FANTASIA FAIR
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Dearest Sister,

Welcome! Happy and Joyous Welcome! If you have come to Fantasia Fair before, you know what pleasures await you. If you are a new comer - you have delights ahead not easy to enumerate or describe. If you let your imagination mix generously with your fantasies you may come close. Once Again WELCOME!

This cover letter is intended to help you to complete the process of PRE-REGISTRATION. With this letter you should have: 1). *THE PARTICIPANTS GUIDE*, 2). A Pre-Registration Form, and 3). An Arrival Card.

First: *THE PARTICIPANTS GUIDE* looks a bit like last year's, but it is a new (and somewhat more complicated) Fair with just loads of choices to make from a crowded schedule of events. You will need to pick and choose carefully which luncheon seminar you want. And if you are in the FASHION SHOW OR FOLLIES (1 out of every three of our ladies are) you should arrange your professional appointments around auditions and rehearsals, or after the event, while the other ladies can use the time that you are in auditions and rehearsals to have their professional appointments completed. Although there appears to be overlaps in the schedule, (we have tried to pack a great deal to do into just a few wonderously exciting days), it does flow with very few conflicts which we hope will be resolved by the time we produce the *DIRECTORY*. But, you must PLAN *YOUR FAIR*.

- If you are attending FANTASIA FAIR (the full nine day Fair) the schedule you want starts on page 60 of the *GUIDE*.
- If you are attending the first weekend mini-fair (RELEASING THE WOMAN WITHIN WEEKEND) go to page 65 for your schedule.
- And if you are attending the second weekend mini-fair (EN FEMME WEEKEND) go to page 103.

Second: Using the *GUIDE* go to the back page of the PRE-REGISTRATION APPLICATION and check the seminars you want. Then select the OPTIONS you want. (If the option is repeated make a note on the form of the date you prefer). By completing this page and the others in the *APPLICATION*, and mailing it to us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, we can pre-ticket your selections and prepare your registration before you arrive so that you can save a great deal of time during registration.

Third: Please fill in the enclosed ARRIVAL CARD and send it to us AT ONCE, so that we can be sure that there will be someone on hand to help you. Sending the ARRIVAL CARD immediately greatly facilitates your registration. A sister participant has volunteered to wait up for you, so do be kind and let us know if you change your plans.

Fourth: Mail your PRE-REGISTRATION APPLICATION and ARRIVAL CARD to:

- FANTASIA FAIR, POB 11254, Lincolnia Station, Alexandria, Va. Before 1 OCT.
- After 1 OCT. FANTASIA FAIR, % FAIRBANKS INN, 90 Bradford Street, Provincetown, Ma. 02657

Fifth: Phone numbers to contact are cited on page 28 of your *GUIDE*.

Sixth: The HOSPITALITY CENTER is located at the GIFFORD HOUSE (see back of *GUIDE* for location in P'town). But, if you know your INN OR APARTMENT go there first, since there is limited parking at the GIFFORD. The following is a list of houses used by the Fair. Iff you mailed your ARRIVAL card, they have been informed. If you have problems about arrival please contact them so that they can tell your house hostess and make their own arrangements for your arrival.

- GIFFORD HOUSE 9-11 Carver St. (508) 487-0688 Hostess: Sheila & Gerri
- CHICAGO HOUSE 6 Winslow St. (508) 487-0537 Hostess: Emily
- ANGEL'S LANDING 353 Commercial St. (508) 487-1600
- CROWN & ANCHOR 247 Commercial St. (508) 487-1430 Hostess: Audry
- ELEPHANT WALK 156 Bradford St. (508) 487-2543 Hostess: Jane
- FAIRBANKS INN 90 Bradford St. (508) 487-0386
- HARGOOD HOUSE 493 Commercial St. (508) 487-1324 Hostess: Ariadne
- ROOMERS 8 Carver Street (508) 487-3532 Hostess: Laura
- TRADEWINDS 12 Johnson St. (508) 487-0138 Hostess: Laura

Seventh: THE HOSPITALITY CENTER is your first official Fair stop. You will register with us there on October 13th between Noon and 6 PM. My assistants and I will try to make registration smooth, quick, and simple for you. ALL THAT YOU PROVIDE ON YOUR *PRE-FAIR APPLICATION* WILL FACILITATE THAT. We will want to confirm with you: your request for accommodations, and your plans for various events, workshops, options, and seminars in which you plan to participate. Please have ready the means by which any balance you owe will be paid. (PLEASE: Don't plan to use a personal check.) Once these details are completed you will be given a written statement about where you will stay, Fair identification card, tickets for Options and Events, receipt, *FAIR DIRECTORY* (if you don't see a write-up in here about femme self, we didn't get it before OCTOBER 1st.), and much, much, more.

Eighth: If you arrive late for registration, contact the Fair Headquarters, Fairbanks Inn, 90 Bradford Street, (508) 487-4496. (See map at back of Guide, and page 30.) You may register there.

Now, for a few last minute notes of real importance...

DIRECTORY

The purse size *DIRECTORY* that you receive at registration has a daily schedule of events, a short write-up on each participant and partner, and advertisements from those businesses who help to sponsor the Fair. Carry it with you where ever you go as a handy reference guide. Check *FEMME FAIR DAILY* for schedule changes.

HEALTH PROBLEMS

As a physcian I will make a special note of health concern and will keep it in confidence if you so desire. If there is any health concern or special medical problem you may have or medications you use daily and wish to discuss it with me privately, please do not hesitate to talk to me about it when you register. Most of the Inns and Apartments have a safe refrigerator, or I can arrange safe keeping for your medication.

EMERGENCIES:

Provincetown has a 911 number.

HOUSE HOSTESSES

Your House Hostess has the privilage and responsibility to help you. Talk to her, give her insight into your needs and concerns. Each House Hostess is a volunteer, in the traditions of the Fair, who wants to help her sisters.

"RULE OF GOLD" AND THAT OTHER MACHISMO MALE CHAUVENIST STUFF

As the late Queen Victoria might say: "We are not pleased, my dearest." Please, leave HIM at home, in the closet where he belongs!

THE "KEY" TO HAVING A GREAT FAIR!

When you settle in your new home, take the time to meet your new sisters.

Remember that your femme self is a real person (not someone you "put down" or "send up") and she now has a chance to meet others like herself. As the real Fair is YOUR FAIR, the real you is HER. The Fair you have is what YOU put into it, and your femme self is also the results of YOUR efforts. All we do is provide the scenery and stage, the rest is up to YOU!

Now the "KEY". Betty Ann has a phrase, "Many little kindnesses." If you see something that you like about your sister, tell her ("My those are pretty earrings!"}. Do this with each person you meet, because this is what ladies do... Take the time to be kind to others and you will be surprised how quickly you will get to know your sisters. We are all Sisters and Companions at Fantasia Fair - and always thereafter - even after we leave Provincetown.

So, Dear Hearts - "Come to the Fair" - with great joy in your heart and great pride in your step. You are many times - WELCOME!

Fondly,
Sheila Kirk

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