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Fantasia Fair is a weeklong transgender event held every October in the resort town of Provincetown, Massachusetts. The Fair attracts people from the entire range of the LGBT community - crossdressers, transsexuals, intersex individuals, MTFs, FTMs, anyone who considers themselves gender variant and their significant others as well as professionals with an interest in the community.

Started in 1975, “FanFair” is the oldest and longest-running gathering of transgender persons for mutual education, support, collaboration and socializing. Fantasia Fair offers general and specific programs, as well as evening events designed to develop the whole individual.

Fantasia Fair is presented by a fully-qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more information about Fantasia Fair, including registration, pricing, refund policy, and scholarships, please visit our website at fantasiafair.org.



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From the Director

This is my third year as Director of Fantasia Fair, and the 16th consecutive Fair I have attended. I will still never forget the first day of my first Fair. I particularly remember being eager and excited to go outside and walk on real streets among real people. I had been outside dressed before, but always in very limited and controlled circumstances – with a club, or in the gay village, and so on. But today was different.

I remember that the sun was shining and the weather was warm as I made my way to Commercial Street, and began a stroll down the block. Here I was, Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, walking down a street in broad daylight, feeling the air, and feeling the freedom we all deserve. To be honest, I was so overcome that I had to stop and sit on a bench in a quiet spot, to regain control of my emotions. I knew that this is how we should all be allowed to feel and be every day. Free to express ourselves and be ourselves.

That was a very long time ago, and now I am out and about whenever I want to be. I no longer feel shame and guilt about my gender diversity; now I feel pride. Many of the regular gals who return to the Fair each year are like me and are very self-confident; many are transsexual and live their lives the way they know they should. But we all come back to Provincetown every year to see friends, renew our faith in the community, and reach out to others beginning or behind us on their journey.

You may not be aware of this, but Fantasia Fair is the longest running event that takes place in Provincetown. We are in our 36th consecutive year, and no other event is as long-lived as we are. I think it's because the support and accommodation, the affirmation and friendship we receive in Ptown is so genuine and affirming. And that describes Provincetown to a T: genuine and affirming.

The theme of the Fair this year is picking up on the Provincetown celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Pilgrim's Monument, and its theme, "It All Began Here." We celebrate that theme because, unbeknownst to many, virtually every trans event in the US has its roots in Fantasia Fair. In fact, Dallas Denny will be explaining this at her Monday keynote. That's why Fantasia Fair is about reaching out, and that's why we all work so hard to keep it alive, strong, vibrant, and yet personal and intimate.

Putting on the Fair is a huge undertaking, and there are lots of people involved – wonderful people who give freely of their time and energy to make this week in

Provincetown happen each year. All of these fine folks are working for the most important member of all – you. It’s you, whether you’re a first-timer or an old friend, who makes the effort worthwhile.

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert,
Executive Director



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Getting Started

If this is your first Fantasia Fair, you may be a bit uncertain about what to do and where to go. Fortunately, there is little to be nervous about - and you'll have lots of people around you to help.

If you are reading this in advance of the Fair, you will want to plan to arrive at your inn early Sunday afternoon to unload, unpack, and unwind. Sometime between 1 and 5 PM, make your way to the "Cabaret Room" of The Crown & Anchor so you can check in. The Crown & Anchor, also known as the "C&A," is located at 247 Commercial Street. If you have any doubts about where to find The Crown & Anchor, just take a look at the map included at the end of this book.

At check in, you will pick up your registration packet and get your lunch tickets for the week. Give your registration packet a look. It will contain the schedule for the week, the first issue of The Fantasia Fair Gazette and a printed copy of this Participants' Guide. You should take a few minutes to read the Gazette. The Gazette is published each day during Fair week and will contain any last minute changes to this Participant's Guide that were made after the guide went to print.

At 7:30 or so, head over to the Welcoming Reception at "The Brass Key," located at 67 Bradford Street. First-time fairgoers are asked to come at 7:00 so that we can greet you specially. Many people attending the reception are just rolling into town and may not have had time to change. If you find yourself running late or are too fatigued from traveling to change, don't worry - just come however you are dressed.

The reception is a casual affair where returning Fair-goers renew their friendships and greet first-time attendees. The reception is a great place to mingle and introduce yourself. Don't be shy! Remember that we all had to introduce ourselves when we first came to Fantasia Fair.

Just be careful of the time because you may not want to stay out too late on the first night because you will need to get up fairly early Monday morning. At 9:00 am each morning at the Cabaret Room there will be a special "Coffee Klatch" get-together just for first time attendees. We highly recommend that first-timers attend these sessions since they will really help you get the most out of your week at the Fair. Plus, you get free coffee!

At 9:30, you'll slide over to "Paramount Room" of the C&A for the orientation brunch. At orientation, you will get more information about what is going on during the week and the various Fair staff members will be pointed out.

Immediately following orientation is a quick meeting for volunteers. One of the best ways to get to meet people and quickly build relationships is to get involved. At this meeting, you will learn about the many ways that you can help out during the week. Most tasks require only a small commitment of time and energy.



Since you likely will be stuffed after the orientation brunch, no formal lunches are scheduled although there is an annual tradition of spouses heading over to The Lobster Pot, nibble on a few things and introduce themselves to each other.

At 1 O'clock, head back to the Cabaret Room at the Crown & Anchor for the first keynote address. Following the keynote address is a discussion with the presenter as well as a number of workshops, so make sure to check the schedule to see what is being offered at that timeslot.

Of course, if you arrive after the Monday morning orientation brunch then things will happen a bit differently. Whenever you arrive, try to get to the Fair office to check in as soon as you can. Except for Sunday, the Fair office is located in room 201 of The Crown & Anchor and is open from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM each day. The office staff can fill you in on what is going on and this Participants' Guide will help fill in any gaps.

You'll find that there are so many fun and interesting things going on all week that the hardest part will be choosing what to do next!

Welcome Partners!

Fantasia Fair has a long and proud tradition of honoring the spouses, partners, and families of transgendered people – those who support us in our everyday activities, despite of and sometimes because of who we are.

The Fair has always offered programming specifically for partners (otherwise known as Significant Others, or SOs), and this year is no exception. Throughout the week, you'll find programs of interest to those of us who are in a relationship. In fact, you will find that almost every timeslot for workshops has a session scheduled with an activity focused on couples or partners. In addition, Fantasia Fair brings highly regarded, well-qualified experts with many years' experience working with couples with a transgender partner to present these sessions.

The friendly environment of Provincetown and the shared meals and activities of the Fair give you lots of time to meet other couples and individuals in T-partnered relationships, to share stories and insights, to become part of a community.



If you are a spouse, please be aware that you are just as much a Fair participant as anyone else. The Fair does not distinguish between Fairgoers that are trans and those that are not. If you have registered for the Fair then you are entitled to participate in all of the Fair's activities. We want you here and we want you to participate as much as you are comfortable.

We urge you to take advantage of the special opportunities that Fantasia Fair offers for couples.

Welcome! We are glad that you are with us!



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Registration and Checking In

Although most Fair attendees will register in advance through the Fair's website, anyone can arrive in Provincetown during the week of the Fair and register. There are discounts for those who register in advance, so people are encouraged to register as early as possible. Advanced registration is available until one week before the start of the Fair. You can register online at fantasiafair.org.

Even if you registered in advance, you will still need to check in.

Normally, people check in at the Fair Office located in room 201 of the Crown & Anchor, but on the Sunday at the start of the Fair check in will take place in the Cabaret Room of the C&A. Sunday check in will start at 1:00 pm and wraps up at 5:00 pm. After Sunday, check in will be open from 9:30 – 11:30 AM and 2:30 – 4:30 PM each day.

The Crown and Anchor is located at 247 Commercial Street, across from the UU Church. It is easy to find; it is the large yellow building right in the middle of town with a lot of tall women and short men standing around. You can't miss the Cabaret Room, but if you are not sure, ask just about anyone you see and they'll point it out to you or check the map found at the very end of this book.

The next few pages will describe the check in process, ticketing, and your meal selections.

Don't Let Your Car Get Towed!

Parking is not easy in town. If you park in an unauthorized spot, don't be surprised if the car gets towed.

You can park in a municipal lot at the McMillan Street wharf, and a less expensive longer-term facility behind the Monument. Ask your innkeeper for advice – some inns include parking with your stay.

The Check-In Process

Just as you need to check in when you stay at a hotel even if you booked a room in advance, when you arrive at Fantasia Fair, you need to check in with the Fair office.

During check-in, you'll get a packet of goodies which will include a printed copy of this Participant's Guide, the first issue of our daily newsletter, *The Fantasia Fair Gazette*, an identification badge, and the tickets you'll need to gain entrance to the many events that take place during the week. Also, you will be given an opportunity to provide medical emergency information and a photo release, if you have not done so during the registration process.

Lunch and Dinner Selections

You will need to select which restaurants you want for lunches and dinner choices for the banquets. When possible, each person should have lunch at each of the three different restaurants during the week.

Medical Emergency Forms

If you provide any medical emergency information, please realize that we will use this information only the event that something serious happens to you where you are unable to communicate with others. We will not use this information in any other way.

Photo Permission Release

Fantasia Fair respects the privacy of all those who attend. If you are comfortable with having your picture taken, you will have an opportunity to allow us to distribute photos of you amongst other Fair attendees and/or use of our website.

For more information, please see the Video and Photo Policies section found elsewhere in this guide.

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If you won't be arriving on the day you told us you would, please call your inn and the Fair office and give an estimate of your arrival.

Special Needs

For those with special dietary needs, we'll do our best to accommodate you as long as you let us know. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can contact the restaurants.

Access for the physically disabled can be a problem in Provincetown. Most of the structures were built long ago, and steep stairs, small rooms, and tight spaces are the norm. If you have trouble getting around, let us know and we will find a volunteer to assist you.

You and Your Name Badge

Unless an event specifically requires a ticket for entrance, you can assume that your name badge will get you admitted. This is especially true for workshops.

Name badges serve another important function – they let people know your name! Names are important and knowing a person's name makes it easier for friendships

to develop. Even if you are a veteran of many Fairs, you should still wear your name badge for the benefit of the first-time fairgoers.

Fantasia Fair Business Office

The Fantasia Fair Business Office is located at the Crown & Anchor, 247 Commercial Street in Room 201.

The telephone number during the week of the Fair is 508-487-1430, ext 201.

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It can't be stressed enough that each participant needs to bring the proper tickets to each event and to lunch. Make sure that you do not lose your tickets!

Many people store their tickets for the day in the plastic lanyards that hold your name badge. This way, you will have those tickets available when you need them. If you do keep your tickets in your lanyard, we recommend that you keep only the current days tickets in case you happen to lose your lanyard.

Missing Tickets

If you arrive at a lunch or other event and you do not have your ticket with you, you can still attend the function but you'll be asked to pay for a new ticket. ***Afterwards, you can get a full refund if you bring both the missing ticket and your receipt to the Fair Office.*** This policy covers all lunches, dinners, and special events where tickets are given out or sold.

Exchanging Tickets

If you change your mind about which restaurants to lunch at, simply go to the Fair Office to exchange your tickets. We will accommodate you, if space is available.

If you show up at a restaurant for lunch with a lunch ticket for a different restaurant or day, you'll have to buy a new, non-refundable ticket. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Please Be Considerate

Please respect the office hours and the office staff.

The Fantasia Fair office is staffed by unpaid volunteers who donate their time. Please conduct your business during the posted hours. Also, please understand that like you, the office staff has to rush here and there on the streets of Provincetown. Don't fret if they're a few minutes late.

This non-refundable ticket policy is necessary since the Fair needs to guarantee a minimum number of people to each restaurant and give each restaurant advance notice of how many meals they need to prepare for.

Unused Tickets

Most of the ticketed events provide food and we usually have to provide a head count a day or two prior to the event. We have to pay the cost of each meal prepared, even if that goes uneaten. Even if you do not attend a meal, chances are that the Fair will end up paying for that meal anyhow.

If you have a ticket that you are not planning to use, it would help keep costs down if you returned that ticket to the Fair Office as early as possible. This way, we can provide a better head count and, therefore, help keep waste to a minimum.

Thank you, in advance, for your help with this!

Giving Away Tickets

Please note that lunch and banquet tickets are non-transferable, although registered attendees can purchase additional tickets.

Obtaining Extra Tickets

Some events, such as the Fashion Show and the Follies, are public functions and are open to the public. Tickets are sold at the door and, in advance, in the Fair office.

Other events, such as the banquets held on Tuesday and Saturday nights, are considered private functions. For such events, tickets are not sold to the general public and although registered Fantasia Fair attendees may purchase additional tickets for their partners, family, and guests.

Ticket purchases for private events must be made, in advance of each ticketed event, at the Fair office.

Purchasing Banquet Tickets

Fair attendees may purchase additional tickets for the Tuesday or the Saturday banquets, but must do so at the Fair office. *Tickets for these events are not available at the door.*

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Participants may photograph Fantasia Fair activities for their own purposes, provided the persons being photographed have given their consent. ***Please be especially considerate of partners/spouses, who are easily identifiable.*** It is wise and considerate to ask first.

Media representatives must obtain written permission from the Fair Director to attend any function. In addition, media representatives must obtain written releases from any participant photographed or interviewed. This applies to any participant who is acting as an agent or reporter for any media or proprietary publication. The Fair Director must give permission to send any photos to publications.

Fantasia Fair reserves the right to prohibit anyone from carrying a camera or making recordings at Fantasia Fair activities. Also, we advise participants that we have no authority to control activity in public areas outside of the Fair, such as on the streets of Provincetown, or at events open to the public, like the Fantasia Fair Fashion Show and Follies.

If you participate in the Fashion Show or perform in the Follies then you must accept that people will be taking your picture and the Fair has little or no control over the distribution of photos or videos taken at these events.

Although we encourage people to participate in these events, we don't want you to do anything that you feel violates your privacy, so think twice before signing up for such public events.



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If you do grant permission then our staff may use the images to present to professional and academic groups, crossdressing clubs, trans support groups or for marketing purposes, such as our website. We may also make these available to other participants who want a permanent memory of the Fair.

Please note that the Fashion Show and Follies are events open to the public, and photographers are not under our control. If you are in the audience and are camera shy, be sure to sit away from the stage, and please wear your “no photos” button!

Those who wish not to be photographed can obtain a NO PHOTOS button at the Fair office.

If you are a participant in either the Fashion Show or Follies, you should assume that your image will be recorded and published.



If you see a camera pointed at you and you don't like it, say something!

Comportment

We have no hard and fast rules about behavior, but we expect people to be considerate of others.

If anyone gets out of line, they'll know it, we'll know it, and the other attendees will know it. If someone is offending or bothering you, talk to Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Jamie Dailey, Barbara Curry, Jan Brown or any RLE board member and they'll look into the situation.

Recognition of Our Differences

Please recognize that each of us is on our own "gender journey" and may live a life that may be very different from yours.

Remember that not all of us choose females as sexual partners. Also, recognize that not everyone is "out" and nor does everyone want to "go full time." Some of us are crossdressers, some of us are transsexual, and some of us choose not to accept any particular label.

One of the problems most of us face is when others define us. Remember, we are here to define ourselves. Also, please keep in mind that not everyone wants to be a woman or a man in the same way, so it is only proper to be more than tolerant of how different people might wish to express themselves.

Some of us have very real needs for privacy and guard it jealously. ***Please respect the privacy of others, especially that of first-timers.***



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If there are last minute changes to the workshop schedule, you can find out about them by checking out the *Fantasia Fair Gazette*. Each day's issue will include the next day's schedule, incorporating any last-minute changes. Also, you will find helpful advice and reminders about upcoming events to help you get the most out of your week in Provincetown.

Published each morning, the *Gazette* is available at the Fantasia Fair office, the Cabaret Room at the Crown & Anchor, The Admirals Landing Inn, The Shipwreck Lounge at the Brass Key as well as at each day's lunch venues.

The organizers of Fantasia Fair would like to offer a special word of thanks to Audri Bazlen-Weglarz. Audri volunteers her time to make sure that *Gazette* is available to each day.

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A Fantasia Fair Special Event: Becoming a Man in 127 EASY Steps

From live music to high tea, from documentary films to performance art, every year Fantasia Fair offers special events that are fun and exciting. This year, Fantasia Fair is delighted to have a special showing of *Becoming a Man in 127 EASY Steps*.

Presented by Scott Turner Schofield, named a "Young Trans Hero of 2006" by The Advocate magazine, gives a performance that challenges fundamental assumptions about gender, sex and identity. Scott Turner Schofield puts his personal journey from female-bodied boy to butch girl to unrecognizable woman to man on display. Schofield employs multimedia storytelling, silk fabric acrobatics, and audience participation to reveal the life of a man who just happens to have been born a girl.

The "127 Steps" of the title refers to Schofield's "decoder wheel," with numbers that correspond to words like "man," "woman," "gay,"

"lesbian" and "body." The audience calls out the numbers for the words they want to hear about and Schofield has a story to go with each of the 127 permutations of numbers. Each performance is a different lineup and in a different order, making the performance unlike any other.

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Pioneer Awards Banquet

Every year, Fantasia Fair's parent organization, Real Life Experiences, honors transgender leaders— those who have often sacrificed their careers, their families, their fortunes— to change the world so transgender people could begin to come together in safety and comfort. Without them, we would not be here; we would be at home, hiding in our closets. We meet to honor their work and thank them for all they have done for us and to give them back a little in return for their decades of work on our behalf.

We ask you to help support by helping to fund these awards. This is the only time we ask you for money, so please contribute generously. Donations are tax deductible under Federal 501(c)(3) guidelines.

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This year, we have the distinct honor and privilege to recognize ***Ethan St. Pierre.*** Previous honorees include

Virginia Prince and ***Merissa Sherrill Lynn*** (2002)

Phyllis Randolph Frye and ***Ariadne Kane*** (2003)

Sister Mary Elizabeth and ***Judy Osborne*** (2004)

Joann Law and ***Nancy Nangeroni*** (2005)

Holly Boswell, (2006)

Stephen Whittle (2007)

Alison & Dotty Laing (2008)

Dallas Denny (2009)

Whom Would You Nominate?

If you know of someone that you think is deserving of recognition for their work in the transgender community, we would love to hear about them. Please send your nominations, in confidence, to chair@fantasiafair.org.

Recognition of Ethan St. Pierre

For more than a decade, Ethan St. Pierre has been making a difference for many, both in and out of the GLBT community. His efforts to help educate people about anti-transgender hatred and bias has reached people at the local, state, and national level – even the halls of Congress.

Ethan is no stranger to the impact such hatred and bias can have on individuals and families. He is the nephew of a hate crime victim, Debra Forte, a transsexual woman murdered in 1995, ironically, while transgender activists gathered in protest at the trial for the murder of transsexual Brandon Teena.

Since then, Ethan has become involved with the Garden of Peace Memorial, Boston's memorial to the victims of murder. Ethan became a board member of Families United Against Hate and the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence project. Ethan also works with the Remembering Our Dead Project as coordinator of the International Transgender Day of Remembrance, transgenderdor.org, where he investigates and updates the statistics of those murdered because of anti-transgender hatred or bias.

In 2003, Ethan St. Pierre lost his job as a security supervisor because of his transition. He has told his story to many, including legislators in Boston and in Washington, DC. Ethan has worked tirelessly for the passage of the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination against persons based on gender identity or expression.

Ethan is also the founder and creator of the TransFM internet broadcasting network and he co-hosts a live talk show on transgender issues called *Sodium Pentothal Sunday*. Both the show and network have been extremely important for their educational value on issues affecting the LGBT community.

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that the board of directors of Real Life Experiences, Inc. recognizes Ethan St. Pierre's contributions to the transgender community by awarding him the *2010 Virginia Prince Transgender Pioneer Award*.

Congratulations Ethan!





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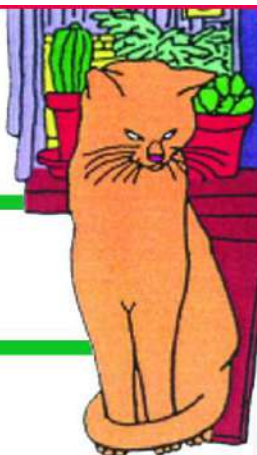
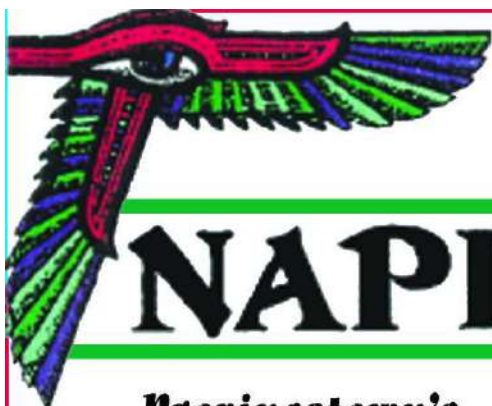
If you want to join in, it is easy. You should model three outfits that you have brought with you. They begin with very casual and work their way up to formal. The three categories are:

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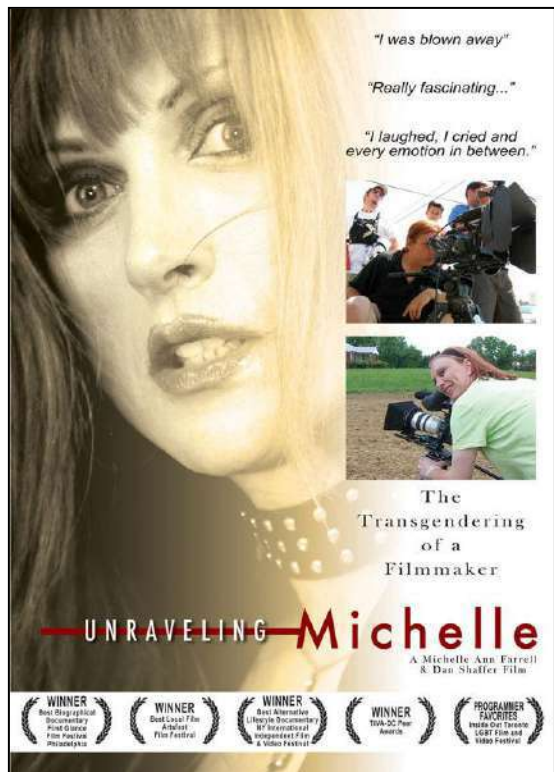
For the 36th Fantasia Fair, not one but *two* special events have been arranged.

At this year's Fantasia Fair will be the world premier showing of *Unraveling Michelle* by Michelle Ann Farrell.

Unraveling Michelle is a courageous documentary presenting a year and a half in the life of a well-respected East Coast filmmaker - formerly known as Joe O' Ferrell - as he begins to make the transition into the woman he has always wanted to become - Michelle Ann Farrell.

The documentary has been recognized with numerous awards, including BEST BIOGRAPHICAL DOCUMENTARY, First Glance Film Festival Philadelphia, 2008; BEST LOCAL FILM, Artsfest Film Festival, 2008; BEST ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE DOCUMENTARY, New York International Independent Film & Video Festival, 2008; BRONZE AWARD, TIVA-DC Peer Awards, 2008.

Although this work has been presented as screenings in various film festival, Ms. Farrell has decided to make Fantasia Fair the official premier showing of this award-winning work and she will be on hand to discuss her production.



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The Follies is not just an evening of fun and music, but also a charitable fund-raising event. ***Ticket sales and tips given to the performers are donated to charity.***

In recent years, we have supported the town library, the fire department, a woman's shelter, the Council on Aging, the Soup Kitchen In Provincetown (SKIP), and the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod.



This year, our focus is to help the ***Independence House***. This nonprofit organization provides free and confidential services for survivors of sexualized and domestic violence.

When you come to enjoy the Follies, we hope that you will tip generously!

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The Fantasia Fair Anniversary Awards Banquet is held on Saturday night. The Fantasia Fair Awards are presented to those who have contributed to the success of the Fair.

The winner of The *Florence Jardine Congeniality Award* is decided by secret ballot from all participants attending the Fair. The award goes to the participant who was the most open, outgoing, easy to talk with, and friendly, and who gave a sparkle to the group.

The *Brenda Viola Most Helpful* award is given by the Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee to the participant who really came out to serve her or his sisters and brothers and the Fair as a nurturing and helpful individual.

The *Fantasia Fair* award goes to those who have shown, by active participation and service over several Fairs, that they exemplify the best qualities of a Fair participant and stand as a sincere example of Fair ideals of love, support, and community.

Once again, we give our congratulations to last year's awardees!

Kimmie Eng, Ms. Congeniality

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In most cases, the innkeepers have invested their life savings in your inn to make it a personal showpiece and competitive in a community where quality is an important criterion. Treat the inn as you would your own home, because it is your host's home.

Show Your Appreciation

If you enjoy your stay at an inn, make sure to mention that to your innkeepers and their staff. Everyone likes to know that they are appreciated.

One great way to show your appreciation is to leave a tip. It is traditional in Provincetown to tip the folks who clean your room. You will likely find an envelope and your attendant's card. ***A good rule of thumb for tipping is about \$3-5 a day, left upon departure.***

Take the time to get to know the staff at your inn. You will quickly find that they are great people. They know Provincetown, and they can help make your stay even more enjoyable.

One of the best ways of showing the innkeepers how much you enjoyed your stay is to book there again for next year. Many fairgoers will make sure to book their lodging for next year well before this year's fair is over. For the best selection, it is well worth doing the same.

Spare the Washcloths!

Many of us wear heavy makeup. We urge you to go easy on the towels and washcloths. Cosmetics and beard cover are particularly difficult to wash out of towels. A good idea is to use makeup-cleansing cloths or baby wipes.

Special Discounts at Inns

Many inns offer a special discount for registered Fairgoers who stay for the full seven days. Make sure to ask about any discounts that they may offer. Please note that Fantasia Fair begins on a Sunday, so if you decide to come to town a day or two early, these discounts may not apply and you may be subject to a higher rate for these extra days.

Recommended Inns

Over the years, Fair attendees have tended to colonize certain inns. When an attendee recommends one of these inns to us, we spread the word. We also contact the inn to arrange special rates or packages to encourage more Fair attendees to patronize them.

These “recommended inns” are listed on our website along with any discounts they offer fairgoers. Please keep in mind that the rates quoted on the website are for the week of the Fair only, unless otherwise noted. The formal start of the week of the Fair is Sunday, so if you book a room starting a day or two before the actual start of the Fair, you may end up paying a higher rate for those early days.

The fact that an inn is on our website means that other fairgoers have found these inns fun, pleasant, clean, and supportive of the TG community. Other inns will also welcome you, and we do not mean to suggest otherwise. If you do stay at an inn not listed on our website and you can recommend it, please let us know.

Remember, you register for the Fair directly through us, but must arrange for your own accommodations. Many inns offer a special discount for registered fairgoers.

When contacting the inns, make sure to mention that you are to be in town for Fantasia Fair and ask what discounts they offer for fairgoers. The discount should apply to the published seasonal rate for late October. We will post on our website

our understanding of what discounts each inn will provide as we learn it.

Can you recommend an inn?

If you are a registered fairgoer and have stayed at an inn that you think other fairgoers would enjoy, then let us know! Send a message to us at webmistress@fantasiafair.org.

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On the Fantasia Fair website, www.fantasiafair.org, there is a page in the Events & Activities section devoted to “Professionals at the Fair.” Give it a look to see what is available. Often recommended is that you contact the presenters in advance of the Fair to make arrangements.

Please be aware that any product or service that they provide is independent from Fantasia Fair. You will need to discuss the scheduling and payment of any or their professional service directly with that presenter.

While the Fair organizers have a great deal of confidence in those people whom they ask to present at Fantasia Fair, the Fair organizers cannot be held responsible for any issue that could arise with these presenters.

Looking to Promote Yourself?

If you are a presenter and are interested in promoting your services, there are several options available to you. As a presenter, you can submit, for free, a brief description of what services you offer that will appear on the “Professionals at the Fair” page. In addition, you can purchase advertisements in this participant’s guide and banner advertisements on the Fair website. For details, contact us at advertising@fantasiafair.org.



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The Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee works year-round to produce this week-long event. In fact, by the time you read this they will have already been well underway in planning next year's Fair. These folk, like the others that make the Fair happen, are volunteers who do what they do for their love of the Fair.



Miqqi Alicia Gilbert



Barbara Curry

The Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee



Jamie Dailey



Jan Brown

Find us on Facebook!

Fantasia Fair has a Facebook group where you can find links to profiles of many of the presenters and fairgoers. The group also has a message board, photo album and the latest news about the Fair.

Other Volunteers

Every conference with the size, scope, and quality of Fantasia Fair requires a tremendous amount of effort from quite a number of people. The Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all those who have helped to make the Fair a success. These include:

Advertising Sales Dawn Marie Vaux
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 First-Timers Organizer Chrissy Sue McCarthy
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Real Life Experiences, Inc.

Real Life Experiences, Inc. (RLE) is the parent organization of Fantasia Fair. RLE is a fully-qualified, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and, like Fantasia Fair, is staffed by volunteers who work throughout the year to help make Fantasia Fair happen.

The Board of Directors of RLE is responsible for setting the policies and conducting the corporate business of Fantasia Fair. The Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee extends their deepest thanks and gratitude to these hard-working individuals.

The Board of Directors includes:

- Abby Saypen, *Chair*
- Barbara Curry, *Treasurer*
- Jamie Dailey, *Secretary*
- Trankila
- Andrea Susan Malick
- Miqqi Alicia Gilbert

You can contribute too!

Volunteering is easy and a fun way to get more involved with the Fair. There are numerous opportunities to help during Fair week or during the rest of the year. Please contact either the Fair Director, Miqqi Gilbert at miqqi@fantasiafair.org, or our Volunteer Coordinator, Emily at volunteers@fantasiafair.org Sheldon.

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A History of Fantasia Fair

Fantasia Fair has been part of the community for 35 years. During this time, the Fair has grown and evolved. Affectionately known as "The Fair," Fantasia Fair has progressed from a holiday experience for the transgender community to a mix of practical, social, and educational opportunities designed to enhance the personal growth and awareness of one's own gender expression. In some ways, the character of the Fair has changed little over the years - there is still the same warmth and camaraderie. In other ways, it has blossomed into something larger than was originally envisioned.

In 1975, the Fair was conceived in response to a "need for crossdressers and transsexuals to learn about themselves in an open, socially tolerant environment." Provincetown was picked as the host city because of its reputation for tolerance and it had become somewhat of a GLB Mecca. With some help from a couple of female impersonators who lived in town, some doctors practicing on Cape Cod, a few cosmetic consultants and about 40 participants, Fantasia Fair went from an idea to reality.

In the first years, the Fair was guided by Ariadne Kane, Betty Ann Lind, and several others from "The Cherrystones," a transgender support group from Boston. "There is a tremendous need for crossdressers and transsexuals to learn about themselves in an open, socially tolerant environment," said original founder Betsy Shaw. "We wanted to have a program that can help us grow in practical, social, and educational ways," said another founder, Linda Franklin.

This was an exciting time for the Fair, as it was charting new ground, since there really weren't any other transgender-related conference to use as a role model. In these early years, the Fair served as a model for transgender events all over the world. Even today, Fantasia Fair is recognized for its leadership in increasing the acceptance of the transgender phenomena.

By the early 1980s, Fantasia Fair was getting noticed - there was even an article about the Fair in Playboy Magazine! The Fair had grown to be a 10-day event and really started bonding with our host city. At the "Town and Gown Dinner" many curious locals attended wanting to find out about all these "men in dresses" strutting around town. Workshops were centered on wigs, makeup, and scarf tying instructions. It was a time for big hair do's, miniskirts, custom corsets, and disco and nu wave music.

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In these early days, registration to the Fair included not just the workshops and night events, but also accommodations at an inn. Most fairgoers stayed at the "old Crown & Anchor" where all-night pajama parties were quite common. Many of the workshops were "pay as you go," meaning a fairgoer would be charged an extra \$10, \$20 or more in addition to their registration fee to attend some workshops.

By the mid 1980s, the accent of workshops was changing from such topics as scarf tying and department classes to personal development. With the combination of educational seminars & workshops with social events, such as the annual banquets, fashion show, Fantasy Ball, and Follies, the Fair became "more than a vacation and more than a conference."

With each year, the Fair was attracting more and more people - some coming from as far away as South America and Europe. In addition to such notables as Virginia Prince and Holly Boswell, the Fair attracted many of the "movers and shakers" in the transgender community. These individuals were helping to guide and shape the community's identity and helped keep fairgoers on the leading edge of things. In fact, by the mid 1990s, you could take workshops that range from "connecting to the Internet," through the latest in gender theory, to advances in facial feminization surgeries.

Just as the Fair became more and more important to the professional and academic community, it had firmly established itself in the lives of many fairgoers. Although the Fair was drawing about 100 fairgoers each year, the Fair remained a personal and intimate experience. Relationships were established and renewed, such as when Kathryn & Lauren Bode renewed their wedding vows during the Fair of 1995.

By this time, many of the traditions that we know today had become solid fixtures at Fantasia Fair. Andrea Susan was hosting the Fashion Show, Sandra Cole was presenting fabulous seminars on growth within our community, and Mariette Pathy-Allen was showcasing her photography of the trans community. A few traditions had been relegated to the pages of history, such as the "Fantasy Ball" costume party and the "Red Nail Run" - a foot race with runners proudly displaying their red painted fingernails.

As the 1990s progressed, the Fair was being attended by not just heterosexual crossdressers. Male-to-female transsexuals were participating in considerable numbers as well as crossdressers who identified as gay or bisexual. Female-to-male transsexuals and intersex individuals were appearing more and more frequently and the Fair was regularly drawing partners and significant others.

With Fantasia Fair 25, the Fair itself started to undergo its own transition of sorts. Long time Fair leaders, Dottie & Alison Laing, encouraged others to become more actively involved in organizing and running the Fair. Pamela Geddes stepped in as Fair Director and helped usher in a number of significant changes. One of which was focusing on the activities and the programs of the Fair rather than housing by letting each fairgoer book their own lodging. This helped drive prices down by letting the marketplace keep lodging prices low.

These and other changes led the Fair to a new management team headed by Dallas Denny, and incorporating as "Real Life Experiences, Inc." Under the leadership of Dallas, along with Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Alison Laing and a team of dedicated volunteers, the Fair expanded its offerings. Recent Fairs have had partners-focused programs, academic colloquiums, classical concerts, voice training workshops, appearances from authors and filmmakers, and a wide variety of GLBTI-related seminars. Every October, professionals and academics from all over the world made the trek to Cape Cod to present to our attendees. In addition, each year fairgoers raise money for local charities and for Provincetown itself. All this accomplished while *reducing costs to the average fairgoer*.

The community of Provincetown has always been and always will be an integral part of Fantasia Fair. The Universalist Unitarian Meeting House has grown to be more than simply a church to visit while away from home. Shopkeepers, restaurateurs, innkeepers, business people, and artisans have all come to look forward to our annual October arrival. We not only bring another weeklong event similar to Women's Week and Entre Nous, but an event with a special panache; the townspeople have gained a genuine affection for the ladies and gentlemen of the Fair.

Today, long-time Fair contributor Miqqi Alicia Gilbert has taken the reins as Fair Director and has enlisted the help of Barbara Curry, Jan Brown, and Jamie Dailey. Each year, the Fair continues to grow in size and quality. During Fair week, fairgoers bring to Provincetown over 1,000 room nights, over 1,000 lunches, over 1,000 dinners, and generous donations to various community-based charities and organizations.

Although there have been changes over the years, Fantasia Fair is still a place for friendship, learning, and growth. The Fair is in the forefront for personal and professional development, and its stature has only grown. It will be exciting to see how the Fair grows over the next 35 years!



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Before they landed at Plymouth Rock, the Pilgrims stopped here in Provincetown. They found a wooded land, with large natural dunes along the shore. Water was scarce, however, so they moved on to the mainland, to Plymouth.

Provincetown was once one of the United States' premier whaling villages and is still a commercial fishing port. Descendants of Portuguese whalers abound, operating businesses and fishing boats. Portuguese kale soup (try it!) is a staple in many of the town's restaurants.



Today, Provincetown is known primarily as a resort, popular with all sorts of people, but appealing especially to gay men, lesbians, and trans folks. The population swells dramatically in the summer and falls off to a cadre of year-rounders who weather the windy and cold winters.

Provincetown has a rich and famous history in the arts. Artists began coming to the end of the Cape in the 1870s and they still come today. More than 100 years ago, Charles Hawthorn opened The Cape Cod School of Arts. Students' easels on the beaches have attracted crowds of onlookers since the opening days of the 20th century.

Today, the best viewing of new and classic American art is in the many galleries around town. When you're out shopping or strolling down Commercial Street, take some time to experience the rich art and history in the galleries.

Some of America's premier artists and writers have made their summer homes in Provincetown. Eugene O'Neill wrote many of his early works here; they were performed at a small theater on the wharf. Tennessee Williams and Jack Kerouac spent summers writing here— you should make a point of visiting the “Little Bar” at the A House, where Williams downed many a drink. For four productive summers, and between seasons at his home on eastern Long Island, American master Jackson Pollack summered in P-Town. Henry David Thoreau and Edna St. Vincent Millay spent time here.

From McMillan's Wharf or the deck at Crowne Pointe, you can easily see the bay and beaches to the south. Climb the Pilgrim Monument tower and you'll be treated to a stunning view of the entire peninsula! To the north, you'll see the Cape Cod National Seashore, with its magnificent dunes, beaches, and salt forest, just a short drive or bike ride from town. Hiking, biking, bird watching, and ocean swimming (if it's still warm enough!) are all available, with easy access through the National Seashore.



Put on your hiking shoes or rent a bike and follow the trails through the dunes, or take a motorized Dunes tour. Or perhaps you'd rather go whale-watching. Humpbacks, minkes, finbacks, pilot whales, and whale sharks are plentiful in the waters off Provincetown; and October is a prime time to spot them. A whale watch tour can provide a few relaxing hours away from the hectic schedule of the Fair.

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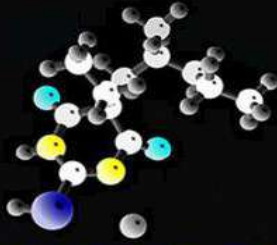
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The Mid-Hudson Valley Transgender Association's principal mission is to provide outreach and support for our members, their families, their friends, and to be active in the Transgender Community and the greater community of the Mid-Hudson Valley, New York.

- Monthly Meetings with Guest Speakers
- Talk and Discussion Evenings
- How To's and Practical Demonstrations
- Items of Interest to Transgender Persons
- Transgender Day Of Remembrance
- Annual Picnic, Halloween and Christmas Parties
- Other Social Events



Descriptions of Workshop & Events

A Transsexual in Camp Cupcake Federal Prison and Then Some...

Dr. Dianne Karron

Listen to the true story of Dr. Dianne Karron who has been a long time and regular Fair attendee. She was convicted of subverting grant money to help pay for overhead, power, utilities and medical / surgical costs for dental and GRS. She was indicted and convicted in 2008 and "visited" the Alderson Federal Prison Camp for Women (otherwise known as "Camp Cupcake" and following the shoes of Martha Stewart) for 7.5 months as a non-out MTF. She was sentenced under her male name but anatomically is a female. As she states "I never wanted gender to rule my life" but some people wouldn't leave it alone. She relates stories about her time of incarceration and subsequent life.

Are Some of Us Inter-gendered?

Alison Laing

Just as the world is not black and white, neither is transgender. If anything, Transgender is a multi dimensional complex rainbow of a very wide range of behaviors styles and expressions. It is true that many of the Transgendered folks have completed a full transition and are happily living at the end of the spectrum. However many more are somewhere in the middle perhaps slowing moving one way or the other, or oscillating around some comfortable point. There is no right or wrong place, but it is important to understand the issues that result from living "in the middle." For some it's the best of both worlds; but for others it's a compromise that can lead to depression and frustration. Join the discussion on how best to live an Inter-gendered life.

Professional Services from Presenters

Many of the workshop presenters are available for one-on-one sessions during the week of the Fair and most offer deeply discounted rates for their services. Don't hesitate to ask if they are accepting appointments.

Being Visible and How That Helps Us All

Joanne Herman

Stigma and fear of discrimination have caused many transgender people to live in the closet. Opponents of rights for transgender people use this vacuum to create scary images of us and fan the fears. By being prudently visible, we can win the hearts of the average American and cause true social change. To make her case, Joanne will share her own success in her career, her advocacy, and her personal life. Joanne highlights her points with readings from her book *Transgender Explained For Those Who Are Not*.

Bigenderism and Me

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Ph.D.

A discussion about how we have personally and as a group been impacted by the rules and restrictions of the bigender system. This follows up on the points made in the keynote discussion.

Book Signing

Joanne Herman & Mariette Pathy Allen

A number of authors attending Fantasia Fair will autographing copies of their books at the Now Voyager Bookstore. Schedule to appear is Joanne Herman, *Transgender Explained For Those Who Are Not*, and Mariette Pathy Allen, *The Gender Frontier*.

Brief Tour of Provincetown

Robert Anderson

Come join us for a casual stroll down the historic streets of Provincetown. In this fascinating and informative walk, which lasts roughly an hour, you'll hear about some of the town's famous sights and notable Fair locations. This tour is an excellent way to orient yourself to Provincetown and is highly recommended for everyone, but especially for first timers.

Cinderella... Alone in Paradise

Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D.

Coming to Fantasia Fair alone can be joyous and fabulous, a time to be with old friends, to play, to learn and to explore. It can also be a time for lots of thoughts and feelings about the partners left at home, how we feel about being alone in this remarkable place, wondering what they are doing, thinking and feeling about all of this. Join with others in private discussion to explore these issues: How does this

happen?, how does this work for me? ...being here perhaps with a friend, but not with my partner?

Corporate Diversity/Transgender in the Workplace

Dayna Walker

This workshop will speak about the importance of individual diversity in corporate America, the challenges company leadership faces internally and externally in regards to gender variation and/or expression and finally, the steps companies and the individual can take in order to transition and assimilate seamlessly into their current work environment. The workshop will identify specific cases where this occurred and where the transitioning individual can apply lessons learned from those that have preceded them in transitioning in the workplace. Program will also offer some perspectives from the corporate viewpoint to balance the overall group discussion.

DECIDE: Police Safety Talk with focus on TG Safety

Sgt. Carrie Lopes & Officer Rachel Peters

The Provincetown Police Department will discuss safety tips including what you should and shouldn't have in your wallet or purse, learning to be more aware, what your answering machine message should be and many more practical options. Adapted from "Developing Elders Choices in Defensive Education," (DECIDE) this presentation is intended to help anyone reduce their chances of becoming a victim. Participants will be able to make educated decisions in how they will respond to criminal or unsafe situations. Topics covered include: Awareness and Personal Safety, Intuition, Personal Space, Verbalizations, Home Safety and Security, Public Transportation and Areas, Street Safety, 911 Safety, Domestic Abuse, Cons and Frauds. This is an interactive presentation that includes role playing and learning exercises that demonstrate the many safety options available.

Defeating Bigenderism - Changing gender assumptions in the 21st century

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Ph.D.

Bigenderism is the assumption that there are only two genders, and those two genders correspond one-to-one with the further assumption that there are only two sexes, male and female. Basic bigenderism requires that legal documents and public institutions all demand a single gender/sex. Strict bigenderism is the application of these official categories in numerous social contexts that stigmatizes “imperfect” men and woman (those who do not reach the ideals set by the bigenderist schema) and transpeople. I discuss these concepts and their implications, present three models which successively weaken the bigenderist assumptions, and argue for the most radical of the three.

Desert Tasting

Come by for some late-night sweets and a nightcap!

Dual Attraction.... Our own personal duet

Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D.

Do we really understand the uniqueness of each others' journey in this amazing partnership we have together? Do we really listen, and do we really care to learn about our partner's perspective and experiences? How do we communicate? Who sets the "rules?" Is there life beyond transgender... together? What do I do with all these feelings I have? Can I be myself and also be authentic with my partner? Share with us for honest and compassionate discussions about our special selves.



Essence of Style: Image Consulting*Hera Navassardian*

In these semi-private sessions, you get personalized coaching on how to better understand how to present yourself. *Advanced signup recommended.*

Essence of Style: Makeup*Hera Navassardian*

Get makeup lessons from in a semi-private session with limited seating. *Advanced signup recommended.*

Family Dramas*Maureen Osborne*

When there's a trans person in the family, life can be more interesting than a reality TV show, and often a lot more challenging. Let's talk about the situations you are facing: from decisions about disclosure to the logistics of living a secret life. How do we explain the trans part of our lives to family members?

Fantasia Fair Follies*Barbara Curry & Erin Fisher*

Come see another some of the community's brightest new talents, both professional and amateur in this charity fund-raising cabaret/talent show.

Farewell Brunch

Come join your friends for one last meal and say goodbye until next year.

Fashion Show*Liz Winter & Robyn Bazlen-Weglarz*

Once again, Fantasia Fair is proud to present their annual Fashion Show. Participation is open to all fairgoers but only to those who can handle the glowing admiration of the crowd. Remember to sign up as a fashion show participant real early – we've time and space for only so many of you beautiful models. Signing up takes place Monday afternoon in the Paramount Room of the Crown & Anchor.

Jeffrey Spiegel, MD is the Chief of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Boston University Medical Center. He is **double board certified** in Facial Plastic Surgery & Otolaryngology and offers comprehensive surgical and non-surgical options in **facial feminization surgery**.

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Femulate: The "Center of the Blog Universe"

Stana

This workshop describes the care and feeding of a ridiculously popular transgender blog (www.femulate.org) that was once dubbed the "center of the blog universe." Stana, the woman behind the curtain, will reveal the secrets and strategies that made Femulate so successful that it averages nearly 6,000 hits per day. If you want to learn how to blog successfully or just want to hear the amusing trials and tribulations of a successful transgender blogger, be sure to attend this workshop.



FFS Maximizing Results

Jeffrey H. Spiegel, M.D.

Dr. Spiegel will review the goals and methods of facial feminization surgery. Post-operative photos will be shown. There will be a discussion of what procedures are available, how to maximize results, risks, and how new technologies and advances have allowed for improving structural changes to bone. Since 2004, Dr. Spiegel has performed well over 300 FFS procedures! Dr. Spiegel is happy to answer any questions from any interested fairgoers. Contact his office at 617-414-5058.

Follies Individual Performance Coaching

Erin Fisher

No matter how much (or little) experience you have on stage, working with a performance coach can make a good thing better. Make sure to arrange time in advance.

Gala Awards Banquet

The annual Fantasia Fair Gala Awards Banquet is the highlight of the week! Show off your finest threads in this black-tie affair and congratulate this year's award winners.

Guided Warm-up Exercises

Lezli Whitehouse, M.S., CCC/SLP

As an extension of her vocal workshops, Lezli is offering two additional mornings of Guided Warm-Ups, for those who want to maintain or nurture a feminine voice shift for the day or the week (although her preference is that you attend one of her workshops first).

Hair Removal Technologies and Techniques

Kathleen Caywood

This seminar covers successful and unsuccessful technologies, techniques, and practices of hair removal for transgendered males. The presenter has herself experienced laser hair removal; both self-administered and professional electrolysis; manual and electric plucking; chemical depilation; and abrasive epilation. The pros and cons of each method are discussed, as well as some dangers to avoid. The goal is to enable each participant to select the most effective hair removal strategy for her hair type, hair color, living situation, and budget.

Helping Ourselves: Lessons Learned from the Transgender Emergency Fund

Jesse Pack & Tanya Duval

Since 2008, the Massachusetts transgender community has run its own assistance fund for low-income transgender residents of Massachusetts. Learn about how we did it and how you can organize similar efforts in your home communities.

Honoring the Bliss and the Blahs

Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D.

Everyday partnering, parenting, loving, creating together can become an amazing journey with our partners. It's time to talk unedited, unfiltered and collectively about Facts, Fantasies and Fables. We will listen to the harmonizing strength from the voices of FFABs (Fabulous Females at Birth!). Come join with us! *For SOs only.*



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The Transcending Boundaries Conference is a Community Conference celebrating the diversity of sexuality, gender, and relationships. This conference centers around a common meal where we can all share our stories and join our voices on important issues. The seventh Transcending Boundaries Conference will be held Friday November 19, 2010 through Sunday November 21, 2010 at The DCU Center and the Worcester Hilton Garden Inn in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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"I feel good!" Out and About with Sophia*Sophia Cassivi*

Who am I? What should I wear? When will I be ready for this? Where should I go? Why am I doing this? So many questions with luckily, so many answers. The sky is the limit with Sophia Cassivi, learn in just one workshop, tricks on how to use the right tools to make this T-Life an outgoing one, full of positive and marvelous experiences.. from shopping, dining, traveling, dancing, walking, talking and even sneezing, all this mixed with some great positive humor.

Intersex 101: Similarities and Differences between Intersex and Trans people*Elder A. Vickie Boisseau*

This workshop will explore the social, legal, and medical issues faced by many Intersex people, as well as the similarities, and differences between Intersex and Trans people.

It Ain't Me, Babe - or Maybe It Is*Maureen Osborne*

What does being the partner of a transgender person mean about you? How has it changed you? What have you learned? How does this fact fit into the larger frame of your life story?

It All Started Here! The Mother of All Events...*Dallas Denny, M.A.*

Throughout its more that 35 years, Fantasia Fair has galvanized its attendees and staff, many of whom, after their return from Provincetown, did significant work in the transgender community. Dozens of support groups, national transgender rights and educational organizations, conferences, books and magazine articles, and films can trace their roots to that mother of all transgender events, Fantasia Fair. Come and listen and watch as Dallas Denny unravels this history, revealing the Fair's rich legacy -- and be prepared to add your own observations and tell how you yourself have been influenced by this mother of all events.

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It Was Started Here... Now What?*Dallas Denny, M.A.*

This session continues the discussion started in the Keynote address "It All Started Here! The Mother of All Events..."

Just a Girl on the Road*Juli Owens*

Experiencing a transgender life can fill you with excitement, sadness, self discovery, and loads of challenges. This is especially true if you live your life on the cutting edge of "Dual Gender." Juli Owens will shed some light on this topic with stories, anecdotes, and hopefully, a few laughs. Barbara Grey (Juli's straight, genetic woman partner) will join the conversation with her take on "what it takes" to share the crazy life of those who find it best to live in two worlds.

Legal Landscape: Updates in federal and state laws affecting transgender rights.*M. Dru Levasseur*

This workshop will give a legal overview of the current status of the laws that affect transgender people's lives. Lambda Legal's national Transgender Rights Attorney, Dru Levasseur, will provide a "know-your-rights" overview that will cover the following topics: identity documents, workplace rights, ENDA, nondiscrimination laws, and issues regarding bathrooms and other sex-segregated facilities. Plenty of Q & A time will be planned, so bring your questions.

Lost in the Pink Fog*Trankila, M.D., Ph.D.*

You finally made it to Provincetown, and Fantasia Fair was the most fabulous experience of your life. You're pumped up, full of new self-confidence and unable to think about anything but expressing yourself in your preferred gender role. Back at home, the world seems drab and you chafe at having to hide part of yourself from your family, friends, and co-workers. You want to burst forth, heedless of consequences, and proclaim yourself to the world, and you think you just might. Congratulations. You're in the pink fog. The pink fog (blue fog for FTMs) is the state of euphoria we experience when we take our gender expression to a new level. It's a dangerous time to make decisions, and yet a time when we most want to. Come hear Trankila talk about the pink fog with those in attendance and suggestions on how to find your way out of it. Highly recommended for first timers

Loving Your TS Body*Kathleen Caywood*

An MtF transsexual doesn't need to improve her strength. Instead, she works on flexibility, fluidity, and grace. This workshop looks at the differences in structure between born-male bodies and born-female bodies, and considers various techniques to blur the differences. Skin – not makeup – is considered as well, in addition to voice, facial expressions, and handwriting. In short, in this workshop you will learn more about enhancing the way your body interprets your transgendered nature.

Meet Our Family*Susan Collins*

Join Sue as she introduces you -via a power point presentation- to people she has come to know worldwide doing research for the news show she produces for TransFM.org. "It has been such an honor to learn about so many beautiful spirits throughout the world, people you never hear about in the states. And I would like my 'trans' family to know their family in other parts of the world also."

Meet your fellow couples: telling (or updating) our unique love stories*Maureen Osborne*

In this workshop for couples only, we will give ourselves the time and space to meet fellow travelers, and tell our stories in a safe and supportive environment. For couples only.

Monday Night Buffet

Swing by to grab something to eat before the show.

Monday Night Show: "Becoming a Man in 127 EASY Steps"*Scott Turner Schofield*

Scott Turner Schofield brings his show, Becoming a Man in 127 EASY Steps, to Fantasia Fair and gives us a performance that challenges fundamental assumptions about gender, sex and identity. Scott puts his personal journey from female-bodied boy to butch girl to unrecognizable woman to man on display. Schofield employs multimedia storytelling, silk fabric acrobatics, and audience participation to reveal the life of a man who just happens to have been born a girl.

Please note the show contains some nudity and mature themes.

MtF GRS, Breast Augmentation, Body Contouring and FFS

Toby Meltzer, M.D.

1) MtF GRS and Breast Augmentation - PowerPoint Presentation discussing current techniques for Male to Female Genital Reconstruction. Will show before and after photos and answer questions. 2) MtF Facial Feminization and Body Contouring - PowerPoint Presentation showing before and after photos, discussing current techniques and answer questions.

Neurobiological Evidence for Transgenderism

Cerise Richards, M.D.

Transgender Individuals know that their cross identity is fixed at a very early age. What is the medical evidence to date for gender variance being associated with the prenatal formation of our brains? There is strong evidence that the numbers of hormonal receptors are different in male and female brains. There is evidence for prenatal endocrine disruptors affecting the formative brain. What has been shown to cause these differences? Intersex conditions have been shown to be caused by single chromosomal gene location changes resulting in ambiguous or cross sex genitalia. How do they identify despite their cross hormonal milieu? Research has shown chromosomal differences in gender variant individuals. Is the "feminized, masculinized or transgender brain" determined by differences in brain hormonal receptors before the powerful sex hormones are released prenatally? While significant male-female behavioral differences can be noted at birth, what is responsible for the "continuous spectrum" of gender identity that we experience postnatally? Brain gender identity is determined very early in fetal development, but gender expression, expressed as behaviors requires hormonal, environmental, social and cultural interactions, which evolve with time. One cannot deny the profound effects of Testosterone, Estradiol and other steroids on genital and brain differentiation in-utero or their effects on behavior from birth or the physical and mental cross gender changes caused by exogenous hormones, but gender identity is determined before and persists in spite of these effects. Is it important for you to understand why gender variance is not a "choice?"

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Night out on the Town!

Part of what makes Fantasia Fair unique amongst transgender events is that it takes place in Provincetown. Since this is a leading vacation destination for the LGBT community the townspeople there go out of their way to make you feel welcomed, safe and respected regardless of your gender presentation. Interacting with the town is all part of the Fantasia Fair experience. Fairgoers are encouraged to explore the restaurants, clubs, theaters and other entertainment and cultural opportunities in Provincetown.

Use this unstructured time to experience more of Provincetown, to spend time with your friends in smaller groups, or to give yourself some downtime after nearly a full week of activities.



On-Site TransHealth Fair***TransHealth Coordinators & ASGCC***

TransHealth Coordinators, in cooperation with the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod (ASGCC), On Cape Health and others, are presenting the second annual TransHealth clinic to provide a series of *free* health screenings. The screenings include:

- Free HIV screenings
- Free STD screenings
- Free Blood Pressure checks
- Free Weight checks
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Plus, give a ways, resource information and much more! Please come by and utilize these *free* screenings, as knowledge is power - especially with your health.

OOOOPS! I Missed rehearsal! The Secrets of 'Savvy Sisterhood'***Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D.***

For the Tgals who have questions, are curious, have had challenging experiences, embarrassments "out there," and for gals who have figured it out and can share! Come and have a fun conversation, sharing ideas, recommendations and solutions to some of the woman's way life situations "mother never taught you!" Initiation into the secrets of behavior, decorum and movement known only to women. Lots of behavior of women is "under the radar," silent and clever. You may have already figured it out, so you can share the mystique with others.

1. Strut Your Stuff — the other side of the "runway walk"
2. Bunny Dip vs. Comfy
3. Dining with the Ladies
4. The "LOO"
5. And whatever else you bring to the discussion

Orientation Brunch

In this late morning get-together, you'll have a chance to mingle with your new friends and find out what you can expect during the week. We'll point out who is responsible for what, where to get the latest information, and talk about the various happenings of the week.

Picturing Fantasia Fair from 1980 to 2010

Mariette Pathy Allen

This slide show might make you laugh or cry as we explore the history of Fantasia Fair. You'll see activities we no longer do, portraits of "alumnae" and current participants, and some images of Provincetown, our partner for everything that happens at the Fair. My challenge: Create a slide show limited to pictures taken at Fantasia Fair, or people I met through through the Fair.

Private Lives, Public Figure

Chloe Prince, Ethan St. Pierre, Miqqi Alicia Gilbert & Tony Baretto-Neto

Each of the panelists have been in the TG community for a while and each has focused their energy on concerns near and dear to their heart. Each will discuss where they have been and where they are going now. What's their hopes and dreams for the upcoming years. Another area which will be talked about is the impact to their private lives and how that's played out over time. There will a chance to dialog with the audience.

Q & A Away!!

Ethan St. Pierre

Ethan challenges the community to come with questions. He's open to any and all. The keynote address should help trigger ideas and your questions will help illuminate the path for many - so ask away.

Registration and Check-in

Even if you registered in advance, you still need to check in! This is just like having to check in with a hotel even though you booked a room in advance. During check-in, you'll get a packet of goodies which will include a printed copy of the Participant's Guide, the first issue of our daily newsletter, Fantasia Fair Gazette, an identification badge, and the tickets you'll need to gain entrance to the many events that take place during the week. Also, you will be asked to select which restaurants you want for lunches and dinner choices for the banquets. For information about registration and the check-in process, please take a look at the section called "Registration and Checking In" at the beginning of this guide.

Sex, Lies and Money*Maureen Osborne*

Now we're feeling a bit more comfortable with each other - let's dig in deeper. Intimacy, trust, and finances are a few of the major issues facing couples of all kinds. With a trans partner, there are some interesting new twists, and here's a safe place to talk about them.

SO's "Get Acquainted" Lunch*Carolyn Caywood*

This popular meet-and-greet is back! If you are the "significant other" of a transgendered person attending the Fair, you are cordially invited to join the other "SOs" for a Dutch-Treat lunch. Get to know each other, share experiences, swap advice... You may just find out that you all share a lot more in common than you think!

Taking Our Temperature: Health Care Realities for Transgender Lives*M. Dru Levasseur & Tony Ferraiolo*

In 2008, the APA and AMA issued resolutions stating they oppose discrimination on the basis of gender identity and support public and private health insurance coverage of transition-related care. That same year, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) issued a Clarification on Medical Necessity of Treatment, Sex Reassignment, and Insurance Coverage in the U.S. which urges "health insurance carriers and health care providers to eliminate transgender exclusions and to provide the medically prescribed sex-reassignment services necessary for [transgender people's] treatment and well-being." This workshop will discuss the dilemma that many transgender people face in accessing competent and respectful health care on an individual basis, as well as the challenges that transgender people face on a large scale in accessing coverage of medically-necessary treatment from private and public health insurance. Presenters are the co-founders of the Jim Collins Foundation, an organization that raises money to fund gender-confirming surgeries.



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Working for Transgender Equal Rights

The Tango and Tangle of Love: the Power and Miracle of Love

Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D.

A symphony of words, thoughts and feelings emerge, reflecting enormous creativity, strength and capabilities in us all to embrace the exceptional qualities of each partner in their marriage, intimacies, relationships and families. Our gifts of stories, wisdom and respect for each other celebrate our amazing lives and love.

Terms of endearment: Learning to define your own terms, speak your mind, and negotiate with your partner around transgender expression and/or transition.

Maureen Osborne

In this experiential workshop, we explore the art of dialogue in relationship, which is more than just communication, and involves a true give and take that implies both self-knowledge and trust of the other in the context of commitment. We will explore questions such as: "Can I trust that you will give a fair hearing to my most heartfelt truths if I risk sharing them with you?" "Can you trust me to hear your response and accept it as valid even when it stands opposed to my position?" "In our relationship, what do I owe?" "What do I deserve?" "When can I say no?" "When am I entitled to do things my own way?" "When is it OK to defer to you?"

Tiffany Club Success Story

Paula Howard

What makes Tiffany Club so special to the greater New England / Boston TG community? Paula Howard, Tiffany chair, will talk about the group, it's programs, it's mission and outreach.

Touch Points in TG Activism (History, Current, and Future)

Tony Baretto-Neto

Tony has lived through various periods on the forefront of TG Activism. He's going to discuss where TG Activism has been, where it is now and what it might evolve into. Let's discuss where we might hope to take it. How has it been capitalized upon and what isn't there yet (e. g. ENDA). And just what is TG Activism anyhow and why is it important? What has happened to real activism anyway other than the veteran group & the ones arrested in Pelosi's office?

The Transgender Continuum

Cerise Richards, M.D.

A continuum is anything that goes through a gradual transition from one condition, to a different condition, without any abrupt changes. Dr. Richards postulates that a Transgender Continuum of Gender Identity from very male to very female does exist with Transgenders, both MTF and FTM, positioned "in between" what was previously a dichotomy of just Male or Female. She will show that Transgenders are genetically unique individuals each possessing a commonality of having both male and female gender identities at the same time with a predominance of attributes of the opposite gender to which they were assigned at birth. They are not simply an extension of the Male and Female dichotomy called bi-gendered, but a complex of multiple genders woven into a unique Transgender individual.

For the most part, we sit at a single point on the TG road of life and view the world from our personal experience and perspective. How far we can see ahead down the Transgender Road is individual and varies from person to person. We each occupy our place on the TG Continuum separated by our TIME on this path, but connected by our DIRECTION OR GRAVITATION towards the opposite gender of that assigned to us at birth. Transgender Identity, present at birth, progresses to TV, CD, TG, and TS. They are all behavioral stages experienced by the same person, just at different points on the Continuum of Time. Dr. Richards will discuss the scientific basis for what she says.

Unraveling Michelle

Michelle Ann Farrell

"Unraveling Michelle" is a courageous documentary presents a year and a half in the life of a well-respected East Coast filmmaker - formerly known as Joe O' Ferrell - as he begins to make the transition into the woman he has always wanted to become - Michelle Ann Farrell. The astonishing, long-kept secret is first revealed on-camera to his filmmaking associates. Then with everything in his life at stake, Joe/Michelle audaciously takes his camera crew along for the ride as he undergoes two facial feminization surgeries and begins living and working full time as a woman. "Unraveling Michelle" is a film that is uplifting and inspiring to anyone who is someone - or knows someone - who struggles with simply surviving in their own skin.

The documentary has been recognized with numerous awards, including BEST BIOGRAPHICAL DOCUMENTARY, First Glance Film Festival Philadelphia, 2008; BEST

LOCAL FILM, Artsfest Film Festival, 2008; BEST ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE DOCUMENTARY, New York International Independent Film & Video Festival, 2008; BRONZE AWARD, TIVA-DC Peer Awards, 2008.

Virginia Price Transgender Pioneer Award Banquet

Real Life Experiences

Every year, Real Life Experiences honors transgender leaders - those who have sacrificed their careers, their families, their fortunes to change the world so transgendered people could begin to come together in safety and comfort. Without them, we would not be here; we would be at home, hiding in our closets. We meet to honor their work and thank them for all they have done for us and to give them back a little in return for their decades of work on our behalf. This year, we are thrilled to recognize Ethan St. Pierre.



Vocal Communication and Gender Awareness

Lezli Whitehouse, M.S., CCC/SLP

This vocal session allows you to express yourself in gender-consistent communication. Lezli is also offering a daily warm-up exercises before each session and will be available for a few hours each day to coach performance skills or to work privately with you on voice exploration.

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Voice and Resonance Activities for People in the Transgender Community

Dr. Jack Pickering

These workshops will describe a framework for modifying voice and communication based on the work presently being done at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. There will be hands-on applications of techniques to modify voice and speech and aspects of language and non-verbal communication will be addressed. The first workshop session will focus on vocal warm up/exercise and inflection. The second workshop will focus on resonance (the tone of our voice) and phrasing. Handouts will be provided which will describe the activities as well as ways of practicing voice and speech at home

Volunteer Planning

Emily Sheldon

Some of the best ways to get the most out of Fantasia Fair is to get involved. Most activities don't take a lot of time but make a big difference to us all. There is always a need for ticket takers, office help, stage crew, and "Gal Fridays." Find out about opportunities to help during the week in this brief get-together.

Welcoming Reception

After a long day of travel, relax with your old friends and meet your new ones. Come dressed formally, come dressed casually, come dressed as a guy or come dressed as a gal - just come by and enjoy yourself!

Welcoming Transgender In Church

Barbara Curry

Barbara will discuss her experiences of being welcomed in her church as a transgendered woman and the movement in the greater church to be more inclusive and accepting. She will reference the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's document "A Transgender Curriculum for Churches and Religious Institutions."

What's the Rest of the Story?

Tony Baretto-Neto

Tony will share his recent experiences on the frontlines that will raise questions and yes, he'll answer those questions and others. Tony is currently working on things he feels will benefit most all in TG/TS community!

Where's the Community?***Ethan St. Pierre***

If it was not for community most of us would not be here. There are many aspects to the importance of our community and why it is so important. Please join Ethan St. Pierre in the revelation of some of those aspects and what you can do to take part. Building community helps to positively shape the future of all transgender people.

Winery Tour of Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod

Come to Truro Vineyards of Cape Cod for a guided tour of the vineyard and winery, including their state of the art barrel room. Learn about the art of maritime grape growing. Discover how they produce wines with intense flavor and lush character. After the tour, there is an optional wine tasting for a nominal charge per person.

**Your Ideas for the Future of Fantasia Fair*****Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Ph.D.***

In order to continue and prosper, the Fair must grow along with its participants. This session is dedicated to hearing your thoughts concerning the Fair, what works and what might be improved. No need to volunteer to do anything, other than share your thoughts.

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Presenters Biographies

Every year, Fantasia Fair attracts some of the finest and most knowledgeable people in and out of the Transgender community. Below are brief descriptions of each who is expected to attend. We encourage you to get to know these people and to attend as many of their presentations as you can.



Mariette Pathy Allen

Mariette has been a professional photographer, writer and speaker on, and on behalf of, the TG community since 1978.

She is the author of *Transformations: Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them* and *The Gender Frontier*, which won a 2004 Lambda Literary Award. Her photographs make a significant contribution to Leslie Feinberg's *Transgender Warriors: Making History from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman*, illustrate

Riki Anne Wilchins' *Read My Lips: Sexual Subversion and the End of Gender* and are included in many other books. She has worked on five documentary films, the most recent being *A&E -- Investigative Reports Transgender Revolution*, and *Southern Comfort*, which won the Grand Jury prize at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival. Mariette has been on the staff of *The Transgender Tapestry* since the mid-1980s.

She received a Trinity Award in 1991, an award from Fantasia Fair in 2001, for her artistic contributions on behalf of the transgender community, and a Rainbow Award at IFGE 2006. Her photographs are included in national and international collections and have been exhibited widely. Please visit her website, www.MariettePathyAllen.com.

Contacting Presenters

These presenter biographies are available on our website, fantasiafair.org. Many of these biographies have links to the presenters' own websites so you can contact them directly.



Robert Anderson

Robert C. Anderson launched PtownTours, ptowntours.com, an art and architecture walking-tour company of Provincetown, in 2009 but has been giving tours both domestically and internationally since the 1990's.

Rob is a trained artist and designer, an historian of architecture, interior design, and art, and has traveled extensively for pleasure and research. In 2007, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to travel to Poland and Russia, researching art and architecture. Rob continually volunteers as a docent for Boston By Foot, has led guided tours through the Walter Gropius House, and has taught at various colleges and universities in New England. He is presently teaching architectural history and interior design as a full-time faculty member at Endicott College, and is working on his Ph.D. work with the Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts (IDSVA).



Tony Barreto-Neto

Anthony Barreto-Neto is a career law enforcement officer and long time transgender advocate who has served on IFGE's Board of Directors, and was a founder of "TOPS" (Transgender Officers Protect and Serve). TOPS is an advocacy organization which offers support to transgender individuals in law -enforcement careers. His case was represented by Beth Robinson of Langrock, Sperry & Wool in Middlebury and Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, a New England-wide

public interest legal organization.

Anthony Barreto-Neto won a landmark civil rights case in Vermont on April 22, 2004. The Vermont Attorney General ruled that the Town of Hardwicks dismissal of Mr Barreto-Neto was due to his identity as an transsexual, and that it was a violation of Vermont law banning discrimination based on sex or sexual orientation. The Town of Hardwick settled the discrimination claim brought by the former officer for \$90,000 and is required to enact a formal non-discrimination policy against transgender people, as well as conduct trainings for employees regarding transgender issues.

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Robyn Bazlen-Weglarz

Robyn has been active in the community for some time, having been president of the New York chapter of Tri-Ess and Marchioness in the Imperial Court of NY by helping the court raise money for AIDS based charities.

Robyn is also well known about the Fair and has been attending since 2001. She participates in various aspects of the Fair including the Follies and the Fashion show. After helping produce the Fashion Show for several years, Robyn - along with her partner in crime, Liz "Ice Box" Winter - is the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Show. Robyn, together with her wife, Audri, now own and operate *Admiral's Landing* inn.



Elder A. Vickie Boisseau

Elder A. Vickie Boisseau AIS is an Intersex Activist/Speaker, and is cofounder of the Intersex Day of Awareness started at the University of Montana in 2003. The event has now gone national on Herms birthday on Oct 26. Herm works with Mass Transgender Political Coalition to end discrimination of all transgendered people. Herm has written a chapter about Herms life in "Hermaphrodeities, 2nd Edition" by Raven Kaldera. Herm is also going for a degree in

human services. Herm is also on the steering committee of Trans Pride United.



Sophia Cassivi

Sophia Cassivi is a French Québec T-Girl in her early 50's who lives right on the border of English Ontario soil. Married to a lovely supportive wife and with beautiful 3 young adult children now all living on their own. Successful business person in many fields but mostly in show business, her male persona is also a Musician, singer, writer and for the past 15 years highly respected musical and event producer in

Quebec. Publicly, socially and politically involved in a progressive way now for close to 10 years as Sophia in the Transgender community in Canada and USA. Sophia is the co-organizer, with her friend Amanda Ryan, of the Gal's Spring Fling, as well as an active member of Ottawa's Gender Mosaic, Toronto's Xpressions groups and also founder of S.A.F.I.R. Canada (a French Canadian Yahoo News Group). Her biggest priorities in life: Education, respect, love and on top of the list, happiness.



Kathleen Caywood

Kathleen Caywood maintains a website at GenderSong.com, where she maintains some MtF reference information, and blogs her post-operative opinions on SRS, love, God, and other matters. She has been crossdressing for over 50 years, and finally came out to her employer and transitioned on the job in December 2007. She had Gender Confirmation Surgery in March 2009, and continues to live with the woman she married in 1976.



Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D.

Dr. Cole is a sexologist, nationally AASECT Certified as a sexuality educator and sexuality counselor, and for 40 years has been faculty in University academic medicine. For the past 27 years she has been friend and colleague with the transgender community, working with transgender individuals and their partners on topics of sexual health, intimacy and relationships. Over a period of 20 years she has conducted scores of important group discussions at

Fantasia Fair, where she experiences many wonderful friendships, amazing programs and creative events.

As founder of the unique and large University of Michigan Health System Comprehensive Gender Services Program in 1993, she successfully served as its Director for 7 years, retiring from that position to continue her work with the transgender community and *strongly advocate for civil rights and social justice for transgendered individuals and their families*. Sandra retired from her position at the University and remains full professor at the University of Michigan Medical School.

She was also a founding member of Gender Education & Advocacy, Inc., www.gender.org, which is not active at this time.

Sandra has received many awards from the transgender organizations and community over these decades, including a Friend of the Fair award in 2008, a Fantasia Fair Professional Outreach Award in 1991, a Lifetime Appreciation Award in 2008, the Trinity Award from IFGE in 1990, and for five years the Esprit Significant Others and Couples Appreciation Award. She has been recognized for her contributions to Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Fall Harvest, Be All, Crossroads, Cal'Dreamin', Texas Tea Party, and Southern Comfort.



Susan Collins

Since obtaining her clinical degree in Counseling Psychology at Boston College in 1986, Sue's work has always been with those who are in severe circumstances – residential treatment, hospice, abuse, severe emotional issues and now with those who are on the path of gender affirmation.

Within the past six years in Philadelphia, Sue has served as coordinator of Mazzoni Center's Trans Health Program, on the Mayor's Task Force on Homeless Services and Sexual/Gender Minorities and the Task force on Sexual Abuse, The Planning Committee for the Philadelphia Trans Health Conference for three years, one as in-coming Executive Chair Person, as well as other committees and advocacy positions.

Sue continues her work as a gender identity specialist, does extensive educational and advocacy work in mainstream venues and currently produces a weekly news show for Transfm.org. Sue herself is a transsexual woman, cherishing the majik of who she is.

***Barbara Curry***

Barbara is the Treasurer of Real Life Experiences; she has been active at Fantasia Fair since 1996. She is also the coordinator of evening events all week long. Still, she is probably best known as the Producer and Emcee of the FanFair Follies.

In her time away from the Fair she is a member of the Connecticut Outreach Society and regularly speaks publicly on transgender issues. She is active in her church at both the local and state levels. She has been

married 29 years to Susan.

***Dallas Denny, M.A.***

Dallas Denny is a writer and activist who lives in beautiful Pine Lake Georgia, a tiny incorporated community in the middle of bustling Metropolitan Atlanta.

She has been honored with the Trinity and Virginia Prince Lifetime Achievement awards from the International Foundation of Gender Education and the Pioneer Award from Real Life Experiences. She was editor of the journal *Chrysalis* from 1990 – 1998 and editor of *Transgender Tapestry Journal* from 2000-2008. She is one of the founders of the Southern Comfort conference, and has played every conceivable role in the running of Fantasia Fair, including a five year stint as Director. She was founding director of the American Educational Gender Information Service, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that in 2000 changed its name to Gender Education & Advocacy. She remains active today as a writer and community organizer. You can learn more about Dallas' work at www.gender.org.

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***Tanya Duval***

Tanya Duval is a 72 year old MTF who started her transition 3 years ago. Her wife of 43 years passed away just over three years ago and that is when she started living as Tanya full time. Tanya is active in many trans-related programs such as: board of directors member of Aids Project Worcester (APW); Transgender Emergency Fund (TEF) steering committee; Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC); Transgender American Veterans Association (TAVA) and numerous Transgender clubs. She is also a moderator of a social club called Sisters of Worcester, which meets every Wednesday year round.

***Michelle Ann Farrell***

A world-class roller hockey player, and recovering drug addict, Michelle Ann Farrell has an "eclectic past." She has served as camera operator, director, assistant director, engineer, lighting director, and grip on freelance shoots, such as Wheel of Fortune, World Wrestling Federation, and many other television shoots. She also has written, produced, directed, and edited various other broadcast projects.

As an award-winning filmmaker, Michelle's documentary "Unravleing Michelle" has won numerous awards including BEST BIOGRAPHICAL DOCUMENTARY, First Glance Film Festival Philadelphia, 2008; BEST LOCAL FILM, Artsfest Film Festival, 2008; BEST ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE DOCUMENTARY, New York International Independent Film & Video Festival, 2008; and a BRONZE AWARD, TIVA-DC Peer Awards, 2008.



Tony Ferraiolo

Tony is Co-Founder and President of the Jim Collins Foundation, jimcollinsfoundation.org, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that raises money to fund gender-confirming surgeries for those transgender people who need surgery to live a healthy life, but have no ability to pay for it themselves.

Tony is a Manufacturing Manager at Madison Company in Branford, CT. He has held this position for the past decade and currently supervises thirty-five employees. In April 2009, he was featured in Fortune 500 Small Business magazine for his 2005 successful on-the-job transition in the article, "When a Staffer Switches Gender."

He is also a member of the Out & Equal Workplace Advocates Transgender Advisory Board. Tony founded and facilitates two youth groups in New Haven, CT: Translation, a support group for transgender teenagers; and Create Yourself, an art group for gender non-conforming children under the age of twelve. He also assisted in forming TransPACT, a support group for parents of transgender and gender-variant children. Tony is a sought-after public speaker for corporations, universities, hospitals, and community groups and he is known for infusing his stories of the struggles of transition with insight and humor. Tony resides in New Haven, CT, and is an accomplished songwriter and artist.



Erin Fisher

Erin was born to perform. She has taken the phrase "Life is a stage" to the next level. Since being on the stage since childhood, Erin is seen in community to semi-professional stage productions, receiving awards from the Ohio Community Theatre Association for acting and ensemble work. She has a belief that all have a performance in them that is just waiting to come out!

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***Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Ph.D.***

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Ph.D., aka Michael A. Gilbert, is Full Professor of Philosophy at York University, Toronto, Canada. S/he has published two novels, a monograph entitled *Coalescent Argumentation*, as well a popular book on argument, *How to Win an Argument*, now in a third edition. More recently s/he has been publishing scholarly articles in Gender Theory including an essay in *Hypatia* in 2009.

Miqqi Alicia is a life-long cross dresser and an activist in the international transgender community. S/he is the book review editor and regular columnist for *Transgender Tapestry*, the magazine of the International Foundation for Gender Education, a recipient, in 2007, of an IFGE Trinity Award, and Director of Fantasia Fair. S/he has presented workshops at numerous trans events including Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort, and First Event. Her website is located at www.yorku.ca/gilbert/tg.

***Joanne Herman***

Since her transition to live as a female in 2002, Joanne Herman has been active as a spokeswoman for transgender awareness and understanding. Joanne is the author of the book *Transgender Explained For Those Who Are Not*.

She is the first transgender person ever elected the Boards of Directors of Fenway Health, Point Foundation, and GLAD, the first transgender member of historic Old South Church in Boston, and one of the first openly transgender alumnae of Dartmouth College as a graduate of Dartmouth's last all-male class.

Joanne wed Theresa (Terry) Fallon in September of 2010. More information is at www.joanneherman.com.

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**Dr. Dianne Karron**

Dr. Karron is a scientist and felon who worked in medical imaging and tried to start a small company to allow her personal freedom. When she won a large grant, she discovered the grant owned her. The story isn't over as Dianne Karron is struggling to win a new trial and perhaps by the Fair in October, you'll really hear the rest of the story.

**Alison Laing**

Alison Laing has been a leader in the transgender community since 1986 when she attended her first Fantasia Fair. She was a co-founder of the Renaissance Educational Association in 1987 and served as leader there in several capacities. In 1993 she became a leader in the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) where she served as Executive Director for three years. She co-chaired the IFGE annual convention many years. Alison also was a

director of Fantasia Fair for several years and a member of the board of AEGIS.

Ms. Laing currently produces TG conferences with TransEventsUSA. She is the author of *Speaking As a Woman*. Alison was awarded the *IFGE Trinity* and with her late wife, Dotty, was awarded the *Transgender Pioneer Award* for her service to the community.

Bargains and Closeouts!

It's the end of the season for many boutiques, and you'll find bargains galore. If you have your eye on something that seems out of range, the price may drop at the end of the week— but beware you don't delay too long: you may find the shop has closed for the season!



M. Dru Levasseur

M. Dru Levasseur is the Transgender Rights Attorney for www.lambdalegal.org, the oldest and largest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and people with HIV. Levasseur focuses his work on impact litigation, advocacy and community education to advance the civil rights of transgender people nationwide.

Before joining Lambda Legal, Levasseur was staff attorney for www.transgenderlegal.org, where he advocated for transgender equal rights through test-case litigation, public policy efforts, community organizing and public education. Prior to that, he served for two years as law clerk to 12 Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

In 2007, he co-founded the Jim Collins Foundation, jimcollinsfoundation.org, a nonprofit organization that raises money to fund gender-confirming surgeries. Levasseur received his bachelor's degree cum laude from the University of Massachusetts, and his law degree from Western New England College School of Law.



Chrissy Sue McCarty

Appearing, at first, to be a “walking contradiction” within the transgender community, Chrissy Sue, a Marine Corp veteran, has been bestowed the honorary titles of “Admiral” in the Texas Navy, and “Colonel” in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On the other hand, Chrissy has been the subject of numerous articles in various publications and magazines, including “Transgender Tapestry.”

Chrissy Sue is a professional banjo player, and recording artist, who is best known for her stage acts on Merv Griffin’s “Players Riverboat Casinos.” An entertaining and inspiring motivational speaker, who has given over 5,000 major presentations throughout the U.S., Canada, and Australia, Chrissy Sue has been honored by receiving a coveted star on the Walk of Fame.

Chrissy Sue is a debutante within “Miss Vera’s Finishing School for Boys Who Want to be Girls”, NYC, and can often be found at various GLBT gatherings, such as Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort Conference, and Fantasy Fest held in Key West, Florida.

A frequent participant at “The Night of a Thousand Gowns”, the Imperial Court of New York’s coronation extravaganza, she presently holds the title of “Her Majesty, Imperial Highness, Tsarina Chrissy Sue”, within the court.



Toby R. Meltzer, M.D.

Dr. Meltzer began practicing at Oregon Health Sciences University in 1990 and started private practice in 1996 in Portland, Oregon. He moved to Scottsdale, Arizona in 1993. He has privileges at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Campus at the Greenbaum Surgery Center and Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Campus.

Dr. Meltzer performs approximately 200 Genital Reconstruction Surgery (GRS) cases per year. He performs both MTF and FTM genital reconstruction surgery. He works with a team for FtM GRS which includes both a Urologist and an OB/Gyn. In addition, Dr. Meltzer performs surgery to feminize the face and body as well as standard cosmetic procedures.



Hera Navassardian

Hera Navassardian has been in the fashion and beauty industry for more than thirty years. Her career began in New York City as a model for Bob Mackie and other designers like him. She has since worked in many similar industries, including consulting and demonstrating the finer techniques of skincare, make-up and fashion at high-end establishments including Bergdorf Goodman, SAKS Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and CHANEL.

Hera's love and passion for beauty and fashion has led her to open her own boutique and transformation studio, Klymaxx Unlimited in downtown Provincetown. Klymaxx offers a wide variety of services including make-up

consultations, hair and wig design, and skincare for men and women. She also carries a large selection of handbags, high-end costume jewelry, wigs, accessories, and her new line of clothing. Hera puts her heart, soul, and experience into all of her clients to help them achieve whatever they may be looking for.



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**Maureen Osborne, Ph. D.**

Dr. Maureen Osborne is a clinical psychologist who has been privileged to work with folks in the trans community along with their loved ones for the last 18 years. She is in private practice in Malvern, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia and is a member of the American Psychological Association, Division 44 of the APA (specializing in GLBT issues), the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. Her work is firmly grounded in Contextual Therapy, which emphasizes justice and fairness in relationships.

Dr. Osborne has presented workshops alone and in collaboration with Dr. Richard Docter at numerous gender conferences over the last 10 years. She is on the adjunct therapy staff of the Papillon Center in Bensalem, PA, where Dr. Christine McGinn performs gender confirming surgeries, and was featured with Dr. McGinn in the groundbreaking MSNBC documentary, "A Change of Gender". Dr. Osborne is a loyal and loving straight ally to the GLBT community, the mother of two wonderful young adults, and performs lead and backup vocals in the band, "Red Beans and Rice."

**Juli Owens**

Juli Owens is a dual-gendered Trans woman. As a Transgender Rights activist, she is Director of LITAC, Long Island's transgendered advocacy group, and a member of the New York State GENDA Coalition. In 2006, she addressed the Suffolk County Legislature on three separate occasions to protect Transgender Rights. Owens is a member of the Empire State Pride Agenda Board of Directors, Vice-Chair of the Gay & Lesbian Democrats of Suffolk County, and a member of the Suffolk County Democratic Committee Executive Board.

Owens' first amateur movie, entitled *Gender Getaway*, was featured at the 2005 Long Island Gay and Lesbian Film Festival and the 2006 Seattle Transgender Film Festival. In January 2008, she was the keynote speaker for First Event. In 2009, Owens received the Long Island Outlook Magazine's Activist of the Year award, and she was honored as a Grand Marshall of the Long Island Pride Parade.

***Jesse Pack***

Jesse Pack has worked in human services for more than 7 years and is currently the Director of Prevention and Education at AIDS Project Worcester. Jesse co-founded the Transgender Emergency Fund in 2008 and currently serves on its Steering Committee. Jesse is also openly transgender and has been active in trans communities for almost 10 years.

Officer Rachel Peters

Officer Rachel Peters is a 28 year Veteran of the Provincetown Police Department. She is the Elder Affairs-Triad Officer for the Town of Provincetown. Officer Peters was born and raised in Provincetown and has very close ties in the community. She has been a full time police officer since 2001 and previously had served as Provincetown Records clerk, Chief Secretary and Animal Control Officer. She is also a volunteer Firefighter for the town as well as a Constable, Notary and a Justice of the Peace for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Officer Peter is proud to be a part of the Fantasia Fair family!

***Jack Pickering, Ph.D., CCC-SLP***

Jack Pickering is an Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at The College of Saint Rose and speech-language pathologist for Capital Region ENT. He directs the College of Saint Rose Voice Modification Program for People in the Transgender Community. Dr. Pickering has been an ASHA-certified SLP since 1984, focusing on the assessment and treatment of voice disorders. Dr. Pickering received his BA and MA from the University of Maine, and his doctoral degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences at Ohio University in 1990. His teaching interests include voice disorders and voice science. Dr. Pickering has presented 49 refereed papers at international, national and state conferences and has published in the areas of voice, higher education and computer applications. In 2010, he was presented with the Distinguished Clinician Award from the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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***Chloe Alison Prince***

Chloe Prince is the founder of the very popular website, PINKessence, www.pinkessence.com a Facebook-style social networking site, specifically for the male-to- female transgendered community, their family and supportive allies. Chloe and her family were recently featured on an hour long episode of ABC's Primetime Family Secrets which allowed a rare an intimate look inside the life of a family, post-transition.

Chloe has lobbied in Washington DC with NCTE in support of ENDA and the recently passed Hate Crimes Bill. She has appeared in Ladylike Magazine, Woman's Own Magazine (UK), and been featured on numerous Radio talk shows as an activist for the Transgender community, as well as local TV news segments.

***Cerise Richards, M.D.***

Dr. Cerise Richards is a retired Urological Surgeon with a fifty-year understanding of Transgenderism. She was a former Clinical Professor of Urology and Chief of Urology at the DC VA Medical Center, where she has cared for Transgendered patients. She is the former Medical Writer for Transgender Forum, Renaissance Community News and Transgender Education Association, where she has written over 50 medical articles. In 2009 she chaired a Symposium at the

American Psychiatric Association's Annual Meeting entitled "The Neurobiological Evidence for Transgenderism".

Twenty years of Scientific Research in humans has lead to the inescapable conclusion that Brain Gender Identity is determined in the womb and fixed at birth. She showed in multiple studies how Transgender Brains think, smell, and hear like the opposite sex. Internationally accepted guidelines were presented and subsequently published by the Endocrine Society as a Clinical Practice Guideline for the Endocrine Treatment of Transsexuals.

***Scott Turner Schofield***

Scott Turner Schofield has been honored with a prestigious Princess Grace Foundation Fellowship for acting and has toured two original solo performances, *Underground Transit* and *Debutante Balls*, to colleges, festivals, and theaters nationwide since 2001.

He is widely recognized for his educational and informative leadership on transgender issues. Schofield is the recipient of several awards for his performance work, among them a "Fruitie" for Off-Broadway Performance; a 2007 Princess Grace Foundation Fellowship in Acting; and a Creation Fund Commission from the National Performance Network for "*Becoming a Man in 127 Easy Steps*."

***Jeffrey Spiegel, M.D.***

Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel is Chief of the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Boston Medical Center and holds academic appointments in the Departments of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery and Plastic Surgery at the Boston University School of Medicine. His practice specializes in Facial Feminization Surgery. He sees head and neck surgery and facial cosmetic surgery patients at Boston Medical Center in Boston's historic and vibrant South End.

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Ethan St. Pierre

Ethan St. Pierre is an FtM transsexual, gender activist. In 1999 he learned of the transgender movement and began to lobby Congress on behalf of hate crime victims and survivors. Ethan is a board member of Families United Against Hate, the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence project, the Garden of Peace Memorial, and he works with the Remembering Our Dead Project as coordinator of The International Transgender Day of Remembrance and he investigates and updates the statistics of those who are murdered

as a result of anti-transgender hatred or bias. You can find that information at www.transgenderdor.org. Also, Ethan is the recipient of the *2010 Virginia Prince Transgender Pioneer Award*, in recognition of his many years of service to the trans community.

Ethan is also the founder and creator of the TransFM internet broadcasting network, www.TransFM.org. and he co-hosts a live talk show with TG Spirit called *Sodium Pentothal Sunday*. In his spare time he hangs out with his wife, Karen and their cat Samantha.



Stana

Stana-Stana, or just "Stana" for short, is a woman who began crossdressing in her early teens and tiptoed out of the closet on Halloweens in her late teens. Honing the skills necessary to allow her to pass as a woman in society (without hormones or surgery), she exited the closet permanently and began documenting her adventures en femme in her blog (www.femulate.org), where she evangelizes the normality of being a woman, although male.



Trankila, M.D., Ph.D.

Trankila is a Board Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist presently in private practice. *"At the age of 27, I went into my internal psychological closet, and found a cute 2 two year old girl, like a telephone blinking on hold. I invited her out, she came willingly, and for the next thirty years, I worked on becoming more emotionally healthy. Five years ago, aware of my fascination with beautiful women, I said to myself, "why not become that which you most admire." I began dressing in public, going first to a local monthly fetish night. Then I discovered IFGE and Southern Comfort and Fan Fair."*

Trankila is a Board Certified Child/Adolescent and Adult Psychiatrist in solo practice in the Midwest. S/he came out as a crossdresser at age 57, eleven years ago, has attended IFGE, Southern Comfort and Fantasia Fair since 2000, felt accepted by the Trans Community and looks forward to this years event. Trankila is also a member of the board of directors for Real Life Experience, Inc., the parent organization of Fantasia Fair.



Dayna Walker

Dayna Walker has over 20 years experience in human resources and currently operates Systems 81 Consulting, LLC and Pivotal Transformations, whose focus is solely transgendered clients. Dayna speaks nationally on behalf of transgender in the workplace and works diligently to ensure those that wish to transition on the job can do so in a seamless manner. Dayna holds an MBA from Liberty University and is currently pursuing a second Master in Science in Counseling Psychology from Troy University.



Lezli A. Whitehouse, M.S., CCC/SLP

Combining scientific and theatrical work is a passion for Lezli. She currently holds a Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology, and works full time in that area. Prior to this manifestation of life Lezli worked and trained in professional theatre with a focus on voice work, for over twenty years. Her teaching explores one's own voice and the ability to express it fully and naturally. Lezli's training includes mime, gender in movement, speech articulation, accents, voice work for stage and television, as well as many genres of singing. Some of her training comes from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, the University of Iowa, Kristin Linklater, Andrea James, and Lindsay Crouse. Personally, she has learned much from her many Transgender friends as well as studying and exploring Gender roles and social challenges. She feels at home in the world of gender shift, and looks forward to returning to Fan Fair! You can contact Lezli via lezlivoice@gmail.com.



Liz Winter

Liz Winter, a.k.a Elizabeth "Ice Box" Winters, started her show business career at the age of eleven at *Miss Penelope's School of Stillness* in Reykjavik, Iceland. In 1950, at sixteen, she became the youngest person to qualify to teach modern dance throughout the island.

In 1962, Liz became a resident female impersonator in Gaborone, Botswana. She tour the country under the name of "Miss De Bus," introducing a mixture of mime, live vocals, standup comedy, amazing gowns and a uniquely choreographed number that included three chickens and plunger. By the end of the decade, Ms. Winters found herself in Bangkok, where she languished in forgotten obscurity until talent scouted by Robert Kent in 1996 when she was recruited to play the parts of Princess Leia and Jabba the Hutt in a three-man drag version of *Star Wars*. Although critically acclaimed, the play shut down after two nights in Cabot Cove, Maine, due to copyright violations.

Since then, Ms. Winter performing as "The Ice Box," has relived her floorshow and has been touring in Eastern Turkey, billed "the ultimate in entertainment adventure for a girl and a girdle."

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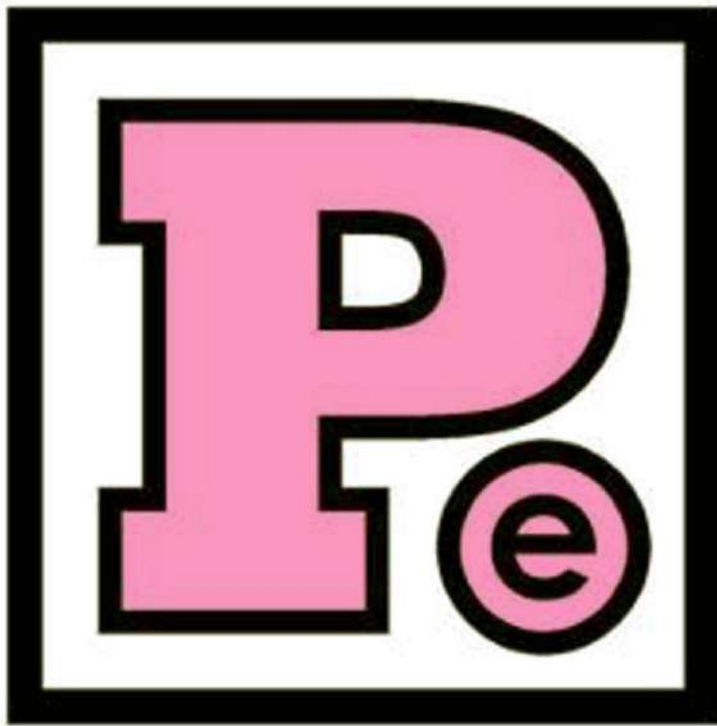
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Commercial Street is the main street in Provincetown and it is the street closest to the bay. Bradford Street is one block further from the water. If you know these two streets, navigating Provincetown will be much easier. Know also that there is an East End and a West End of town. The dividing line between “east” and “west” is roughly the Provincetown Monument, which is the very large granite tower off Bradford Street.

Fantasia Fair Office:

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Note that this telephone number reaches the Fair office during Fair week only.

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- 10 UU Meeting House



Some Words of Thanks

Fantasia Fair requires an enormous amount of work, planning, thought, effort, and cooperation. It's August as I write this, and it looks like we'll approach 3,000 emails for this year. We also have monthly conference calls that often last longer than two hours, and then there are the bi-monthly Board calls as well. In other words, your Fair is the result of a lot of sweat and effort - and you know what sweat does to make up!

Much of what is done is obvious. This includes the programming organized by Jan Brown, the evening events organized by Barbara Curry, and the program book and web site produced by Jamie Dailey. But while there are areas of responsibility, we are all in constant communication seeking feedback, ideas and support. It really is a committee effort. I want to thank, and I hope you will as well, all these folks for their Herculean efforts.

In addition to the most visible aspects of the Fair, there are many components that seem to simply appear, but in reality are the result of a lot of work. The lunch venues have to be organized and menus and fees negotiated, and banquets require meetings and dealings. The Follies and Fashion Show also demand work and commitment. Even beyond these aspects there is the huge work of the RLE Board, *Chair* Abby Saypen, *Treasurer* Barbara Curry, *Secretary* Jamie Dailey and members Andrea Susan and Trankila. The Real Life Experiences Board oversees the fiduciary aspects of the Fair, and gives out the Pioneer Awards and scholarships. We want to thank them all.

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