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FANTASIA FAIR 1985
Newsletter #2

Dear Sister,

Well, here we are just a few short weeks before the 11th Annual Fantasia Fair. Can a year really have gone by this quickly since our wonderful 10th Anniversary Fair? Well, it has, and now we're off to what promises to be another fun-filled week. Enclosed is the who's, what's and when's of the Fair: we'll give you details on the "where's" when you arrive. We've tried to plan the week to make your stay in Provincetown a memorable one.

Once again, the registration list is full of familiar names, and some new ones as well. It won't be hard to catch up on gossip or to make new friends at this year's Fair.

Seminars and workshops will be led by professionals of the highest calibre, and we think you'll find these a valuable part of your Fair experience.

This newsletter contains:

FANTASY FACTS

What to bring...Getting there...Financial Arrangements
...Membership...Registration Headquarters...What to do
on Arrival...Accommodations...Orientation...Communications
...Parking...ID Cards

FANTASIA FEATURES

Gladys Talbot Corset Studio...Allen Portrait Studio...
Muriel Olive's Femme Fashions...Elinor's Wig Boutique

FAIR FORUMS

Health Issues Seminar...Speech Improvement Workshops
...Workshop for Spouses & Friends...Personal Growth
Workshops...Outreach Institute Seminar...Sociological
Seminar...Legal Aspects Seminar...Fashion/Beauty Program

FANTASIA FAME

Fashion Show...Outreach Fantasy Ball...FanFair Follies...
Evening with the Town and T&G Supper

FAIR FUN

Whale Watch...Kite Flying...Welcoming Cocktail Party
...Informal events throughout the week...Videos

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please read the material carefully, and bring this newsletter with you. Arrive safely and with high spirits as you anticipate the most exciting experience in cross-gender living.

*A Reminder:
Be sure to
bring this
newsletter with
you to the Fair!
Eve*

ARRIVAL CARD

A postage prepaid postcard is enclosed with this newsletter. Please write your estimated arrival at Provincetown (date and time) on the postcard. If you can be specific to the within a few hours that's terrific! No other information is necessary. Mail the card as soon as possible — we need the card even if you plan to arrive the first day.

FINAL FAIR PAYMENT

Any outstanding balance on your registration fee should be mailed in time to reach the Fantasia Fair office no later than October 5. If for any reason you cannot meet that deadline, you may pay at the Fair with cash, traveler's checks, MasterCard or VISA. (No personal checks will be taken.) If you still have a balance due on seminars you have chosen to take, it may be paid at registration time.

Our official FANTASIA FAIR TELEPHONE NUMBER will be:

617-487-0758

The number will be in service beginning 2 PM October 16.

Questions or Problems

Before October 15th, call 617-277-3454 (ask for Ariadne)

As of October 16th, call 617-487-0758

HOW TO GET TO PROVINCETOWN

By Car from Boston

Take Rt. 3 south to Cape Cod. Cross the Sagamore Bridge to Rt. 6, and continue on 6 all the way to P-town. (Note: Don't be confused by Routes 6 East and West. These run next to the canal, and you should not use them.)

By Car from the West

Take the Mass Pike to I-495 South (at Westborough). Take I-495 to Rt. 25 South (just past Raynham). Get on Route 6 East to the Sagamore Bridge, and then take Rt. 6 to P-town.

By Car from the South

Take I-95 to Providence, then I-195 to Rt. 25 South (near Wareham). The super highway ends very quickly. Get on Rt. 6 East and follow it to the Sagamore Bridge. Then follow route 6 to P-town.

By Plane

Fly to Logan Airport in Boston. Contact PBA (Provincetown Boston Airlines) for flight times and reservations to P-town. PBA is at the Eastern Airlines terminal. Their telephone numbers are:

At Logan Airport: 617-567-6090
Within Massachusetts: 617-771-1444
National Toll-free: 800-282-3197

PBA has flights to P-town about every two hours. When you arrive at P-town, take a taxi to the Hospitality Center.

By Bus

Trailways and Greyhound have connecting services at Boston to Hyannis. Change at Hyannis for the P-town bus. Contact either bus company for schedules and fares. When you arrive at the P-town bus station, take a cab to the Hospitality Center.

By Train to Boston

AMIRAK services Boston, and the train arrives at South Station. Trailways is located adjacent to the South Station complex. Take the bus from Boston to Hyannis and then to P-town.

HOW TO GET TO THE HOSPITALITY CENTER & CHECKIN

The Hospitality Center is located at Ocean's Inn, 386 Commercial Street in Provincetown. Please review the enclosed map of Provincetown for details.

HOSPITALITY CENTER, CHECKIN & ORIENTATION

Checkin

When you reach the Hospitality Center at Ocean's Inn, leave your luggage in your car! Your accommodations may be at another site. Signs inside Ocean's Inn will direct you to the Hospitality Center. Here you will be given your room assignment and directions to your accommodations.

If the Registrar is busy when you arrive, please be seated and relax. There will be hostesses to greet you and refreshments will be available. You will receive an information packet, an ID card which will serve as your admission to many events, and a registration card for you to complete. The registrar will handle questions regarding accommodations in any of the places where participants are housed.

Checkin Hours

The checkin desk will be open Friday, October 18 from 2 to 8 PM and will be open for shorter periods of time on other days (centered around the time you indicate on your arrival card). If you find that you will not arrive at the time you indicated on your post card, please call and let us know your new arrival time so we can make adjustments.

Late Arrivals

If you arrive very late at night or in the unlikely event that no one is at the registration desk, don't worry. There will be a sign at the Fair's checkin desk with instructions for late-comers. You should also check with the Inn's desk clerk who will have been briefed as to how you might be assisted in these circumstances. The clerk may also have a message from the registrar to you in your femme name. If you are accustomed to traveling "en femme" then by all means come as your femme self. Otherwise, we suggest you come as "brother" and make the changeover in P-town.

ID Cards

Fantasia Fair ID Cards will be issued to you at registration and will serve as your admission to shows, events, parties, banquets, etc. We cannot be lax about requiring the card, so please be sure to have it with you at all times. We will post reminders in each hotel to lessen your chances of leaving for an event without it.

ORIENTATION

Saturday morning, October 19 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM is reserved for Orientation. This will take place at the Gifford House. We urge you to attend in order to get an up-to-the-minute overview of the Fair, Fair programs, possible schedule changes and updates, individual co-ordinators and boutique consultants, and listen to the words of advice from local law enforcement. It is the first opportunity to meet all Fair participants and become informed on the full scope and details of the Fair. A continental breakfast will be served.

WHAT TO BRING

If you arrive alone in a packed station wagon towing a U-Haul, chances are you brought too much. However, as most returning Fair-goers will attest, P-town weather is unpredictable, so it's best you be prepared. Also, if you are anything like the rest of us, you are likely to forget something, so here are a few reminders and suggestions in addition to what you already plan to bring.

Foundation wear (and what goes in them)

Hosiery (and Woolite for washing them)

Makeup, cleansing cremes, polish remover, etc.

Rain gear (Good God, don't forget this!)

Car or top coat

Dressy and casual shoes, sneakers, boots

Sleepwear (We're planning PJ parties, so bring your best!)

Kick-around clothes (jeans, shorts<!>, etc.)

Swimsuit (for optimists, or for the fashion show)

Needle and thread, travel iron

Illuminated makeup mirror (there's never enough good light!)

Leotards and tights (or loose clothing for the exercise portion of the Fashion/Beauty Program)

Wigs

Formal attire for banquet and cocktail party

FAIR PROGRAMS, SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Outreach Institute-Cape Inn Cocktail Party

Be sure to arrive in P-town prior to 6 PM on Friday, October 18th and join us at a festive and truly cooperative occasion — the Outreach Institute-Cape Inn cocktail party. This elegant event is an excellent opportunity to be introduced to the town and its warm, friendly atmosphere as a good number of local merchants and proprietors have been invited to attend.

Fantasia Fair Disco/Dancing Party

After dinner on Saturday, October 19th join us for a night of dancing at the fun-filled Back Street lounge at the Gifford House. Live it up! Dance the night way!

Fashion/Beauty Program

We'll once again combine the beauty course with a body movement and comportment session. Ms. Paula Nielsen will serve as co-ordinator for the combined program. During the week there will be sessions on hair and wig styling, comportment and the use of accessories. In addition, we'll have instruction in body movement and its relationship to a totally feminine image. The program begins each weekday at 9:45 AM. Continental breakfast will be served each morning. The body movement classes will follow Paula's initial morning presentations. Under her guidance, there will be a makeup clinic on Saturday, October 26 in the afternoon. We hope you make every effort to attend the Fashion/Beauty Sessions.

Evening with the Town, T&G Supper

Charlotte M., Penny N. and Flo N. are co-ordinating this event. It promises to be a golden opportunity to meet with many local townspeople. Supper is served Monday, October 21 from 6 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Church at 236 Commercial Street. A panel presentation will take place towards the end of the dinner.

Fashion Show

Eve B. is coordinating our annual Fashion Show in which our gals model casual, sports, and evening wear. We plan to illustrate our growth in dressing: from our earliest longings to the present. The Fashion Show will be Tuesday, the 22nd, from 8 to 10 PM.

Group Discussions

Wednesday night, October 23rd, we'll gather in several small groups to talk about what's happened to us in the past few years, how we've grown, what we hope the future will bring: we'll share and learn.

Fanfair Follies

Betty Ann L., our inimitable producer, promises that this year's variety and talent show will outdo all others (and that's saying quite a bit). Please read Newsletter #1 for details on how to present an act. Niela M. has offered to help with the coaching of individual acts. Thursday, October 24 at 8 PM. Mark your calendar!

Outreach Fantasy Ball

The Third Annual Fantasy Ball takes place Friday, October 25 beginning at 9 PM. Sponsored by the Outreach Institute, the Ball will include dancing, costumes, and a contest to crown Ms. Fantasy Ball Debutante for 1985 and Mr. Fantasy Ball. Admission is \$5 at the door to non-registered participants. Come as Barbarella, Scarlet O'Hara, Sally Ride or Don Juan's reckless daughter, or your favorite heroine! or hero! This event is open to all.

Awards Banquet

Saturday night, October 26, will find us all sitting to an awards banquet. Formal attire is requested. Cocktail hour begins at 6 PM and dinner follows. Details will be in the FanFair packet you'll receive at checkin. Awards include Ms. Cinderella, Ms. Femininity, Ms. Best Dressed, Ms. Most Helpful, Ms. Fantasia Fair, Ms. Congeniality, and, of course, the Outreach Award.

FAIR FORUMS: SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

Your Fair registration fee includes the Legal, Sociological and Outreach Seminars.

Legal Aspects Seminar

Naomi O., a respected and qualified attorney who has co-led this seminar in the past, will present an overview on the legal aspects of gender issues in the 80s. She'll then lead a discussion on the topic. A light lunch will be served at the Seminar, held from 12:45 to 2:30 PM on Wednesday, October 23.

Sociological Development Seminar

Developing the necessary social skills to appear in public is very difficult — usually learned by trial and error, sometimes with disastrous results. The advanced crossdressers who conduct this seminar share their experience, tips, and techniques to help the novice handle most social situations, and deal with any problems that may arise. The health care professional will discuss dealing with crisis, controlling guilt, and how to survive compulsion. A continental breakfast will be served. Saturday morning, October 26.

Outreach Institute Seminar

The director of the Outreach Institute will describe the various activities in which the Institute participates. In addition to being the "architect" of Fantasia Fair, it is the only organization recognized by the medical/psychological community. Outreach gives seminars and workshops for helping professionals, and offers a referral service to the crossdressers as well as the professionals. These are but a few of Outreach Institute's many educational functions. A light lunch will be served at the Seminar, held from 12:45 to 2:30 PM on Monday, October 21.

In addition to the seminars listed above that are included in the Fair package, the following seminars and workshops will feature noted professionals in each of their respective fields. Please note the fee for each of these workshops.

Personal Growth Workshop

This workshop, led by Niela Miller, will again be two sessions due to the good response it has had in the past. Niela, a trained Gestalt therapist, leads a workshop designed to help those of us who are ready to explore feelings concerning personal gender issues. The first session is Sat. and the second session is Sun. (October 19 & 20 respectively). You may register for either or both sessions, and the fee is \$35 for one session or \$55 for both. Niela is available for private consultation.

Workshop for Wives: Part I

Designed especially for newcomers to Fantasia Fair, Niela Miller will help you "let your hair down." Wives, relatives, friends — all those who are close to cross-dressers are invited to reach for a deeper understanding of their world, to learn new ways to perceive themselves and their relationships. Niela, one of the most popular professionals to have held a workshop at Fantasia Fair, will hold the workshop Wednesday, October 23 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Workshop for Wives: Part II

Aimed for those who have participated in a workshop similar to the Workshop for Wives: Part I, those who join Niela in this workshop on Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 will move on to explore themselves and their self-development. Assess your own and others' strengths. You'll work with drawings, fantasies, dreams and other enriching aspects of life to help you continue growing.

The fee is \$40 to attend either or both of the Wives' Workshops. An objective of the two workshops is the development of a support network. Niela is available for private, group and couples counseling sessions.

Health Issues Seminar

Verne Bullough, Bonnie Bullough and Ari Kane will lead this workshop. The Bulloughs have had many years of experience in working with crossdressers and crossdressing behaviors. Formerly at California State University, both are now academic deans at the State University of New York - Buffalo where they continue to specialize in psychological health education. Held on Friday, October 25 from 12:30 to 4:30 PM and a light lunch included. The fee for this Seminar is \$40.

Speech Improvement Program

Dr. Bud Heuer again leads these popular workshops. This year we feature two sessions: Beginner and Advanced. The beginner's workshop will consist of one session with the entire group, and three additional sessions with groups no larger than four participants. Each session will last an hour and a half, and training will cover one or more of these aspects of speech: relaxation, resonance, pitch control, pronunciation and articulation techniques, and conversational style.

The Advanced Workshop is open to those who have previously participated in a beginner's workshop and need no refresher course, but consider themselves to need more work in areas such as pitch control, pronunciation and articulation, and conversational style. The workshop will consist of six hours of individual instruction in private sessions.

MORE FAN FAIR FACTS: MISCELLANY

Associate Membership in Outreach Institute

All registered participants of Fan/Fair are Associate Members of the Outreach Institute for one year. Membership includes: Annual subscription to the Institute's quarterly newsletter; 10% discount on all items ordered from the Book & Reprint Catalog; and advance notice of special programs, seminars, and workshops.

Cash, Credit & Check Policies

We strongly recommend that you use traveler's checks and credit cards during your stay at the Fair. Personal checks are extremely difficult to cash. We will honor your VISA or MasterCard for cash advances (a 5% service charge exists for this emergency service).

Fair Phone

The official Fair telephone number, in effect from October 16 to October 27 (inclusive), and which puts you in touch with the Registration and Hospitality Centers, is 617-487-0758. Give this number to folks back home so they can reach you in case of an emergency.

Fair News

The Femme Fair Daily, delivered to your room, will keep you informed of the times and places of coming events. Share items of interest with your sisters by submitting copy (for the following day's edition) to the Hospitality Center by 3 PM.

Parking, Driving in P-Town

All Fair facilities have limited parking available to their residents. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis, and the Fair cannot guarantee choice parking.

There are a number of public lots, some quite close to our accommodations, and you may park as long as you like. These lots are indicated on the map you will receive at registration. Avoid parking on Commercial Street for extended periods of time, or where the curb is yellow, as there are restrictions, and fines will be imposed by local police.

There are some points of interest in the area which should not be missed, and you may want to explore by walking, bicycling, or riding horseback. Feel free to drive and use your car for errands as well as entertainment. There are no laws in Massachusetts prohibiting driving while crossdressed. You should, of course, respect all traffic laws, speed limits, signals, and drive safely.

Church Services

The fall schedules of P-town's major denominations will be posted in the Hospitality Center. Fantasia Fair participants also have a specific invitation from the Universalist-Unitarian Church, which is open to all regardless of belief.



SCHEDULE OF DAILY EVENTS

Please review the schedule for events that are important to you. In the past, people have arrived mid-week and missed the event they most wanted to attend. Please don't let this happen to you. Unless otherwise stated, a continental breakfast will be served daily.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>AFTERNOON</u>	<u>EVENING</u>
FRIDAY 18	Staff Meeting	Registration (2PM)	Cocktail Party Video Night (Tent.)
SATURDAY 19	Orientation (9:30)	Personal Growth I	Dinner (7:00) FanFair Disco Dance
SUNDAY 20	Breakfast (9:00) Unitarian services & coffee hour	Personal Growth II Fashion Show Auditions Follies Auditions	Free evening (on your own for dinner & fun)
MONDAY 21	Fashion/Beauty I	Outreach Seminar Fashion Show Rehearsal Follies Rehearsal	T&G Supper (6:00) & Panel Presentation
TUESDAY 22	Fashion/Beauty II	Whale Watch Fashion Show Rehearsal Follies Rehearsal	Dinner Fashion Show (8:00)
WEDNESDAY 23	Fashion/Beauty III Workshop for Spouses I	Legal Aspects Seminar Workshop for Spouses II Follies Rehearsal	Participant's Dis- cussion Groups (8:00)
THURSDAY 24	Fashion/Beauty IV	Final Follies Rehearsal Kite Flying Extrav.	FanFair Follies (8:00) Apres Follies party
FRIDAY 25	Fashion/Beauty V	Health Issues Newcomer Checkin	Cocktails Fantasy Ball (9:00)
SATURDAY 26	Sociological Seminar	Makeup Clinic	Cocktail hour Awards banquet
SUNDAY 27	Breakfast (9:00) U-U Church services Outreach presentation to Unitarian Church Coffee hour	Fond Farewells	

CHICAGO HOUSE

Provincetown

FROM
Boston &
HYANNIS

HARGOOD
HOUSE

Ocean's Inn
Registration

PILGRIM
HOUSE

FOLLIES
FANTASY BALL
FASHION SHOW

Unitarian
Universalist
Church

Roomers

Gifford
House
Back
Street

