



Issue 3

Fantasia Fair Gazette

Tues., October 22

Tomorrow's Schedule

Wednesday October 23rd 1991

Partners' Coffee Call	<i>Hargood 4</i>	<i>9:30-?</i>
Fashion & Beauty	Gifford	10:00-11:30
Personal Development II, Session 3	Fairbanks Carriage House	10:00-12:00
Lunch: Femininity/Masculinity	Capers	12:00-2:00
Lunch: New Pathways to Gender Happiness	<i>Gruber's (227 Commercial)</i>	12:00-2:00
Leadership Training, Session 3	Gifford (Backstreet)	2:00-4:00
Follies Rehearsal	Crown & Anchor	2:00-5:00
Outreach Banquet	The Mews	6:30-11:00
House Parties	At Your House	11:00-12:30

Changes are in italics.

Notices...

Be sure to check the schedule of events in each day's Gazette. The information is being updated hour by hour. (This, in no way means anything will be accurate-- Ed.)

The CD in Search of a Partner workshop, scheduled for Thursday afternoon, has been canceled. Refunds are available at the Fair office. (Dang nab it, I wuz hopin there'd be an extra partner-- Ed.)

People who plan to attend Niela's Dream Workshop on Thursday: If you can recall a recent dream, please write it down and bring it with you to the workshop. (Note: non-dreamers should not feel excluded from this workshop. You can still participate and who knows? You might go home with a dream...) Tickets are still available for this workshop in the Fair office.

Fashion Show 2 Nite!!

More Inside....

Billie Jean Blabs (and blabs and...)

Good evening siblings, time for another episode of typos, innuendo and random confusion. In case any of you suffer confusion over items in the newsletter, rest assured that they are all intentional. Yes indeed, it's another FanFair program to help participants increase their ability to think-- in other words, a few clues are scattered here and about so you (yes you) can practice cognition. Pretty cool, hey?

Okay, how 'bout that whale watch? See those Sperm whales blowing off?? Way cool. Not to mention the Humpbacks!! Oh! And the tour guide-- check this out: She alerts everyone to look-- "That one's a little weird... whoops, I, I, I didn't mean any of you..." Gee, she seems a little weirded out, don't she??

And, what's all this talk on the street about sex for ten? I knew there was a raffle but....

Hadda lotta fun at the legal seminar. Mainly because it was the first day that I've had lunch since arriving. Of course, I was just a teensie bit late, and as soon as I sat down to eat, everyone left!! (do you think there's a clue I'm missing?) Anyway, one of the highlights of the seminar was that there's nothing illegal about going out "dressed"; however, going out in public undressed just ain't cool, kids! (More like freeze your tush off!)

Have you noticed alla stoop shoulder women around here? Must be the weight of the world, er something like that... and speaking of unladylike postures, ya know what a moose shot is? It's kinda like a beaver shot...

Our Godmother had a little trip last night entering the P'town Arts Association/Museum. She recovered with decorum, and according to spies had a good time as did the two hundred plus other attendees. This event was a great success and several hundred dollars will be delivered to the Arts Association as soon as we locate Sterling Stowell who was last seen heading for... the jewelry stores???

NEW CONTEST!!: A special prize awaits the person who can spot the most typos in the newsletters (so don't wrap your fish in 'em). Bring results to the fabled FanFair office!

Hey! Lookee here, we gotta another contributor! (a poet, no less):

I WANT

I want to be me, I want to feel free/ To run through meadows, skipping with glee.
I want to feel the wind blow my hair/ To giggle, to laugh, and smile with care.
I want to feel soft silk and fine delicate lace/ I want to feel my soft, smooth face.
I want to kiss friends, women or men/ And give a hug now and then.
I want to have pretty feminine things/ Dolls, stuffies, necklaces, and rings.
I want lots of skirts and dresses galore/ Nightgowns, high heels, and a whole lot more.
I want painted toes and nails of red/ I want lace and ruffles adorning my bed.
I want the things denied to me/ I want to be Alycia, I want to be me.

--Alycia Anne Davis

National Transsexual Conference

Last month, Outreach Institute sponsored the first-ever conference for post-op transsexuals. With attendees from California to Maine, it was truly a national event. It was also an amazing, inspiring, and powerful experience. The following is an account by one of the participants.

The New Woman Conference took place a month ago, but it seems like years. Yet the connection I feel with the twenty post-op TS participants feel just as strong and real as it did that weekend. I remember feeling some uneasiness about attending. What did I have in common with other transsexuals, beyond having undergone sex reassignment surgery? I've never been active in any gender community. I went through my transformation in Vermont eight years ago. My mind was full of doubt and some fear as I traveled to the conference.

I wasn't but a few hours into the weekend-long event when I began to feel the power of our community. For the very first time in my 38 years on this planet, I was part of a community where I was not different; where my experience was our common heritage. There were plenty of opportunities for us to celebrate our passage. I heard folks relate their stories; their pain, separation, longing, their process of achieving wholeness. In that process of sharing, I felt blessed in my path. I was not alone. At different times, we met as a group or we gathered in small groups. The honest sharing was empowering. During the campfire sing-along we affirmed our connection to Grandmother Earth. We are part of the cosmic passion play. In

the dominant, mainstream culture, transgendered folks are trashed, marginalized, and discarded as useless. Our collective energy revitalized each other, and I was able to let go of some of the negative self-image I learned growing up in a culture that hated and feared those who did not fit their rigid gender role models. I reclaimed part of my identity that I had tried to erase, deny, and forget. I now carry that gift of self-affirmation wherever I go. I look forward to another gathering next year. I feel a sense of being a pioneer at the first gathering of post-op transsexuals ever.

Nancy B.

SPACE AVAILABLE-- CHEAP!

Outreach Banquet

Wednesday night's event is the Outreach Awards Banquet. It's a chance to meet and mingle with legendary folks in the paraculture. And, another chance to wear that formal or long gown.

Here is your chance to gather information to improve your group at home.

I know it's hard to believe, but people who attend this event will become the leaders of our movement in the future. We owe it to our family and others to carry on and make it better for those who come after us.

Just a note--the Mews is a great restaurant (world class). The food will be great.



Colleen
Brilliant

Announcements...

Professional Photographs: Helen Strong has a studio at Angel's Landing, 353 Commercial St. She also will be selling photos taken at Fair events for \$4.00 each. There will be a \$15.00 sitting fee for studio shots. Call and make an appointment. 487-1600.

For sale: Ariadne has two evening gowns for sale (suitable for the FanFair Awards Banquet), size 16. For details call the FanFair office. (487-3886) Leave you name and your house, and Ari will arrange an appointment.

The Provincetown Arts Magazine is available at the FanFair Office. \$6.00.

Fantasia Fair Awards

Do you notice that the days are slipping by faster and faster? (I did--Ed.) The Outreach Party is already upon us. I want the house mothers to collect a ballet from all their children and give them to me at the party. If you are at a motherless house, give them to me directly. Be sure to vote. The winners need the confirmation of a substantial vote, and you want to be satisfied with the result. Vote! Vote! Vote!

Jane Peabody

Wednesday's Video Schedule

On Wednesday, videotaping will be done at the Fashion and Beauty course at Gifford from 9:30 to 11:00, the New Pathways to Gender Happiness luncheon seminar at Gruber's from noon to 2:00, and the Outreach Awards Banquet. at the Mews from 7:00 to 11:00.

Awards Banquet

Cocktail hour will be from 6:30 to 7:30. Dinner is at 7:30, after which there will be an awards presentation and we will hear remarks by the director of the Outreach Institute. (Again?-- Ed.) Dress is semi-formal.

Partners' Coffees

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at Barbara's--Hargood #4

Thursday, Oct. 24th at Marta's--Hargood #8

Friday, Oct. 25th at Dottie's--Watermark Inn (This coffee will be for couples!)

Saturday, Oct., 26th at Helga's--Hargood #7

We are starting our coffees at 9:30 and will go until ?

Marilyn Frank

Raffle Tickets

Ladies! Get your raffle tickets! Raffle tickets for the AIDS benefit can be purchased at all the luncheons and from your housemothers. \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$10. What a bargain! Win a free cosmetic workshop or makeover from Jim, or a silhouette analysis from Muriel. First drawing Wednesday night!

Books, Books, Books

Recovering Hearts Bookstore has available several books on crossdressing and gender issues

Editor's Note

This was the first issue I actually got to make some editorial notes, kids. It was a lotta fun slipping in these sardonic comments; it made up for missing every single seminar and event I already paid for! (Ya got any sympathy for me sweethearts?) Never mind.

WANTED: EDITOR, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.