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What Fools mean to me

Faire Brat to Mother Folly

A tale by Mother Ember
The incendiary Matron of Mayhem



My Mom and Dad brought me to faire because of the fools and I'm proud to continue being a part of the fools family and carry on a legacy.

I will never forget the feeling of waking up already at faire as a child, all I had to do was get dressed and it was like a dream wandering around all day and going back to a tent to so I could wake up the next morning and get to do it all over again. From my first faire in the stroller, to being a hawker for Turtle Racing, and just running around being a foolish faire brat. I looked up to everyone as a child because it was all so amazing. The amount of talent I saw in the guild left me in so much awe that I wanted to do it too. A big part of the reason I have such a passion for performing and the arts is because I had the pleasure of growing up surrounded by so many creative people that shaped who I was. My first really memorable up close experiences of Circus Acts, Magic, Juggling, Fire Eating, Mimes, Clowns, and so much more, were people in the guild just being who they are. I know the joy it brought me seeing it all and it gave me the desire to give the joy of experience to other people as well. Every year as a child watching the kings get crowned and the themes of all the parties, wondering how old I had to be in order to be a bigger part of it. The friendships I got to make with other faire brat's within the guild changed my life as much as the friendships I have made as adult within the guild. So many people have been like family to me throughout the years. I can't remember a time where faire wasn't one of the things that I looked forward to the most because I was so excited to participate in all the silly foolish shenanigans that would happen.



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Bedtime Story

by James Patrick Kelly

When once upon a sleepy time
 so very long ago,
 you asked if I might tell a tale,
 how could I say you no?
 I wove a world of fantasy
 from fabric of my mind,
 a place that you should recognize,
 for you it was designed.

You wanted wonder, here it is:

I wonder what I'll do
 when I have ended all my tale
 and said goodnight to you?
 I wonder if you'll fall asleep,
 or if you'll lie awake?
 I wonder if these tales I've told
 will sweet your slumber make?
 I wonder at this magic
 and revel in your glee,
 In wonder that these fairy songs
 originate in me!
 I wonder at the love I've found,
 and lost and found again.

I know we all must leave this Life
 but still, I wonder... When?

Fairy Scary

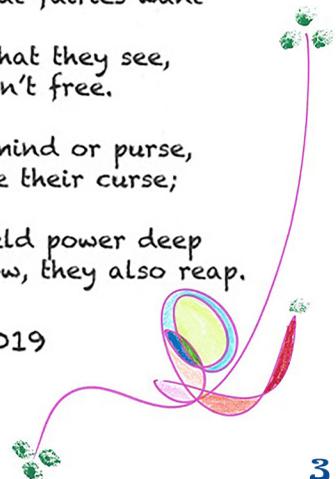
When frolic you in fairy haunts
 Fae shall take what fairies want

If fairies fancy what they see,
 For fairy frolic isn't free.

So be it heart or mind or purse,
 Pay or best beware their curse;

For fairy folk wield power deep
 And where they sow, they also reap.

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Qing Geminiacal Renaissance Faire Coronation

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Fools gathered at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area in Irwindale for the Coronation of Jenny Hodges, Qing Geminiacal. Due to recent rains and residual mud, the Foolish tumbrel was nixed at the last moment in spite of all the work done on it this year. Qing Geminiacal took her place in the Regnal file and Kevin McGrath gave his farewell address as King Bard O'Later. A beautiful spread of delicious delicacies was provided by Mother Mom Cat who gave her crown to Breezy Dae at the Coronation.



Dickens Faire Rove

Cow Palace, South San Francisco • Saturday, December 6, 2025
Heidi's Pale Moon booth was the gathering place for all the ex-rexes and hangers on...



Qing Geminiacal and The Fools Guild present Into the Woods

Feast of Fools 2026

A goofy gathering of
Fractured Fairytales
with Simpletons, Step-
mothers and Sly Foxes,
Witches and Wolves,
Rascals and Royalty

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Guest performers!
Music! Dancing!

Sunday, March 29 from 5 to 9pm

Andy's back yard (for address, call or text Andy at 626-683-3904)

Suggested donation: \$10 or food/drink to share

Catherine's Annual Paradise Cove Rove Malibu • Sunday, August 3



Qing Geminiacal's Pool Party, Potluck & BBQ Culver City, September 6

Fools in the Redwoods

 by Paula Chambers

What would you say if someone told you there was a magical hippie village in a redwood forest that had its own annual Fools Parade?

Well it's true. I am describing Occidental, the town Gary and I moved to in 2023.

The Occidental Fools Parade happens every first Saturday of April and attracts spectators from all over the North Bay. Started by Zero the Clown in 1976, and re-energized in the early 2000's by our own Kate Price, the Parade is having its 50th anniversary this year on Saturday April 4 at 1pm.



There is no formal process for entering the parade; you just show up in some crazy getup at the Occidental Community Center parking lot at 12:30 on the first Saturday of April. Group costuming is popular, and there are plenty of solo fools too. At 1:00, led by a kooky marching band called the Hubbub Club, we shove off, walking up one side of tiny 3-block Occidental and down the other. Spectators bring lawn chairs to watch the weirdos.



The parade ends at Occidental Center for the Arts, where a character called the Sultan of Silliness makes a speech, proclaiming that Silliness shall rule this day in Occidental. Hooray! Then there's more music and a hilarious puppet show by Brian Patterson.



It would be fun to have a Fools' Guild presence at this event! If you'd like to attend, I have a list of lodging options, or maybe you can stay with a friend in the area.

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Upcoming Events:

Agoura Reunion

{March 22, Paramount Ranch}

Feast of Fools

{March 29, See p. 5}

**Renaissance Pleasure
Faire**

{April 4-May 17, Irwindale}

**Coronation of the
New King**

{May 3, At the Faire}

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