

Bigger Faire celebrates 'image of human good, earth as home'

Friday the sixth Renaissance Faire of Lane County gets underway. This spring's Faire will last four days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In the past the Faire has only lasted three days, but it was "expanded from three to four days to give more people a chance to come and to spread the crowd over more days," said Cynthia Wooten, one of the Faire coordinators.

"It has also been expanded to give people more chance to get settled," Wooten said, "it seems as though you just get going good and it's time to close up."

What is the Faire? According to Bill Wooten, another Faire coordinator, "the Faire, as all fairs should, strives to present an image of human good. Today our experience is conditioned almost totally by the dominion exercised by metropolitan culture. No other world can be easily imagined for the future. The Renaissance Faire imagines a country world. We celebrate the earth as home."

This Faire is bigger than usual. Last fall there were a total of 200 craft and food booths, this summer there are 350 booths, 50 of which are food booths.

The Faire will also cost 25 cents more to get into. It will cost \$1 for everyone over 12. "It costs more to put on this year," Cynthia Wooten said, "you have to pay for lots of things people don't realize, such as toilets and keeping the roads up, and we are trying to get some money together to buy some land so we can have a permanent Faire site."

Along with the craft booths and food booths there are various types of entertainment planned for the four days. There will be acoustic music, puppet shows, stage plays, children's plays, a troupe of belly dancers, jazz music and a troupe of 15th century dancers.

On Sunday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. several politicians will be speaking and answering questions. Charles Porter, who is running for U.S. Congressman from the fourth district; Beuhla Hand, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State; Bill Wooten, candidate for County Commissioner; and Wayne Morse, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate are scheduled to appear. Morse is scheduled to speak at 4 p.m.

There are two ways to get to the Faire. The usual way is to go out 11th Avenue for 13 miles and turn down Territorial Road for a mile and then go down Highway 126 for about a mile to the Faire sight.

A second way of getting to the faire—the route Faire coordinators are urging people to take to avoid congestion—is to go up Highway 99 North to Clear Lake Road, turn left on Clear Lake Road and go all the way around Fern Ridge Lake to Territorial Road, turn left on Territorial for four miles and then turn right on Highway 126 and the sight is about three fourths of a mile on Highway 126. According to Wooten, the distance is the same.

There is free parking at the Faire sight and coordinators are urging that people leave their dogs at home. There will also be no camping at the Faire sight.

Arts festival tops mall events

Friday will mark the opening of the first annual Lane County Arts Festival to be held on the Eugene Downtown Mall.

The festival will include about forty craft demonstration booths scattered about the mall. Selections from the juried art show and works chosen for purchase will be displayed in various downtown store windows.

The festival opens at 10 a.m. Friday in the central plaza of the mall. It will continue from 10 a.m. to dusk Saturday and Sunday and the finale will be held at 7 or 8 p.m. Sunday evening.

Other activities planned for the weekend include a Dixieland Jazz Band performing from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday and the Eugene Symphony Ensemble performing from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday the Emerald Empire

Honor Olympian Band will perform from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a variety of rodeo events until 2 p.m. when the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association will play.

The Oregon Folk Dance

Federation will put on an exhibition and festival from 1:30 to 7 p.m.

The weekend's festivities will culminate Tuesday with the Active Club fireworks at Autzen Stadium.

University seeks approval to recruit for director

The University may soon begin recruiting for a fall ethnic studies director.

Executive Dean John Lallas said Wednesday the University will seek from the Chancellor's office of the State System of Higher Education a "go-ahead" on recruiting such a director.

Lallas explained that the State Board of Higher Education's academic affairs committee recommended approval of an Ethnic Studies Program at the

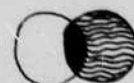
University at the committee's Monday meeting.

The full board is expected to approve the program at its July 24 meeting.

For the University to have an Ethnic Studies Program beginning this fall, recruiting for the program's director should begin as soon as possible, Lallas said.

He emphasized, however, that actual selection of an ethnic studies director won't take place until after the board's July 24 meeting.

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