friend, etc. The second time was as a blanket-vendor. That got me invited to be juried and a part of a booth. Several years later, I got my "own" booth and have been residing in the Upper River Loop neighborhood (#530) ever since. I've participated in fairs, shows, gatherings and expos all over the country, and this one still remains the best by far. And I want to help make it better. Healing the rift between the crafters/booth people and the rest of the Faire family is one of my on-going projects as well as helping to create a better relationship between the Faire and the surrounding area (i.e. working with & on the people and "powers-that-be" in local, county, and state).

As for experience in the board rooms, besides be a part of numerous Faire meetings and get-togethers, for the past 8 years i've been working with the Whiteaker neighborhood/Eugene policy/politics inter-relationships. This includes currently serving as the chair/president of the Whiteaker Community Council for 3 1/2 years—kinda like being the booth "rep" for the neighborhood.

Soooo, besides all this (and more...), i'll leave you with the reminder to participate, vote, or whatever—you are as much of this as everyone else. Oh, my name is Raimon and I can be contacted via (541) 344-8450 or P. O. Box 10424, Eugene, OR 97440. 'Til the next...

Brad Lerch



I seek the opportunity to serve the next two years on the Board of Directors. My main goal in running is to provide leadership, towards facilitating a formal discussion of our collective goals, and dreams.

To help us answer the question; Who are we and who do we want to be in our next 30 years, and the new Millennium?

When I first came to the fair eleven years ago, the magic and wonder changed my life in many positive ways. It also made me want to give back. This year will be my 10th year on staff. I am currently a member

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of the *Fair Family News*, and was one of its founding members. I have also served on Security (including three years as a crew leader), Vegmanecs, and the Personnel Committee. The varieties of tasks have given me a unique year-round perspective on the operations of the Fair, and I feel ready to serve on the Board.

One of the visions I have for a brighter future is an elders council, which will allow older crew members to "retire" off a crew, and still provide guidance for the Fair as a whole. This will also allow the next generation to step into positions of responsibility. I feel strongly about addressing issues to help us truly "walk our talk." Issues such as sustainable resource management, having less impact on our land and the Earth in general, and treating each other with dignity and respect.

Three hundred words is not a lot of room to talk of specifics. I do take the responsibility of being a board member seriously. I will listen, and consider all input from everyone who shares their feelings with me. I ask for your support, but more importantly, I urge you all to be active in the fair, and vote.

Jack Makarchek



Greetings. I am Jack of the Jack Daniels presidency, a current board member and a volunteer. Thank you for having me. The fair is great intellectual theater and the last two have been mind blowers.

The Veneta land swap—who would have thought after the Dairy Queen incident that we would have ended up with the Far Side. It's close, so close I can taste it. The real magic of these negotiations are, we not only end up with a beautiful campground, we will have helped our rural community, cross your fingers, move toward an ecologically friendly sewage treatment plan instead of spraying shit on the land, too cool.

The Jill Heiman Vision Fund, a truly membership driven good thing. We may not be giving it all away, but this, along with the endowment, is impacting our community very positively.

The d.a., d.e.a., and police, we stood up to them and got smart. I'm sure they still have their eyes on our land and a few hidden cameras on us, but we ain't going down easy. To prove that point, we funded a law reform group to educate people about how unjust the forfeiture laws are and how to become involved in changing them.

Who knows, in the future, this group might tackle laws involving personal use of marijuana. This approach might not seem totally defiant, but it's smart.

I'm having fun. I still want to serve you. Oh, and by the way, I drink Tequila. Jack

Jim Newhall



My name is Jim Newhall; I am running for a position on the Board. For 10 years I have worked at White Bird during the Fair as a doctor. I also work pre-Fair on Construction Crew. Others may know me only as Glo-Stick Man, an act my sons and I have been doing for 6 years.

I love the OCF. It is a wonderful counter-culture celebration of people and possibilities based on love, egalitarianism, cooperation, and creativity. The Fair's policies must hold this philosophy paramount. The Fair's success comes not from its balance sheet, but from the spirit it engenders. The Fair should be people centered, not product oriented.

The Fair was born out of the radicalism and idealism of the '60's. As an organization we have become more conservative—more worried about conserving what we have and less willing to expose and confront the hypocrisy and destructiveness of the mainstream consumer oriented society.

To achieve this re-radicalization I have several proposals. 1) Make the inner workings of the Fair more transparent. Board meetings, policy decisions, and all planning sessions must be wide open. 2) Impose term limits on all positions of authority. There needs to be a constant influx of new talent and fresh ideas to combat the creeping conservatism inherent in the maintenance of established power bases. 3) Create a new category within the Family for long time members. Honored Elder status could be conferred on them, allowing graybeards and crones to move out of their current positions, thus creating openings for fresh leadership while retaining the experience and expertise that comes with age. 4) Fund an active political arm of the Fair to change repressive laws and to resist conformity. 5) Facilitate the inclusion of young people in the operation and management of the Fair. Above all else I would doggedly advance the idea that the Fair is about people and ideas. The Fair's most valuable asset is its people. From us comes the magic.

Palmer Parker



It is with mixed emotions that I ask you to vote for me in this year's Board election. The next two years aren't looking like the most fun ever—but there's weighty work to be done...

The difference between budgeted and actual revenue from this year's Fair will, I believe, create a good deal of gnashing over the next year. While it's something I don't particularly look forward to, I think I can be helpful in easing the process. It is also important to me that the Fair maintains financial strength and increases phil-

anthropic activities.

Through a somewhat protracted process, I was appointed to the Personnel Committee at the first post-Fair Board meeting. I'm happy to provide anyone who asks with copy of the letter of interest I submitted. In brief, a large part of why I applied for the committee is the importance I place on the Fair's employees, Personnel Committee, and Board—and all other Fairies, for that matter—to strive to "do what they say and say what they do."

Additional desires: Continued land acquisition while safeguarding what we have already. Taking care of what we have, from Family members to vehicles and permanent structures. Keeping wristbands until something better comes along. Maintaining the delicate balance between Policy and Operations. Working to keep the Fair a world-class place to work hard, play hard, and be safe. Absorbing the best of the outside into the Fair and tempering the rest. Continuing work toward melding "us" and "them" into "we."

Historical data: Community Village, CV Coordinating Council, Security, OM Team, BUM, Board (4 terms if I remember correctly), Fair Central, Budget Committee, Computer Coordinator, Media Coordinator, Peach Truck Driver (!), Site Advisory Council, Personnel Committee, etc.

Marlene Monette-Shower



Please vote for me. I have been attending the board meetings for several years and have been an alternate board member since Neils' passing. I have also been attending the Fair for 12 years, was

VegManEC co-coordinator for three years, and have been on the Personnel Committee for two years. As a result of these experiences, I have come to certain conclusions that inspire me to run for the board.

First, I believe that the volunteers are the backbone of this organization and without each of us the Fair would not exist.

Our diversity of visions, ideas and talents is a source of strength which enables us to push boundaries and open minds.

The Fair can and should do more for the volunteers, such as making sure we get good food, we have the right tools, safe working conditions and ensuring avenues to participate in the governance of the Fair.

The budget should not be balanced solely at the expense of the volunteers.

Second, the organization should live by the values it espouses: integrity, equality and tolerance of different view points. We should never lose site of the fact that we are all family.

Third, we must remember our obligation to protect and care for the land and all who live there.

Fourth, we should remember that we are much more than a three day event. We

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are a celebration of alternative lifestyles and beliefs. We should continue to use our money and talents to change the world in ways we want.

Fifth, I would like to see us form some sort of impartial tribunal to deal with disputes that come up among family members.

I truly love the Fair and all those involved. I know that by working together we can do anything we want. I appreciate your support.

Etienne Smith aka Auntie Em



There's no place like Oregon and I've been blessed to travel it and come to know the membership as family. As a member I've done positive Public Relations. With years of PR I feel I can represent. In representation I become the people's voice on the board. Being on Security and VegManEC crews has caused me to be curious and active. I feel the need to participate and become a voice.

However, I have to be honest with you for I do have an agenda; politics is not my forte but health, safety and volunteer issues are. We've shared voices, ears and a lot of hugs. I believe you're supportive of honest information and education.

Oh, don't think I want to do this alone with just my voice. Perhaps an Answer for Auntie Em column or section in the *FFN*. I would like to see the *FFN* fat BUT we all have to CONTRIBUTE, and that my friends is a big part of the magick we call Fair.

As we move into the next century we need a 2020 (2,020) plan for our future and growing fair. For me, right now, that's law reform to keep the land and event in the spirit of freedom our forefathers wished us to express and exercise. To support our teens, an elders crew/council and benefit more the volunteers. To keep the rustic and uniqueness of our culture alive by not checking into the commercialism (OCF Mall) and social conformity outside OM.

Also know that for us my stand is simple—"Above All Protect and Preserve the LAND and the magick of a 3-D event we know and love as the OCF."

Yes, I seek your support and vote. The thing I can promise is I will listen, investigate, debate and educate. Being a board member I'm sure will be a learning experience, and I hope to share back what I learn.

Always Love and Peace

All candidate photos by sax except that of Etienne Smith which was taken by the City of Eugene



Charlene Tremayne

Hi Fair family members, it is election time again. I want to thank all of you who voted for me and gave me the chance to learn about the process and politics of the OCF board of directors. I hope you will do so again. I also want to thank those of you who read the minutes and use that as your guide in voting.

I stated at last year's annual election meeting that I wanted to be part of the changes that the Fair is currently going through. In particular, regarding the notice of intent to forfeit sent by the DA's office. Like any client, we are acting under the advice of a lawyer who happens to specialize in forfeiture cases. Please do not think that action is not being taken. To that end I have become very involved in the he OCF Law Reform Group. I have also been attending the Craft Committee meetings on a regular basis and continue my membership in the By-laws committee.

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Ong Kar Walen

Greetings Fair Family, When I go to the Fair site and see the land and my family, I feel I'm coming home. So, as a 19 year volunteer for the security

at the OCF I have decided to run for the board so I can represent the unsung heroes of the Fair, the volunteers. Being involved with Security management (#1 Supervisor 11-5 PM) and entertainment (Kudana Marimba Band) I believe I know how to help the OCF continue to grow toward a better, loving, equal sharing of positivity for the Fair family and the community in general. As a father of four daughters, I would like us to continue to clean up our act and still honor our great diversity in respect to our family and our land. I believe as a family we should not be divided, but pull together as a whole.

Some simple ideas such as ticket sales in Veneta, plus have tickets available in a pull off area in the parking lot. Have "will call" out in the parking lot for those who have passes or tickets waiting for them. Generally, making it easier for everyone involved.

Thanks.

Steffen S. Webb

Brothers and Sisters of the OCF. I am Steffen Shelby Webb. I have been with the Fair for 24 yrs., 2 yrs, long tom special; 6 yrs with OREGON PORCELAIN and KNISH BLISS; 16 yrs in security, the last 7

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as a dragonmaster, midnight to 6am. The Fair is now the most important part of my family and family life. I am running for the board because I see a need for better long term planning to ensure that my 15 month old daughter, who has been to 2 fairs, will have a fair to attend another 24 yrs from now. I was involved in public service for 26 yrs as a driver for the local bus company, LTD, and served as chairperson of Amalgamated Transit Union #757 for 9 yrs. I have enjoyed all my time with the Fair and have seen it from several sides. I see some need for changes that will ensure that the FAIR FAMILY remains the focal point of the fair. We, as a family, ARE different. Commerce is vital but not the overwhelming ideal. We must continue to empower the individual as an individual and as part of the FAIR FAMILY. I want to see more openness concerning revenues, attendance, etc. I want to see a family that looks to the future and tries to find ways to add our children and new members without bursting at the seams. The future is ours if we can begin to see and plan for it, if we miss it, the Fair may be lost or sink into just another yuppie theme park. It's time for the Fair board to have a vision that is as good in quality as the women and men who make the "ARTS AND CRAFTS" such an important ideal. Onward to the future.

Kidessa Young



To the Fair family My name is Kidessa Young (Ki) and I am running for the Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Main

Camp kitchen crew since 1992 and in '97 I was the Main Camp cook. Prior to joining the Kitchen Crew I worked with a vendor.

I think I would be an effective Board member because I have the ability to remain centered and focused in the face of conflict, I have a calming influence on the people around me, and can stay objective as the occasion merits.

I believe that it should be a priority for the Board and for the whole Fair family to ensure that the Fair, pre through post, is a safe and healthy environment for us all. There are a number of issues that should be addressed by the Board and membership to achieve this goal, such as clearly defining the avenue of recourse for the airing of grievances, specifically for the volunteers. Also, I think that an informed membership is a safe membership; it is high time for an end to secrecy in dealing with the problems that arise. All families have conflict, it is the dysfunctional that refuse to speak of it. Let's all work toward becoming a safe and healthy family.

As a Board member I will do my best to bring high energy and interest to all of the issues of concern to the Fair family. Thank you for being a member and voting.



Trusting Ourselves to Throw a Great 30th

Can you believe it? Our thirtieth Fair is almost here already. Seems like only yesterday we were...well, today we're dreaming about the kinds of futures we want. Two meetings have been held to brainstorm on special ways to commemorate this milestone. Great ideas were voiced, some breathtakingly big such as launching a second event, or creating a new space on the order of Community Village and Energy Park; some intimate, like painting the face/body of everyone coming into the Fair. (Tie-dye: not just a good idea, it's the law...) Now it's time to sift and sort through those ideas and get to work on some budget realities.

Now is the time to plug into a great opportunity to get in on the hands-on creation of this special celebration. Those who are involved will be determining the scope, themes and final details. Some great projects will need someone to take them under their wing, gather help, schedule work parties and solve myriad problems, eventually birthing a fantastic achievement and a great fun thing for everyone. Nothing has been decided upon, YET.

Discussions have brought up we may need a unifying theme, to tie together

events happening at different times and places, like for something that involves other organizations who are also celebrating their thirtieth or close to it. There was an idea for a special poster to commemorate thirty years of community. The Fair could have a special logo for this year, maybe. There could be special parades in Eugene, Veneta, Portland. A thirty foot teepee, holding an exhibit of history of land/peoples, 30 huge balloons to take back our air space, maybe with photos of people we have lost. It would be good to not only look back over our accomplishments with our ideas, but forward, too. A liquid light show, how-to videos on how to throw a fair, use the "7 Generations" concept to link past and future generations.

Many of the ideas presented could be done for everybody to participate in, if they know ahead of time. Like tie-dyeing the staff shirts, or granting free parking to folks who come to the Fair in costume. Some ideas will be for others just itching to show a side of themselves they don't usually get to bring to the Fair: a cavalcade of hippie trucks and busses, creation of a non-commercial art space, a remote link to broadcast the midnight show on channel 13... There's room for you to have a part in

this, big or small, according to your abilities.

Folks must be willing to step in and help the winnowing process. There is no way all of this can be accomplished, but much of it can be with great volunteers like you pitching in to organize, round up resources and make it possible. First the ideas need to be categorized. The Fair can spend money on some stuff, but not everything, so ingenuity will be required to get some projects off the ground.

And like real life everywhere we must deal with deadlines in order to bring this to fruition. From death comes life, so some ideas must be passed up and others cut down to size. We want a final list of events and signifying rituals assembled for the Annual Meeting, October 17th. Those items requiring funding must find a home in the budget, those involving the community need be inviting others to a schedule, and those with resource needs need to find helping hands capable of working material wonders. Come join the fun! It won't be the same without you! Call or write the office to see how you can get involved.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



SEPTEMBER 8, 1998



PRESENT: Charles Drew, Paxton Hoag, Jim Sahr, Daniel Dillon, Michele Sharpy, Martha Evans, Tom Alexander, Jack Makarchek, Charlie Zennache, and Marlene Showker & Charlene Tremayne (alternates)

NOT: David Liberty

MINUTES APPROVAL

Charlene moved, and Michele seconded the minutes of the 7/5/98 BoD meeting be approved.

The motion passed 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Michele moved, and Charlene seconded, the minutes of the 8/3/98 BoD meeting be approved.

Peach Gallery: David Hoffman (Community Village) corrected that he is tired of cleaning up the mess left by others, especially crews. The motion passed as corrected. 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR

Sun. 9/13 '98 Fair Evaluation meeting using the Open Space process will be held on site. The agenda topics will be determined by those present. Meet at 10am at the fire pit by the warehouse.

Mon. 9/14 Personnel evaluation by the Board of all 4 employees. Central Presbyterian Church, 7-9pm. New process will be initiated.

Fri. 9/18 Meet at the Fair office, approximately noon, to decorate the new truck, which Andyman will drive, for the Eugene Celebration parade. Then ...

Sat. 9/19 Come join the parade. Gather at 8am; parade starts at 9. Look for entry #52. Or you may help set up the OCF Law Reform display at 7am, staff the table anytime during the weekend, or tear it down Sunday early evening.

Thurs. 9/24 "How to raise Forfeiture Laws as a Political Issue During this Election Year" workshop with Floyd Prozenski and Shaun McCrea will be held at the Eugene City Hall, Council Chambers, 7-9pm. Sponsored by the OCF law reform group.

Tues. 9/29 Long Tom Watershed Council meeting/celebration, 6:30pm at Willamette High School. Fair vendors will provide food and music will be arranged by the Fair.

Sat. 10/17 The Annual Meeting will be held at the WOW Hall (8th & Lincoln, Eugene), 6:30 pm.

Sun. 10/18 Fair site pre-flood clean-up party. Meet 10am at the warehouse.

Mon. 10/19 Board work session regarding an attendance cap as it relates to financial planning for the 1999 Fair. All members are invited to participate.

(Catch the pattern? Yes, more juggling — of people and schedules. Come for the Annual Meeting and stay through the work session. Your input is valuable. Unable to attend, fax or e-mail your thoughts to the Fair.)

Mon. 12/14 "What You Can Do to Lobby Your Legislators" workshop, especially concerning civil forfeiture laws, will be held at EWEB, Training Center, 7-9pm. This is sponsored by the law reform group. Hopefully, folks from many districts will participate.

Land Use Management Committee (LUMP) and the Property Acquisition Team (PAT) seek new members. Letters of interest and introduction may be sent to the Fair office.

Jack thanked Frank Sharpy for his service to the Personnel Committee from which he resigned last month.

Michele responded to Jim's question last month. Admissions collected a total of \$11,826.81 (no one can explain the 81 cents!) from paid parking on site. Admissions crew jobs remain secure.

Andyman just returned from Burning Man where he was part of a quasi-OCF embassy. He has lots of ideas for next year and encourages folks to attend this incredible event that is so different from ours. There is much to learn and experience. Thanks to Arrow for caretaking his position while away.

Steve Simmons (CV) thanked all the folks who cooked (on the grills) at the Teddy Bear Picnic last month.

David Hoffman (CV) said a friend who had been to the first and early Fairs returned and was able to go to the '98 Fair in a wheelchair. He thanks everyone for a great Fair, as does David.

STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

General Manager. norma read Leslie's notes. She is away on vacation. Special thanks to the picnic organizers: Steve W, Andyman and norma (even 'tho it embarrasses norma to thank herself). Thank you, also, to all who participated in the 30th anniversary brainstorming sessions. Leslie expects to have a land swap proposal for the October BoD meeting.

Administrative Assistant. norma added her thanks to the picnic organizers and volunteers: to Wally Slocum for manning the potluck table, Steve W & Andyman for making the setting up the site so beautifully, to the handsome Dick Stewart for clean up, Marshall Landman for beverage-meister and odds & ends, Brad Lerch who picked up the corn, Bob Fennessey who did a fantastic job organizing the entertainment — four bands and a bellydancer!, Daniel Dillon — grilled chicken strawboss, and all those who helped cook/grill. You all did a terrific job. Thanks Tom and Etienne who do such a good job watering and mowing the office yard. Thanks Miho Hosaka, Nick Lougee and Matt Tepley who looked after the office for a week while she was not very far away on vacation.

Site Manager. Steve demonstrated the current site chant. Please, Rain. Please, Rain. The site is really crispy. The natural fire danger is enhanced by the dry lumber in the booths and the tons of straw left on site. Steve will sleep easier once we've had our first and second rain. Thanks again for a great picnic. There a couple of special lost and found kids' items. One is a Mickey Mouse backpack with clothes and camera. The other is a Winnie the Pooh watch. Call the Fair site to claim them. Thanks, also, to Arrow Anders (Traffic) for caretaking the site so Steve could take a couple of days off as well.

Treasurers. Hilary stated that the financial statement is similar to last month. We are currently paying expenses out of the rainy day fund which before the Fair totaled approximately \$300,000. This approximates one Saturday's revenue. All figures will be determined by the Annual Meeting and the BoD work session in October, 10/19. Steve Gorham encouraged Fair family to participate in this work session that will discuss population caps and how they relate to financial planning for the '99 Fair. We need everyone's involvement, not just Financial Planning's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use Management Planning (LUMP). Dennis Todd reported that the wetland restoration project got a late start. The replanting and seed bed preparation will happen next year. Both, Dennis & Leslie have been meeting with the city manager and city engineer of Veneta to discuss the land swap. The city's original projection of their needs 20 years from now, 41 acres, would take up most of the Far Side camping area. The results of the soil percolation test that Dennis requested show the soil has five times greater absorbency than assumed. Thus the city engineer now projects their needs at 30 acres. This leaves all our prime camping area available. We seek a shared use agreement to take effect in October of 2017. The Fair and the city agree in principle and are working cooperatively. Jack questioned the city's intentions to spray or use drip irrigation. The Fair will insist that all areas the OCF or the public uses will use drip irrigation. Effluent from the upgraded water treatment system renders the applied areas safe after 24 hours.

LUMP seeks new members. Anyone with interest and experience in geography, land use management, natural resources, etc. is encouraged to apply. Send a letter of introduction/interest to the Fair office.

Election Committee. Jen-Lin stated that the Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, 10/17/98 at 6:30pm at the WOW Hall. Meeting invitations have been sent to members today. We have fourteen candidates for seven positions; it should be an interesting campaign. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Friday, September 18, 5pm, at the Fair office or in the Fair's PO Box. No absentee ballots will be available at the Fair office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Fair office or PO Box no later than 5pm, Friday, 10/17.

OLD BUSINESS

VEHICLE SHED

Steve W stated that there is no current motion. \$5,000 has already been allocated for this capital project. He believes we can begin building a somewhat scaled back version of the original plans via old barn raising work parties. The calls will soon go out to those construction types. They eliminated the repair bay slab and plan for only 7, not 8, bays. He hopes

he can find additional monies yet unspent in the Site Manager's budget. However, he may need an additional \$2 - \$3,000 at the tail end of the project. He contends that we need to start building now before the rains come to protect our assets. Hilary expressed concern about a possible 40 percent increase that could be forced at the end to complete the project. Jack confirmed with Steve that the vehicle shed the total budget approved by the Board for the vehicle shed is \$5,000.

VAUDEVILLE CO-COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

Paxton moved, and Charlene seconded, the BoD appoint Shelly Winship as the Vaudeville Co-coordinator.

BoD Discussion: Paxton said this was requested by vaudeville crew in their letter dated 6/26/98. Charlene said that Cory Sullivan (Ambiance Entertainment Coordinator) is supportive of this appointment. She said that Shelly is a strong person and will be able to work well with the other co-coordinator, Mick Westrick. Jack thanked Tim Miller who is resigning as Vaudeville Coordinator.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

'98 ELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Paxton moved, and Daniel seconded, the BoD appoint/reaffirm the '98 Election Committee of Heidi Doscher, Merrill Levine, Tina Edwards, Jen-Lin, and Steve Gorham.

Peach Gallery: norma said this is the same great crew as last year. They've already begun to meet and are doing a fabulous job. Etienne requested that the number of votes each candidate receives be published.

BoD Discussion: Martha thanked the Election Committee for sitting in the basement tallying the results. It doesn't seem like a very fun job. (Nah, we have fun!)

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR P.A.T.

Tom moved, and Paxton seconded, the BoD direct the Property Acquisition Team (PAT) to investigate the Fair's real estate options regarding the Swanson and/or Hubbard properties should they become available.

Background: Both properties are above the flood plain and are contiguous to Fair property along Chickadee Road. The Swanson property has a house and other buildings for storage.

Peach Gallery: Many spoke enthusiastically in favor of owning the Swanson property. Palmer wondered if this motion was necessary and whether the Fair wanted to make its intentions known publicly at this time. However, David H. (CV) thought the neighbors must know the value their land has for the Fair. David Helton (Registration) urged the Fair to employ a commercial real estate appraiser based upon our experience purchasing the Fair office. Anne Morris (VegManECS) wondered how the Fair could purchase property while we have financial concerns. Andyman said that Veneta is a growing community; property values will continue to increase. Etienne proposed making the house on the Swanson property a volunteer work house.

BoD Discussion: Martha wondered who the current members of PAT are. The motion that created PAT stated that its members would rotate every three to four months. (Seems as if that aspect has lapsed.) She also remembered that the same motion charged PAT to take similar action as stated above. This motion is redundant. Michele concurred. Tom stated that in discussion with Steve W it wasn't clear whether the investigative process was continuing. He raised this specific topic to stimulate discussion and to avoid complaints that the Fair acts in a secretive manner. Steve W, also, told Marlene recently that the Swansons were approached a year ago and they had no desire to sell. She wondered if the price was right they may be willing. Paxton thought they may be more interested if we could offer specific terms. Jack said neither property is an absolute must. The Swanson property, 5 acres, could be valued at \$100,000. That could strap the Fair to balloon payments which would come out of our operating budget. Charles expressed similar concerns about the financial picture even though he supports purchasing these properties. Tom stated that it would be in the Fair's best interest to facilitate the group that does purchase the property. Martha echoed Tom's statement. She remembers past discussions about the Fair holding land temporarily and writing covenants on its resale.

PAT should be reconvened. Letters of introduction and interest to serve on the Property Acquisition Team will be accepted at the office.

The motion passed: 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Michele) and 1 abstention (Martha).

Land Swap is tabled until the October BoD meeting and Cap Reduction is tabled til the November BoD meeting.

The next BoD meeting will be held Monday, October 5, at EWEB, 7pm. The agenda, subject to change, may include: Land swap, Craft Committee (Paxton), Consider forming Crew Services Crew (Charlie), Donation to Saturday Academy. Appointments: Youth Stage Coordinator, Chela Mela Area Coordinator (Charlie), Create Co-Secretary position (Marlene), New Traffic Co-coordinator (Steve G), Admissions Coordinator (Michele), LUMP and PAT members.

See you at the Annual Meeting. Jen-Lin

11/1/98