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# Albright

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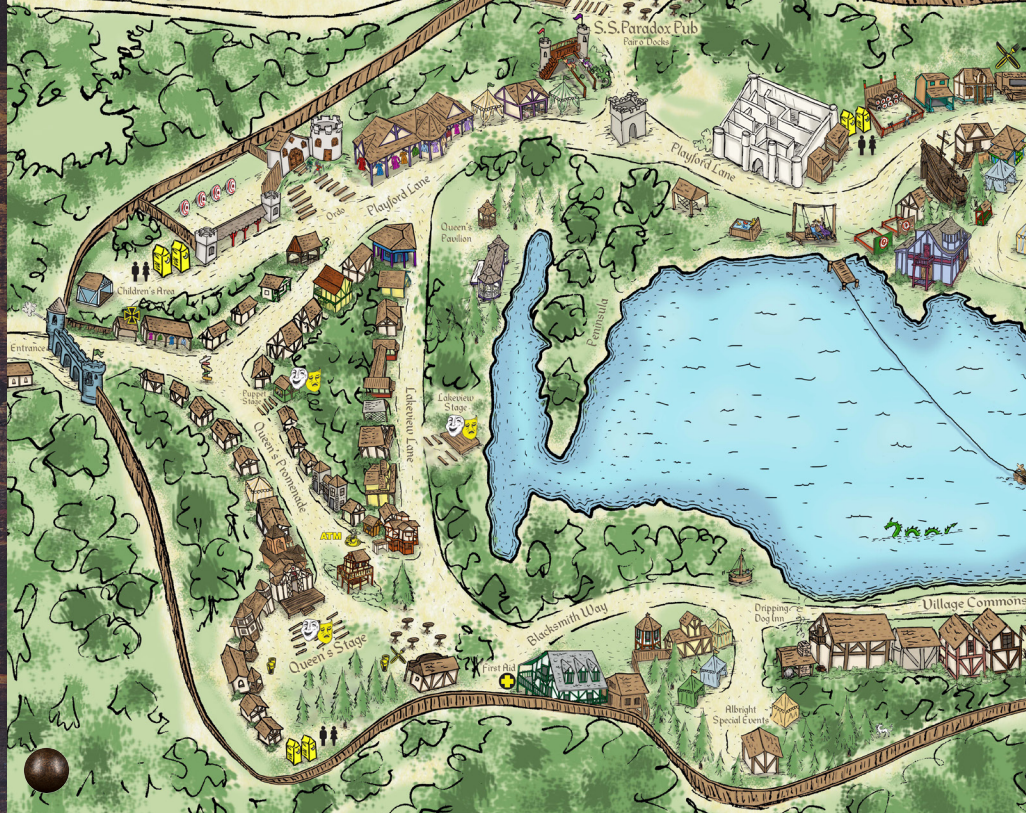
With more than a hundred merchants, you can find unique gifts from artisans in the village, many of whom make their product before your eyes.

Your day would not be complete without food fit for a king. Whether it's a turkey leg, Mediterranean food, or cheesecake on a stick, there is something for everyone, including you!

Plan to spend the day with us in Albright where not only will you be entertained, but you may just learn a thing or two!



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**Albright**



Get the full  
**wine experience**

Different wines offered at each seating. Every Saturday @ 2pm.

**Reservations are available online at [renfest.net](http://renfest.net)**

	First Aid		Privy (Restrooms)		Stage
	Drinks		Food		Information, Lost & found & Official Festival Souvenirs



Royal tea tastings  
 & our newest event -  
 tea & crumpets  
 with her majesty

High-noon on Saturdays and Tea with Her Majesty on Sundays at 1pm.

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# OUR 2017 PERFORMERS

## ANDREW MCKEE

This wandering minstrel is known far and wide for his mastery of the recorder. **(G)**

## BAWDY BEAUTIFUL

Songs and music with an innuendo by Craig of Farrington. **(PG-13)**

## THE BILGE PUMPS\*

A pirate band for your inner buccaneer. Performances of nautical songs, sea shanties, and Celtic music, with a huge dose of antics. **(PG)**

## CHASTE TREASURE

These noble ladies will delight your senses through song, wit, tight harmonies, and a lot of double entendre. **(PG-13)**

## CHRISTOPHE THE INSULTOR\*

Christophe is a verbal mercenary and comedian who would dearly love to insult the heck out of someone for you. **(NC-17)**

## COSTUME CONTEST

Proud of your costume? Show it off in this free competition. Chosen by acclamation, the winner gets a small prize and lots of bragging rights. Tip: the contest's theme often echoes the festival's theme for that weekend. **(G)**

## THE LOUISIANA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL USES A RATING SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY.

**(G)** General Audiences - All Ages Admitted. **(PG)** Parental Guidance Suggested. **(PG-13)** Parents Strongly Cautioned - Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13. **(R)** Restricted - Under 17 Requires Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian. If our performers see children in the audience, they usually will alert you to the show's rating. You are responsible if you allow your children to stay. **(NC-17)** No One 17 and Under Permitted. **(NC-21)** This rating is for the Beverage Experiences at the faire which involve alcohol. You **MUST** be of legal drinking age to attend these events.

## CRAIG OF FARRINGTON

Songs of love, faith, and mirth combined with the clever lyrics played on a lute. Look for him all day in the village lanes - ask him for a song! **(G)**

## DANCE DEMONSTRATION

Our local cast, the Albright Players, show you how to get down Renaissance-style. The dances range from complex to simple - on some, you'll be invited to dance along with them! **(G)**

## THE DUELISTS

In a dazzling display of comedy and sword fighting brilliance, The Duelists demonstrate the 10 steps of every epic duel. They even invite hecklers to do their worst, but beware; their wit is as sharp as their swords, and hecklers will be promptly dealt with in kind! **(PG)**

## FALCONRY SHOW

Owls, hawks, and falcons fly freely in this demonstration. **(G)**

## FOOLS OF FORTUNE

This juggling show brings together four funny, fun-loving performers displaying feats of juggling, acrobatics, and comedy. See Paolo Garbanzo, Shelli Buttons, Kitty Kaos and Mickey Tospotts, together on one stage! **(PG)**

## **GLASSBLOWING**

One of our most entertaining demonstrations. Watch as Mark Haller shows how sand is turned into works of art and functional tools. **(G)**

## **HAGGIS RAMPANT**

Bagpipe music and some antics. **(G)**

## **HIPMONKTI\*ST\***

Comedy hypnosis show by an actual hypnotist! **(G)**

## **HOBGOBLIN HILL PUPPETS**

Enjoy both classic and original puppet shows, performed with hand-carved puppets. **(G)**

## **JACQUES ZE WHIPPER\***

Whip cracking, horn honking, dangerous (stuffed) animals. A show so funny, it'll... "crack" you up. **(PG)**

## **JOUSTING**

Real jousting from horseback, sword fighting, and a little bit of shenanigans. **(G)**

## **KILTED KINGS\***

Kilted Celtic music with driving rhythms and tunes, upbeat songs, and heart wrenching ballads. Featuring Marc Gunn on autoharp and vocals and Randy Wothke on percussion. **(PG)**

## **KNIGHTING CEREMONY**

Everyone is welcome to get knighted by our queen, earning the title of Sir or Dame while in the village. Popular with kids of all ages, and celebrities. **(G)**

## **KNOTTY NAUTICALS\***

High energy, interactive, piratical comedic variety show! Fire eating, rope walking, music, and more! **(PG-13)**

## **LORDS OF ADVENTURE**

Comedy sword fighting and life lessons for the whole family. Helping adventurers everywhere lead an epic life of adventure and to release their inner hero. **(G)**

## **MAD ERIK**

Magic, madness, and a straitjacket escape - part crazy uncle, part mad trickster. **(G)**

## **MORNING BAGPIPES**

Steve Brownlee of Haggis Rampant brings in the morning festivities with bagpipes echoing across the lake in the morning breeze. If you can see the lake, you'll hear the Great Highland Bagpipes in the distance, welcoming you! **(G)**

## **ORDO PROCINCTUS**

Hand-to-hand combat. **(PG-13)**

## **PANDORIUM BELLY DANCING**

Belly dancing and drumming! **(PG)**

## **PAOLO GARBANZO**

Juggling and comedy! 1st American to win the "Tom Fool" for comedy award. **(G)**

## **PAOLO'S MOUSE TRAP SHOW**

Paolo Garbanzo and friends gather to create a hilarious juggling competition with lots of high jinks, and mouse traps and bare feet to make it "interesting." **(G)**

# OUR 2017 PERFORMERS CONT.

## PARADE

Smile and wave as our merchants, villagers, nobles, and the Queen Herself parade through the lanes of Albright. (G)

## QUEEN'S BLADE TOURNAMENT

A chivalrous competition between those trained in the noble art of rapier fighting. Albright villagers trained in the skill are joined by others from far away kingdoms who have traveled here to compete. (G)

## ROBIN HOOD PRESENTS...\*

Join Robin Hood and Maid Marian as they regale you with the tales from Sherwood! Members of the audience will become the stars of their stories and play heroes, villains, and maidens fair while the rest of the audience provides the soundtrack! (G)

## SHAKESPEARE APPROVES!\*

William Shakespeare was one of the few playwrights to win enormous fame while still living. Shakespeare Approves! is one of those rare shows an entire family can really enjoy together. (G)

## THE TORTUGA TWINS\*

Bawdy storytelling by this comedy troupe. (PG-13)

## TRIBAL HAPPENINGS\*

The ladies of Tribal Happenings will demonstrate the ancient art of belly dancing. Be sure to catch the presentation on "Cleopatra." (G)

## WASHING WELL WENCHES

Good, clean fun; wet, dirty women. Women, bring your brother, boyfriend, husband, or other man. We will teach him how difficult laundry can be for us "ladies." (PG-13)

## WHISKEY BAY ROVERS

Pirate music, sea shanties, Irish pub songs & ballads. (PG)

## VINCE CONAWAY

The hammered dulcimer, a predecessor to the piano, is fascinating to watch and enjoyable to hear. Played in the lanes and shoppes of Albright - make it a quest to see and hear Vince "hammer" out a few tunes. He loves to answer questions, even while he's playing. (G)



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# 2017 themed weekends



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# period demonstrations

Educational opportunities abound throughout the festival. Look for these interesting demonstrations you can see every day of faire.

## Baking

An authentic bakers oven shows how bread was baked during the Renaissance era, one loaf at a time.

## Blacksmithing

Visit the Dragons Watch Forge to see how various metals are crafted.

## Coopersmithing

Learn how pieces of wood can be assembled to be watertight.

## Falconry

This art can be performed with any raptor (hawk, eagle, owl, falcon, etc). It was a royal sport practiced by kings.

## Flax

The only Renaissance flaxing demonstration in our country.

## Glass Blowing

See how sand is turned into works of art and functional tools. It's one of our most entertaining demonstrations.

## Jousting

Only those of noble birth were allowed to compete in the joust. Demonstrated twice a day at our joust arena.

## Spinning wheels & drop spindles

These were the two most common tools for making thread and yarn.

## AND MORE...

There are many other demonstrations happening in the village of Albright, on various days at random times, including: music, singing, and butter churning. Virtually any conversation with a villager of Albright can turn into an interesting learning moment. Discover many other demonstrations around the village of Albright, especially near the Dripping Dog Inn. The Village Commons road is a free demonstration area, nothing is for sale and no tip jars.

# OUR 2017 MERCHANTS

**A Roguish Highlander** - Kilts & accoutrements

**Albright Caff** - Coffee, tea, & ATM

**At The Top** - Hats, masks & garlands

**Axe & Knife Throw** - Game

**Barrel of Bedlam** - Ride

**Bella Braids** - Hair braiding

**Blue Duck Foods** - Pretzels, pickles, cookies

**Brazin' Lady Custom Bronze Creations** - wearable art & Jewelry

**Brown Cab Rickshaws** - Ride

**Candy Land** - Pastries, baked goods

**Capricorn Cutlery** - Weapons, armor

**Captain Plaque Beard's** - Custom wood burned art

**Captured Curls** - Whimsical hair accessories for all ages

**Carousello** - Ride

**Casta Diva Clothes** - Clothing for lords & ladies

**Catskill Mountain Moccasins** - Handmade leather boots & accessories

**Celestial Windz Harmonic Bazaar** - Tuned musical windchimes

**Celtic Marketplace** - Handcrafted & embroidered goods

**Coppersmith Studios** - Copper & bronze art, sculptures, fountains

**Crescent City Pickle Co.** - Pickles!

**Crossbows of the Kingdom** - Game with handmade period crossbows

**Crow's Nest** - Ride

**Dave's Mini Donuts** - Mini-donuts, coffee, tea, sandwiches

**Dragon Watch Forge** - Forge & foundry

**Dragon's Hoard Candy & Toy Shop** - Terracotta water whistles

**Dungeon Museum** - Entertaining historical exhibition

**East India Trading Co.** - Ready to drink dry teas, fresh scones

**Elan Pottery** - Stoneware pottery & all-natural body cream

**Enchanted Chains Jewelry** - Chainmaille & sterling silver jewelry

**Enchanted Feast** - Feastware

**Enchanted Rose Magical Images** - Dress-up photo studio

**Enchanted Shire** - Celtic jewelry & tapestries

**Ever After Soap** - Goat milk soaps, handcrafted bath products

**Fakir's Legacy Wire** - Jewelry

**Fiona's Fineries** - Period clothing for women & men

**Fire Om Earth** - Handmade bamboo flutes & clay ocarinas

**Flying Cloud** - Costume rental and sales

**Free Bird Jewelry** - Jewelry

**Frognbaggery** - Handmade leather goods, accessories

**Game of Darts** - Dart-throwing game

**Haller Glass** - Glassblowing demonstrations & sales

**Happy Hair Braiding** - Hair braiding

**Hearts Delight** - Handmade clothing & accessories

**Henderson's Hearth** - Fresh fruit, soup/baking mixes, jams, herbs

**Henna Illuminata** - Henna artwork for skin

**Heros On A Quest** - Live-action quest around the festival

**Hippogriff** - Ride

**Hollow Earth** - Wooden swords

**Howling Wolf** - Turkey legs, food, lemonade

**Hyde Monsters\*** - Hand-bound journals, wearable sculptures & more

**Imaginarium Galleries** - Puppets, headpieces, & dragon egg hatchery

**Immortal Arms** - Weapons & armor

**Inch By Inch Weaving** - Hand-woven clothing and accessories

**Inner Beast Leather** - Handcrafted leather clothes, armor, accessories

**Jacob's Ladder** - Game

**Joust Ale and Steak** - Steak, chicken, nachos

**Kettle Gourmet** - Kettle corn

**King of Cups** - Horn drinking vessels

**King of the Crowns** - Handcrafted crowns, tiaras, circlets

**King of the Log** - Game

**King's Head Tavern** - Adult pub

**King's Kitchen** - Turkey legs, shepherd's pie, desserts

**King's Swing** - Ride

**Ladye Fayre Dolls & Puppets** - Handmade dolls

**Mad'in China** - Ferry ride  
**Magickally Intertwined** - Wire wrap jewelry  
**Majestic Glass** - Hand sculpted glass torchwork  
**Majestic Hair Flower\*** - Handmade wire art for hair  
**Marrus Art** - Fantasy paintings, face painting  
**Medieval Mapmaker** - Handmade historical & fantasy maps  
**Medieval Metal** - Hair accessories  
**Mediterranean Grille** - Greek food  
**Melting Dragon Candles** - Make your own candles, wax hands, incense  
**Merlyn's Garden** - Tarot readings  
**Muscovy Trading Company** - Renaissance & whimsical clothing for men & women  
**Mystery Maze** - Maze  
**Niko's Italian Calzone** - Calzones  
**North Star Leather** - Handcrafted leather goods  
**Odd Fellows Leather & Attire** - Leather clothing, bags, accessories  
**Past Tyme Perfumerie** - Perfumes, oils, wood toys  
**Pea Shooter** - Pea Shooter  
**Pigassus Books** - Books, prints, maps, playing cards  
**Piper's Pub** - Root beer & soda bar  
**Pluck-A-Duck/Royal Fishpond** - Children's game  
**Poetic Earth** - Handcrafted leather journals & bags  
**Poly's Pleasures** - Handmade chainmail  
**Port Defense** - Catapult game  
**Prewitt's Plumages** - Handmade feather hat pins  
**Princessories** - Crystal jewelry  
**Painted Badger Pub** - Adult pub  
**Rainbow Crystal** - Crystal Jewelry, window ornaments  
**Red Paw Leather** - Leather masks, accessories, dog leashes & collars  
**Rice Originals** - Name and art on grains of rice  
**Robin Hood Archery** - Game  
**Rolling Gallery** - Meat rolls, nachos  
**Roses** - Fresh flowers  
**Rosie's Fairies** - Hand-sculpted clay fairies, mermaids, angels  
**Rotten Revenge** - Tomato comedy challenge

**Shadow of Time** - Coopersmith, wooden mugs & furniture  
**Siege the Day** - Mini wood catapults  
**Silk Road Traders** - Custom blended oils & perfumes  
**Sir Chutem's Cajun Seafood Trap** - Cajun cooking & seafood  
**Sir Munch a Lot** - Deep fried delicacies & Tex Mex  
**Sir Stashes Nuts** - Roasted nuts  
**Sky Chairs** - Rope wood hanging canvas chairs  
**Sliding Joust** - Ride & game  
**Slightly Twisted** - Period indoor/outdoor games & amusements  
**Souper Fudge Bakery** - Soup in bread bowl, desserts  
**Souvenir Booths** - Assorted festival souvenir & ATM  
**Spare Parts** - Horns, tails, fairy dust  
**Spice Traders Music** - Musical instruments  
**Star and Crescent Casting** - Poured concrete stone casting art & decor  
**Starry Dreams Worldly Wares** - Parasols and hand fans  
**Stone Wheel and Wagon Shoppe** - Wagon rentals  
**Test of Strength** - Hit the board, ring the bell  
**Thai Food** - Thai food  
**Thatcher's Leather Artistry** - Leather goods  
**The Yarn Wenches Affliction** - Knitted and felted items  
**Travelers Wooden Treasures** - Turned wooden items, functional and artistic  
**Uncommon Adornments** - Jewelry  
**Valhalla's Horde** - Coin press  
**Wandering Wizards** - Wands, staffs & tools of the wizarding trade  
**War Horse** - Drinking horns  
**Wizard Werks Wands** - Handcrafted wands  
**Wolf's Moon Apothecary** - All natural products, herbs, teas  
**Yarr Arcadia** - Game of skill  
**Ye Olde Wizards and Dragons** - Resin cast statues & plaques

\* Last three weekends only



# 2017 BEVERAGE EXPERIENCES

For a good time with lots of cheer, add some wine, whisky, tea or beer!  
**SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.RENFEST.NET](http://WWW.RENFEST.NET)**

## royal tea

Sit in a covered pavilion next to our lake enjoying exotic teas and pastries as you meet villagers, entertainers, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. An elegant outing for ladies and gentlemen of all ages, the Royal Tea is at high noon on Saturdays (with a special Fairy Tea on the Friday after Thanksgiving).

## tea & crumpets with her majesty

Our newest event! Take a break from the excitement of the village and re-energize over tea and crumpets, in the regal company of Queen Elizabeth I. Sundays at 1 p.m.

## BEER EXPERIENCE\*

Enjoy a variety of craft beers, led by master brewers and other experts, with a little bit of faire flair! Beer Experiences are held Saturdays at 1 p.m.

## wine experience\*

Sip wines from different regions and countries in this unique and interesting show. Different wines are offered at each seating. Wine Experiences are Saturdays at 2 p.m.

## whisky experience\*

Everyone's favorite Scottish wench, Bonnie MacKinlay, entices you to delight your tastebuds. Whisky Experiences are held at 3:30 p.m. every Saturday.

**\*MUST BE 21 OR OLDER, WITH A VALID ID, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEER, WINE AND WHISKY SHOWS.**



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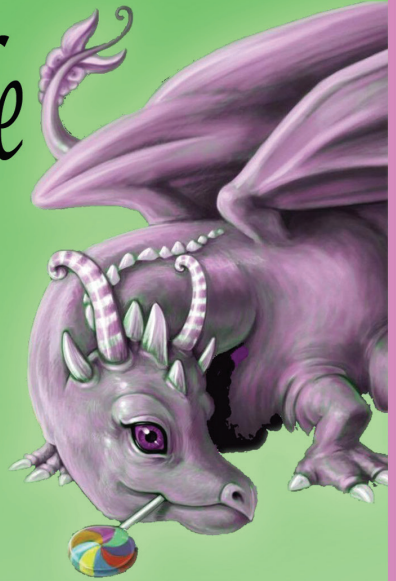
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