

the Appalachian Renaissance Faire presents

Widdsummer's Masquerade



2021

Our story is set in the late 1580s, just before the death of Mary Queen of Scots. Seventeen years ago, the Queen gave birth to a healthy set of twins, a boy and a girl. Her ladies in waiting—the famous five Marys—concealed this birth as a miscarriage, and spirited children out of the chamber. Mary Fleming, one of her ladies in waiting and first cousin who bears similar physical traits, had recently spurned an arranged marriage to one of Queen Elizabeth’s spies. Fleming instead married the Scottish Earl of Ettick, Andrew Fraser. Mary Queen of Scotland then gifted the Frasers the titles of Duke and Duchess and sent them to found a Scottish Dutchy in the New World... and to raise the twins in safety, as their own.

With the help of those loyal to Queen Mary and with the magical creatures living in the dense and wild Appalachian Mountains, the Duke and Duchess have not only raised the children and kept them hidden from those in both Scotland and England who would seek to do them harm, but have also established a quickly growing land. It has become a safe haven for Catholic refugees fleeing England, an open space for the fae folk to frolic freely, and a new beginning for former pirates who have established the Three Sheets To the Wind Tavern. The court of the Duke and Duchess is small, but noble and strong.

Join the Frasers as their story and the stories of those around them unfold in the town of Faircross at the Appalachian Renaissance Faire.

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Updates from the Duchy of Appalachia from the

writing desk of the Duchess herself!



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Hail and Well Met!

Welcome to our Midsummer's Masquerade!

The Duchess and Duke of Appalachia are celebrating the return of summer to the Duchy as well as relief from the plague that has beset all our houses since last year. We want to thank everyone for doing their part in combating the plague and ensuring that the Duchy is able to have a midsummer celebration this year. How better to mark this occasion with a proper soirée than to host a *masquerade* for all our wonderful denizens of the Duchy? We are so very pleased that you all could join us, and do wish that you have the most wonderful and enjoyable of times!

Because we know you all have come in your very best, do enter into our contest of costume for a chance to win a grand prize hand-picked by the Duchess herself! Enjoy the sonorous sounds of some of our most favorite of musicians as they take to the stage to play for us all, and delight in the respected and solemn Calling of the Clans hailing from Scotland.

Do stop by the Court Tent so that we may greet you with a proper “hello,” and so that we may personally wish you a Happy Masquerade.

Make merry in our magnificent Duchy and partake in all

the enjoyments we have prepared for you!

Merchants Upon the Duchy

Artisans

WoodandWool - Two sisters who love making handmade crafts of painting and crochet

LuLuLiquorCakes - Gourmet cake jars with classic cocktail combinations and the freshest ingredients

GrannyandAuntTexi'sCountryStore - Handmade original merchandise: Flags, Household, Pets, Dolls, and Custom sewing for boat seat upholstery and chair cushions

CelticRealms - Offering Celtic jewelry, t-shirts, bumper stickers, decals, cds, books and so much more!

FeathersCustomJewelry - Jewelry artisan

Ask Miss Fortune - Fortune-telling, tarot readings, and other divinations

SouthernTumblers - Personal tumblers, keychains, car coasters, and earrings

TaylorDilks - Crochet, rice bag warmers, paracord keychains, Christmas ornaments and wreathes, and fabric pumpkins

LadyMoonDragonCrafts&Services - Travel alters, handmade wands & staffs, rune sets, alter ingredients, & handmade jewelry

Mountain Mist Creations- Handcrafted up-cycled items, specializing in jewelry made with semi precious stones

Food Merchants

HurstFunFoods - Polish sausage, Nathan's hotdogs, fresh-squeezed lemonade, walking tacos, nachos, water, and cold drinks

SBWetheby'sConcepts - Turkey legs & chicken tortilla nachos

RisingPhoenixBrickOvens - Brick oven pizza on wheels

Mimi's Sweets - Cotton candy, popcorn, and funnel cakes



Our 5th Annual Faire



November 6th & 7th 2021

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Entertainment con't

The Real Blarney Stoners



Masters of Mediocrity and Dealers of Drunken Debauchery. An Acoustic Celtic Punk Band that mixes music, comedy, and the fashion sense of a 1730s pun!

Scots-Irish Warrior Arts



Demonstrating skills with the Highland broadsword, European longsword, and other historical martial arts from Scotland, Ireland, and Appalachia.

Crossed Cannons



Frequently seen upon the Duchy, the Crossed Cannons are a favorite Celtic/Pirate Act that performs Sea Shanties, Celtic Tunes, and Pirate Music!

The Cast of the Appalachian



Featuring the Duchess and her New World court!

Entertainment

Eireann's Call



The Masquerade is happy to present as our headliner band Florida-based Eireann's Call, who weave together Irish, Scottish, Scandinavian, and World music traditions to create something unforgettable. With members David and Cat Doersch, Rich McGuire, and Skotie Carino, they bring an instrumentation of bagpipes, fiddle, accordion, keys, guitar, bass, drums, and tight vocal harmonies.

The Crossjacks



This acoustic trio performs an eclectic variety of the European Folk music that shaped the Appalachian music of today. Their repertoire includes authentic sea shanties, Celtic and Romanian traditional and folk songs, and old-time fiddle tunes, as well as modern festival favorites.



Midsummer's Masquerade Schedule of Events



	11:00	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:45	1:00	1:15	1:30	1:45	2:00	2:15	2:30	2:45	3:00	3:15	3:30	3:45		
<i>Main Stage</i>	Opening Remarks	The Crossjacks			Cast: "For the Ladies"	Crossed Cannons				Scots-Irish Warrior Arts							Eireann's Call				
<i>Court Tent</i>													Cast: "Job Switch" & "I Got A Rock"	Storytelling with Judy Farlow							
<i>Pirate Stage</i>		Storytelling with Mary Grace		Story Time with Lavender the Fairy		Cast: "The Cup Runs Empty"	Storytelling with Judy Farlow			The Crossjacks		Storytelling with Mary Grace		Crossed Cannons			The Real Blarney Stoners				
<i>Warrior Camp</i>		Scots-Irish Warrior Arts				Open Demonstrations						Open Demonstrations									

	4:00	4:30	4:45	5:00	5:15	5:30	5:45	6:00	6:15	6:30	6:45	7:00	7:15	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:45	
<i>Main Stage</i>							The Real Blarney Stoners			The Crossjacks			Crossed Cannons				Eireann's Call			
<i>Court Tent</i>	Knighting Ceremony & Costume Contest			Tribute to Departed Friends: Jesse Linder & Amy Vance		Calling of the Clans & Drum Circle										Cast: "Job Well Done"				
<i>Pirate Stage</i>		Storytime with Lavender the Fairy		Stage Closed for Evening																
<i>Warrior Camp</i>	Open Demonstrations																			