

Arts & Entertainment

Festival sketches life of renaissance village

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Fall is traditionally the season for fun and frolic before we must pull out our winter woollens and sit down in front of a fire for several months.

One of the best of the fairs and festivals in the region is the Renaissance Festival of Kansas City, which is a mere stone's throw away in Bonner Springs, Kan. The festival began Sept. 1 and will continue every weekend from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until Oct. 7.

This is the eighth season for the festival, which realistically depicts life in a 16th century English village during harvest. The festival is sponsored by the Kansas City Art Institute.

Several Lincoln residents participated in the festival. Peter

Nicholaus, a former Lincoln resident and UNL student, said he is primarily a juggler and a tight-rope walker, but he chose a different kind of act for this year's festival. Going under the alias of Rigor Mortus, he and his "brother," Tortoise Mortus, bury each other alive and are dug out a few hours later by the other brother.

Julie McCullough, of Lincoln, has a soft sculpture shop called Magic Threads. She said she became involved in the festival three years ago when she applied and was accepted. Before participating in the festival, McCullough demonstrated weaving at Silver Dollar City, Branson, Mo.

McCullough said when the festival participants first attend, they must build their own booths out of old lumber and materials. She said this is the first year the festi-



Eileen McCullough and her dragons.

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One of the Mortus brothers digs his own grave.

val has a 10-year lease on the current property site, so many shop owners are expanding and improving their stores. Some are even adding second floors, McCullough said. The buildings stay up all year, and minor repairs are made before the festival starts.

McCullough said that although many of the participants stay in the Kansas City area during the five weeks, she drives home every weekend to replenish her supply of stuffed dragons, stars, unicorns and rainbows. She said she never knows what the big seller will be for a specific weekend. The favorites tend to be the realistic dragons, which come in several colors with their chests and wings in a shiny material that appears scaly.

McCullough also has sold her sculptures at the University Place Art Center and has helped put on mini-renaissance festivals at Prescott Elementary School, where she would make her dragons in front of the children, so they could see how she makes them. She hopes to do more of these in the future.

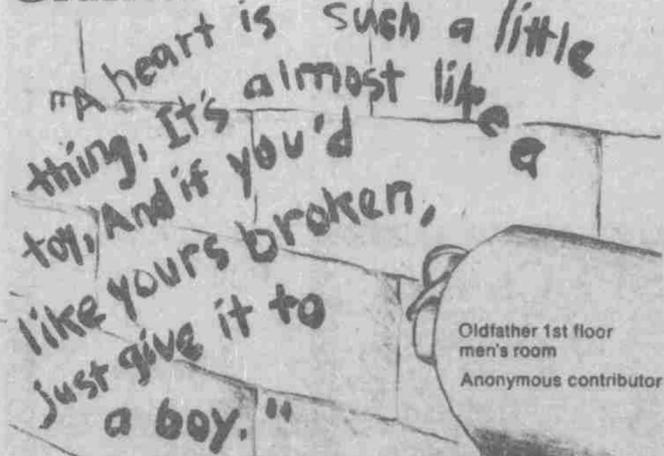
Although the ticket price seems extravagant at first (\$7.75 for

adults, \$6.75 for students), the Festival is worth the price. The days are filled with free song and dance, traveling comedians, Shakespearean theater and jugglers galore. It also is interesting to go into the shops and see area artists and craftsmen. Prices for the items for sale (anything and everything) are reasonable. Those items include wood carvings, wreaths, goblets, mugs and much more.

There is so much to see and do that one day at the festival may not be enough. Wandering nomads and wenches are bound to come up to the unsuspecting and ask about where people are from, how far away from London they are, or how they would like a roll in the hay. One also could be pulled into an act at any time or participate in games such as Slay the Dragon, Drench a Wench or ride on Stoney the Elephant.

One needn't go hungry amid feasts of giant turkey drumsticks, tempura, shish kebobs, huge pretzels, King's ices (an orange or lemon half topped with frozen sherbet) and nearly anything else a stomach could desire.

Graffiti



Oldfather 1st floor men's room
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