



24th Anniversary

FANTASIA FAIR 98 — Provincetown, Ma

Come to the Fair, See what's new for '98
Friends, laughter, learning, and sea-side delights.

Welcome to the 24th Annual Fantasia Fair. We're planning an exciting week of activities that you won't want to miss. There are many new faces joining our staff and professional team, and we are returning to the Pilgrim House, the heart of the Fair in the heart of Provincetown.

Fantasia Fair is the perfect blend of educational, social, and practical experiences set in an environment which allows you to explore your options and put you on the right course to reach your full potential. You will fashion your own, "Fantasia Fair Experience". With such a smorgasbord of activities and events to choose from the possibilities are truly endless! But, I promise, no matter how you organize your schedule, you and your FanFair sisters are sure to have the time of your lives.

Besides keeping you informed, I hope this newsletter will excite you about what's to come and inspire you to get involved. Everyone is welcome. the more the merrier! So browse the newsletter and imagine the possibilities and join us for Fantasia Fair 98. Warmly, *Alison Laing*
Fantasia Fair Director

Fantasia Fair is now on the Web

Through the generosity and assistance of CDS Publications, Fan Fair now has it's own Web Site where Web users have the opportunity to learn more about Fantasia Fair and all of the fun, exciting things that happen during Fair Week. The address is,
<http://WWW.Transgender.org/TG/FF>

This site will be linked to many other web sites in the USA and Internationally. Please give us a visit and see the fun & excitement come alive on your screen. You can even E-mail questions, requests for information or just comments from this site to the Fair Director.

Give us a look and sign up today for the Fair through our web page.

New Staff Members join Fan Fair 's Team of Dedicated Helpers.

Joining *Dallas Denny*, Registrar and Dir. of Administration, as part of the office staff are *Donna Johnson* who works as staff at Southern Comfort and *Erin Swenson*, of Atlanta, who will double as a member of the professional team as well as the administrative staff.

Liz Spencer, President of Investments, will be working on housing coordination .

Lets welcome these new gals to the Fantasia Fair Team.

NEW FOR 1998 - Mini Programs

Stepping Further Out - The Stepping Out Program, conducted by Niela Miller and associates, has been primarily directed to the concerns of the First Timers. This program will continue in 1998 and is being expanded to include "*Stepping Further Out*" for those going more public.

Many experienced cross dressers, are finding that they enjoy the freedom of going where they want to, when they want, in their gender presentation of choice. This program will enable participants to hear from professionals and "open" cross gendered persons. How their lifestyle have worked out, what complications, risks, and rewards they find as a transgendered individual living in the mainstream.

Getting to Know our FtM Brothers - This new Mini-program is lead by Mykael Hawley of IFGE with several of his friends. We will hear the FtM point of view of the TG phenomena in a panel discussion on Monday evening at the Diversity Dinner and in a workshop on Tuesday. One of the goals of the workshop will be to discuss and develop strategy for mutual inclusion and cooperation between the CD, MtF, and FtM communities. This workshop agenda brings together the spectrums of transgender activities and allows all to participate and speak about our communities growth.

Mainstream Religion - A burning issue for many in the TG community at this time, is the question of being active and out in their main stream religions. We are indeed fortunate to have Erin Swenson, well known Presbyterian Pastor, as a member of FF'98 staff who, besides assisting in the office, will lead special workshops in this area. Later in the week, Erin will be joined by Laurie Auffant, Unitarian Minister in Arlington, MA, who will present workshops on Saturday and help organize and lead a Sunday service at the Provincetown Meeting House (Universalist Unitarian) on our last Sunday in Provincetown, October 25. Plan to stay for this exciting event. Alison Laing says: "If you have the least bit of a spark of spirituality in your soul, this event should set it aflame again!" It should be noted that all religious backgrounds are welcomed at the UU and at these workshops. Gender preference has no religious context, it is only your own spirit which asks for the guidance and caring that religions offer and, thus, all are encouraged to attend.

Thought of the Day:

"One is not born a woman, one becomes one". *Simone De Beauvoir*

Crown & Anchor Burns to Ground

A fire, which started in Whaler's Wharf, the great gift shop next to Crown & Anchor, caused total destruction to both buildings in late February. The Provincetown fire Dept. did a miraculous job of saving buildings on both sides and across the street from these structures. High winds blew cinders and hot ashes beyond the Monument Tower setting several small field fires.

Lost, along with these two great establishments, were full ensembles used by some of the best known P-town FI's who had stored their clothes at the C&A.

Our sisters need new threads to ply their trade during the high season coming up this summer. **Weslee Avery**, will be directing this effort. Please consider making a timely donation for this purpose. Fantasia Fair will match any gift over \$ 10.00 and up to \$ 100.00 in an effort to assist our sisters. You should be receiving a letter from Weslee soon and we hope you will pledge to this cause when you get her letter.

Word of the Day: **BV**

"You only change the world's view of gender by changing the minds of men".
BV- '96

Fair Attendees look forward to returning to the fine Inns we have use for years and renewal of old friendships with the hosts of these great establishments. They, one and all, make Fantasia Fair one of the greatest experiences our community has to offer. Their caring, assistance, and support has helped many a gal get her feet going and we love them all; so will you. **Get your room reservation in early cause it's gonna be a great year at Fan Fair '98.**

Gabriel's joins the Fair

Gabriel's, a wonderful Inn located in the very center of town across from City Hall, will be the newest addition to our Fair Housing list.

Quiet elegance marks this Inn as one of Provincetown's finest guest houses. Two beautiful old homes are graced by antique furnishings, patios and gardens. Each guest room and suite is distinguished by it's own personality.

Guests have a variety of amenities not normally found in Cape Cod Inns. For those used to working out, a gym, steam room, and sauna will keep you trim. Bring your bathing suit as there are two large outdoor jacuzzis to revitalize those tired feet at the end of a long day of walking and evening of dancing.

Two sun-decks are setup for picnics, and barbecues. Bicycles are available for riding about town while your car is parked in their lot up the hill. Phones and cable TV with VCR's are in each room. Gabriel's office can supply business services for those who can't quite leave the world behind.

Continental breakfast is setup in the common rooms each morning warmed by fireplaces to take the chill off autumn mornings. There is a sky lit conference center which will be one of our main meeting rooms for the Fair.

On the Web you can view Gabriel's at, <http://Provincetown.com/gabriels> where you can see each of the rooms. Take a look see, Gabriel's.

A combination of 10 suites (mini-apartments) and 10 lovely rooms expands our housing for couples, singles and doubles sharing. These choice accommodations will go fast, *so send your reservation and deposit in quickly.*

A Sampling of New Programs for 1998

Diane Ellaborn - Luncheon - *CD Couples - Issues and Conflict Resolution*

This luncheon will investigate the difficulties couples have in communications, from avoiding issues in an attempt to keep the peace to how-to-talk about issues without escalating to out-of-control situations. A model of "fighting fair", and methods of conflict resolution will be introduced to the attendees. (workshop to follow)

There will be afternoon workshop for couples in which Transgender individuals will form one group and the partners will form another. Each group will discuss; areas of conflict for couples, what's worked and what has not, ways to resolve conflict, and new models of conflict resolution. Finally the two groups will reunite to share insights and new ideas for conflict resolution.

Niela Miller - *Awakening/Expressing the Feminine Soul*

How do we find the beauty, feelings, and potential inside us and bring it out into the world? How do we overcome conditioning which has prevented us from "stepping out" with the best, most human parts of ourselves ?

Through story telling, art, movement, singing and speaking from the heart, we will move through these obstacles to create a loving and joyful experience so important to the feminine soul.

Dr. Richard Docter - *Are there common "stages" of cross dressing ?*

How many stages involve various challenges to success as a cross dresser? What stages are most commonly described? does revealing yourself to others play a major part? What is the impact of aging on cross dressing? Is there anything especially useful or not useful about the "stages in your experience?"

Dr. Richard Docter will discuss these and other facets of the cross dressing phenomenon with fan Fair participants. Dr. Docter, Professor of Psychology at California State University has attended numerous Fantasia Fairs and bring a wealth of information to his programs.

Diane Ellaborn - *Saying Good-bye/ The day after* - (2 hr workshop)

This workshop will focus on saying good-bye and how to handle the after Fair blues that most participants feel. How to handle the loss of connections formed at FF. How to establish, maintain and expand your support network from home, how to reenter the real world, how to talk to partners, friends, and family about the FF experience and how to integrate your male/female sides back in the "straight world".

Betty Ann Lind - Former Fantasia Fair Director dies after a long illness. Betty Ann Lind, one of the marvelous people who helped build and establish Fantasia Fair and had been involved for many years in FI shows around the country, passed on after suffering a stroke. Her caring for this community could only be partially recognized by the many awards she had received. Betty Ann was a true lady in all respects and her direction and strength helped so many at Fan Fair.

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Brenda, the FF Newsletter Editor says:

Get your act together and take it on the road !

To Fantasia Fair in friendly Provincetown on beautiful Cape cod ! So many of us wait till later in our lives to complete our dreams and finally BE our total selves.

The fair is the place to begin, or continue your journey, a place to learn, explore, share, and enjoy. It is the mother of all TG events and not simply a crossdressing vacation. It is a place of absolute acceptance where we all grow in a matter of days with its atmosphere of trust and discovery in a local setting. It is a dynamic gathering of free spirits that brews its own personality by combining education and warmth with extravaganza, producing a bigger and better fair each year.

Why do so many people keep coming back each year volunteering their knowledge, support, and expertise? Because we all love the Fair and the Fair loves us. Come and join us at Fantasia Fair 98. BV

OIGS - The Outreach Institute of Gender Studies has announced the appointment of **Candy Scott** as a member of the Board of Directors. **Candy** is the Founder and former President of Innvestments, a TG Community Social group based in Hyannis, MA. **Ms. Scott** has a long association with our community and will bring her knowledge and experience to the OIGS Board. We welcome, **Candy Scott** and look forward to her presence on this Board says, Aridane Kane the Founder of OIGS.

****** GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER ******

Plan ahead for the Fantasia Follies We have a very appreciative audience of locals and Fan Fair goers who especially love to see live acts. Let's see some new acts like; tap dancing, ballet, short skits, torch songs or even light opera. Practice at home now as there is such limited time at the Fair to perfect your act.

Group acts are good and are easy to put together on the phone with each person practicing their own part, then it can be put together in P-town.

Pam Geddes and Evelyn Shade will be your guides through this exciting event, so come prepared for fun and a great audience who will love your act, appreciate your hard work, and reward you with applause and cheers.

Comments of the day:

"Life is not a dress rehearsal, so wear your best dress every day". AF- 95'

IS Fantasia Fair FOR ME?

You may be sitting there having looked at all the material, examined the literature, perused the pictures, and now be trying to decide if attending Fantasia Fair 1998 is the right thing for you. Well, it's nice to be able to answer an easy question—**YES!**

The reason FanFair is for you is very simple and very profound. You deserve, at least once in your life, if not once a year, to be able to be some place where you are proud and unafraid. Some place where you are accepted for who you are, where you are not judged. Some place where you can be outside in the light and the air, where you can walk, shop, interact, party, grow and learn in an atmosphere of acceptance and pride.

You are a very special person. If you are just learning to find and discover yourself, then Fantasia Fair will provide you with secure and safe spaces to grow, friends with whom to share, and experiences that will mold and change you forever. If you are already out and active and involved, then Fanfair will offer you an opportunity to expand your boundaries and explore your woman-self, a chance to reach out to sisters who need a hand to hold, and a space in which to find your inner woman.

Fanfair is for anyone who wants to feel what life without fear is all about. Come, join us, and share the love.

Miqi Alicia Gilbert
www.yorku.ca/academics/Gilbert/



Three Peaks, A Victorian B&B at 210 Bradford Street in Provincetown has recently been purchased by two members of the Transgendered Community. This magnificent house, built in the 1870's has won awards for design, landscaping and lighting, and service to customers. It has 7 beautifully appointed rooms and a Victorian parlor where guests and friends can meet in secluded charm. At the open house in February more than 100 people from Provincetown and the surrounds came and toured the facilities as Rikki Kay and Dana showed off the house to strains of Mozart and fine wine. Those who did not live in Provincetown noted that they wanted early reservations in the spring to enjoy the blooming flowers and quietude of the setting. Three Peaks web site has a full motion video walk through of the house and can be seen at **WWW.Threepks.com** Give them a visit both on the net and during FanFair. Although Three Peaks is not part of the housing list for this year, Dana, the Inn Keeper and a long time Fair attendee, will greet you warmly and give you a personal tour.

Thee Peaks phone number is, 508-487-1717 or 800-286-1715



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Kerri's comments:

The 1997 Fan Fair was exciting and wonderful with gorgeous gals, friendly towns people, and a Fair staff that made our stay wonderful. Last years Fair was the first one, in a number of years, where I wasn't busy with newsletters, leaving that massive task to the wonderful editor **Brenda Viola** who has taken hold of the job and created a great newsletter. So, I had time to refresh friendships, talk girl talk, wander the shops, and to share the pleasure of being completely me.

It is hard to tell you in such a short space how important the Fair has been to me and to many of my sisters. I know that my first visit was one of trepidation, my next one of learning and from there on it has been one of doing and being part of a great large family, one in which there is no fear, only the bonding of spirits who need to be. At Fantasia Fair you can BE, so come, be part of Fan Fair '98. KR

To Come to the Fair '98, register now:

Please send a minimum deposit of \$ 300.00 and pay your full balance by Sept. 1, 1998. Reserve now to get your choice of rooms. The Fair has grown in size and scope, thus, it is imperative to have your reservation in before Sept. 1, 1998. *We do not want to disappoint anyone but space is limited.* Please send your reservation and deposit today.

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