



2015 Festival Facts

Dates & Times: April 4 – May 25, 2015
Saturdays & Sundays + Memorial Day Monday
10 am – 7 pm Daily

Celebrating 35 Years of bringing the Renaissance to North Texas!

Location: 2511 FM 66 (just off I-35E) in Waxahachie, Texas
30 minutes south of Dallas/Fort Worth
1 hour north of Waco

Tickets: \$25 Adults / \$10 Children Children 4 & under are FREE
Discount Tickets available at Kroger starting March 23, 2015
Military Discount offered all season long - \$4 off at the gate (active military)
Discount Coupons available at Waxahachie Autoplex
Group discounts and Consignment Programs are also available

Annual Attendance: 200,000

Theme: *Step Back in Time for the Time of Your Life!*

What is Scarborough Renaissance Festival®:

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is interactive fun for everyone, 16th Century Style set in the days of King Henry VIII! Enjoy full combat armored jousts, Birds of Prey exhibitions, the Mermaid Lagoon and Renaissance entertainment on 21 stages. Discover exquisite crafts in 200 village shoppes and marvel at the artisan demonstrations. Partake in Renaissance rides and games of skill and feast on food & drink fit for a king. For the more discerning tastes there are daily wine and beer tastings as well. Plus, every weekend has a different theme and a variety of special events.

**Please DO NOT use
the term "MEDIEVAL"!**



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History/Overview

2015 will mark the 35th Season for Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. The Festival began on a patch of pasture land and a Pecan Grove with tents and a handful of Renaissance entertainers and artisans. Since that time it has grown to become one of the largest Renaissance Festivals in the United States as well as one of the country's largest outdoor juried craft shows.

General Facts

- Began in 1981
- Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is a Renaissance themed festival set in a re-created 16th Century English village celebrating the mirth and merriment during the days of King Henry VIII
- The festival runs 8 consecutive weekends and Memorial Day each Spring (April & May)
- One of the largest events and most unique entertainment experiences in North Texas
- One of the largest and most popular Renaissance festivals in the country (consistently voted among the top Renaissance festivals as well as the top of many other categories)
- The “village” of Scarborough is 35 acres (larger than most shopping malls) set within a 167 acre site
- (225) Renaissance style permanent structures
- The festival employs more than 2,000 performers, artisans, food service staff, grounds crew and retail staff – approximately half from Waxahachie area and the D/FW Metroplex
- (21) Entertainment stages with more than 300 performers entertaining each day of the Festival
- (150) Member “cast” – Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA)
- (200) Shoppes - Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is one of the largest outdoor “juried” craft shows in the country
- (150+) Artisans including over twenty Artisans demonstrating their crafts each day of the Festival
- (5) Food Areas (Kitchens)
- (9) Pubs & Taverns + (1) full bar & sit down restaurant
- More than (20) tons of the Festival's famous Giant Turkey Legs are devoured annually during the eight week festival
- An average of (20) Weddings are conducted at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® annually during the course of each eight week season (real weddings – not performances)
- Average visit is (5) hours
- The festival is a privately held company owned by the same two families since its inception

National Recognition

- NBC's First Look
- Travel Channel
- CNN.com
- Food Network



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Accolades

- **Best Place to Escape Reality** – Dallas Observer
- **“Top (#2) Family Friendly Renaissance Faire in the U.S.”** – Family Vacation Critic
- **Best Seasonal Event in Ellis Co** – Waxahachie Daily Light
- **Top 5 Things to Do in D/FW** – Dallas Morning News
- **Top 6 Events Not to Miss in D/FW** – Dallas Child
- **Top 10 Things to Do** – Fort Worth Star Telegram
- **Best Bet** – Dallas Voice
- **2014 Renaissance Festival Awards**
 - #1 Best Jousting Troupe – *Noble Cause Productions*
 - #1 Best Children’s Show – *Fool Hearty*
 - #1 Best Musical Group – *Tartanic*
 - #1 Best Music Solo Show – *Cast in Bronze*
 - #1 Best Specialty Show – *Iris & Rose, Wild & Thorny*
 - #2 Best Non-Musical Solo Show – *Zilch the Torysteller*
 - #2 Best Non-Musical Group – *The Tortuga Twins*
 - #2 Best Shop Vendor – *Pendragon Costumes*
 - #3 Best Non-Musical Solo Show – *Adam Crack: Fire Whip*
 - #3 Best Comedy Musical Show – *Hey Nunnie Nunnie*
 - #3 Best Non-Musical Comedy Show – *Don Juan & Miguel*
 - #3 Best Dance Troupe – *Vodka Family*
 - #3 Best Shop Vendor – *Moresca Clothing*

Noteworthy Entertainment:

- **Flaming Idiots** – The nationally renowned acrobatic troupe evolved out of the Scarborough cast (Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts) and went on to perform across the county including a lengthy engagement on Broadway (*past performers*).
- **Doktor Kaboom** – Scarborough Renaissance Festival® was the first festival Doktor Kaboom performed. The “Doktor” went on to perform across the country including Fort Worth’s Bass Performance Hall (*past performer*).
- **Flying Karamazov Brothers** – Frequent performers at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® have performed on Broadway, in Las Vegas and were featured in the movie *Romancing the Stone* (*past performer*).
- **Kamikaze Fireflies** – The Kamikaze Fireflies perform gravity defying acrobats and stunts combined with gut busting laughs. They hold numerous world records as documented by the Guinness Book of World Records and have been showcased two years in a row on NBC’s “America’s Got Talent”
- **Cirque de Sewer** – Auditioned for CBS’ David Letterman Show
- **Don Juan & Miguel** – Comedy sword fighting duo has been the premier entertainment attraction at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® for 30 years and received tremendous accolades around the country.
- **HRM King Henry VIII** – aka Richard Patterson celebrates his 20th season in the role of King Henry VIII in 2015
- **HRM Queen Margaret of Scotland & the Isles** – aka Janna Zepp celebrates her 18th season in the role of King Henry VIII’s sister Queen Margaret in 2015 (plus, cast director for 7 seasons and entertainment director for 2 seasons).



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Entertainment

- (21) Stages of continuous live entertainment with over 200 performances daily
 - Sword Fighting, Comedians, Acrobats, Musicians, Jugglers, Scottish Bagpipes, Magicians, Belly Dancing, Renaissance period instrumentals, Country & Court Dancing and more
- (3) Full Combat Jousts each day
- Birds of Prey exhibitions conducted by “Last Chance Forever” Birds of Prey Conservancy
- Grande Parade, Children’s Knighting Ceremony, Human Chess Match, Renaissance Rides, Games of Skill, and much more!
- History, Customs & Manners lessons and Historic Weapons demonstrations
- (150) Members of the Scarborough Academy of Performing Arts (SAPA) make up the performing company that become the “characters” of Scarborough including our very own King Henry VIII and his sister Queen Margaret of Scotland and the Isles.
 - The majority of the SAPA performers are volunteer actors and perform eight consecutive weekends of 10 hour a day, outdoor improvisational theater on our 35 acre stage
 - SAPA conducts eight weeks of rigorous training and rehearsals prior to the festival
 - Many SAPA performers have been in “character” for many years. In fact King Henry VIII is celebrating his 20th year in the role and Queen Margaret is celebrating her 18th year!

Performing Arts at Scarborough

- **Singing** – Song breaks out all around the Scarborough site - a number of A Capella singing groups plus others accompanied by music
- **Music** – numerous musical performing groups many performing with unique instruments like Hammered Dulcimers, Carillion Bells, Glass Harmonium, Cittern, Bagpipers, Harps and more.
- **Dancing** – wide variety of dancing from Belly Dancers to period dances like the Court Dance and Country Dance
- **Theatrical** – hundreds of performers in such roles as King Henry VIII, Margaret Queen of Scotland and the Isles, members of the royal court, villagers, pirates, mermaids and many others on-stage and roaming throughout the festival
- **Other** – acrobats, whip masters, flame throwers, sword fighters, comedians, magicians, puppeteers, escape artists, jugglers, etc.



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Visual Artwork, Crafts & Demonstrations

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is one of the largest outdoor juried craft shows in the country and is the place to go to discover the most unique artwork and crafts in North Texas. The Festival has 200 Shoppes featuring one-of-a-kind treasures for every taste and budget. Many of the artisans demonstrate their crafts throughout the days of the Festival and/or are on hand to talk about the outstanding workmanship and unusual techniques that go into creating every piece.

- **Glass Works** - Full glassblowing studio at the festival
 - Blown glass (glasses, mugs, bowls, etc), glass figurines, stained glass, cut glass
- **Painters & other visual artists** - paintings, charcoals, handmade books, etc.
- **Sculpting** - Life castings, intricate stone & wax carvings
- **Jewelry** - Precious stones, intricate beadworks, gold & silver masterpieces, chainmaille, crowns & tiaras
- **Pottery** - figurines plus functional pieces – bowls, mugs, pitchers & more
- **Woodworking** – musical instruments, carvings, mugs, bowls, walking sticks, treasure boxes, wands, model ships, toys, whistles, swords, bows, etc
- **Metalsmithing** - operational forge & blacksmithing shoppes at the festival with daily demonstrations with pewter, cast iron & steel
 - Household wares, wine racks, head boards, figurines, etc. Plus, swords & knives
- **Clothiers, Leatherworks & Hammock Weaving**
 - Fine, handmade clothing – weaving, needlepoint, silk works, cotton, wool & more
 - Clothing: dresses, capes, corsets, shirts, wraps, period attire, kilts, footwear, etc.
 - Accessories: belts, woven bags, leather pouches, wallets, purses, head-ware, parasols, etc
 - Household items: hammocks, pennants & tabards
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Soaps, Perfumes, lotions, oils, incense, dolls, handmade/painted masks, Ocarinas, hand fans, fairy wings and much, much more



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Food & Drink Fit for a King

- (5) Food court areas (kitchens) are strategically located throughout the Festival site, each offering a completely different menu selection
- Plus, our very own Bakery, Pasta Shop and roving specialty food carts
- Festival favorites include:
 - Giant Roasted Turkey Legs, Scottish Eggs, the largest Food-On-A-Stick selection in Texas (chicken, steak, sausage, meatballs, fruit, macaroni & cheese, mushrooms and more on-a-stick), hand-made Pastas, crab cakes, quiches, crepes, Sheppard's Pie, meat pies, Etouffee, fresh fruit, salads, Jumbo Fajitas, delectable pastries and hundreds of other international foods
- (9) Pubs & Taverns and (1) full bar
 - Twice daily Wine Tastings at the "The Vinery" wine arbor at the Cat & Fiddle Tavern – must be 21 to participate. Souvenir wine glass included.
 - Tickets \$30 and may be purchased in advance on-line – seating is limited
 - Daily Beer tastings at the Dirty Duck Pub twice daily – must be 21 to participate. Souvenir pint glass included.
 - Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance on-line – seating is limited

Specialty Events & Programs

- **Student Days**
 - On Tuesday, April 28, 2015 students are invited to enter the realm of England's legendary King Henry VIII and experience the intellectual, cultural, and artistic splendor of the Renaissance first hand. Classes will experience a full day of demonstrations, shows, and educational interactions. Students can also compete in drama, essay, poetry, journalism (news writing), and prose & poetry interpretation competitions
- **Royal Renaissance Weddings** (*throughout the run of the festival*)
 - Each year, Scarborough Renaissance Festival® hosts an average of (20) weddings. These Renaissance themed weddings are held in the picturesque Wedding Garden located within the festival site and can include admission to the festival for the wedding party and their guests, a full Renaissance banquet reception, music, cakes, flowers and more.



New for 2015

2015 Theme

- Celebrating 35 Years of the Renaissance in North Texas!
- The Most Unique Entertainment Experience in North Texas!
- King Henry VIII celebrates 20 years as the reigning monarch of Scarborough Renaissance Festival®!

New Additions

- **Brand new Brothers Stage** – this iconic stage at the top of Scarborough’s Pecan Grove area has been completely rebuilt and greatly expanded for the 2015 season

New Entertainment

- **Topsy Turvy – The Jypsy Jesters** - Comedic circus antics, astonishing people-stacking feats, and a little bit of sibling rivalry (4/4, 4/5, 4/11, 4/12 ONLY)
- **Steele Sisters** – Two woman fast paced & action-packed comedy sword-fighting show filled with sisterly competition. (4/25, 4/26, 5/2, 5/3 ONLY)
- **Whistle the Fairy** – Whimsical Fairy who delights in charming children of all ages
- **Lady Prudence** – Court composer and musician – lap harp, penny whistle – and singer
- **Glenn Bailey** – performing on the small pipes (a bellows type bagpipe)
- **The Spanish Court** (part of SAPA – Scarborough’s performing company) – The Spanish Court visits Scarborough to create an alliance with King Henry VIII and perhaps even woo him with a prospective (Spanish) bride

New Artisans (full season)

- **Love Good Wood** (Crown Meadow) – Handcrafted, cut wood necklaces
- **Medieval Map Maker** (Holly Field) – Hand drawn fantasy and historical maps
- **Bon Bon Musical Instruments** (Holly Field) Hand painted/burned/carved reproductions of period musical instruments
- **La Forge Sings** (Reveler’s Road) – Custom and ready cut metal, wood and glass signs
- **Royal Peacock** (Reveler’s Road) – Court jewelry, bodice broaches and necklaces
- **Mining Sleuth** (Reveler’s Road) – Pan for treasures near the children’s playground
- **Lady Artisan** (Holly Field) – Bodice coolers (returning artisan with an additional shoppe)
- **Ewe Olde Petting Zoo presents Unicorn Photo Opportunity** (Pecan Grove)
- **Scribal Workshop** (Holly Field) – Terrariums and writing desks (returning artisan with new products)

New Guest Artisans

- **Knick-Knachronisms** – Woven wire creations/sculptures (4/4 – 4/26 ONLY)
- **Ivymoon Designs** – Enameled copper items (5/2 – 5/10 ONLY)
- **Gary Lansinger, Wood Artisan** – Turned, found and sculptured wood items (5/16 – 5/25)

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New Food

- **Chocolate Covered Bananas** – A healthy snack with a sweet twist – (*Crown Kitchens & Royal Kitchens*)
- **Deep Fried Watermelon** – Juicy watermelon wedges battered and deep fried. Topped with powdered sugar – (*Crown Kitchens*)
- **Jalapeno Bottle Caps** – Spicy jalapeno slices in a beer batter and deep fried. Served with ranch dressing – (*Crown Kitchens*)
- **Spicy Breaded Corn Nuggets** – Spicy breaded corn nuggets with jalapenos and deep fried. Served with a Cilantro Lime dipping sauce – (*Royal Kitchens*)
- **Donut Holes On-A-Stick** – The newest addition to the “Largest selection of Food-on-a-Stick in Texas” – Cake donut holes and fresh banana slices on a stick and sprinkled with powdered sugar – (*Crown Kitchens & Royal Kitchens*)
- **Soft Beef Tacos** - Taco beef, lettuce, Roma tomatoes & shredded cheese rolled in a soft flour tortilla – (*Crown Kitchens*)
- **Meatballs On-A-Stick** – Last year’s food hit is back with two new topping choices: Sweet & Sour Sauce or Raspberry Chipotle Sauce – (*Crown Kitchens*)
- **Royal Pizza** – The newest addition to Scarborough’s pizza offerings – Pepperoni pizza topped with red & green bell peppers, onions, black olives & mushrooms – (*Crown Kitchens & Royal Kitchens*)
- **Henry’s Old Fashioned Ice Cream** – Scarborough welcomes this tasty North Texas favorite – (*Crown Kitchens*)
- **Lobster and Mascarpone Cheese Ravioli with Lemon Cream** – A amazing ravioli creation with a just a hint of Parmesan - (*Pasta Palace*)
- **Three Mushroom Ravioli & Herb Cream Sauce** – The tantalizing tastes of Portobello, Meadow and Shiitake mushrooms in handmade ravioli topped with a herb perfumed sauce – (*Pasta Palace*)
- **Pasta Palace Daily Specials** – Variety of sweet & savory crepes – (*Pasta Palace*)
- **Blitz Kuche (lightning cake)** – A German sour cream coffee cake with strudel topping whose recipe has been passed down through the generations – (*Scarborough Bakery*)
- **Po-de-Queijo** – A non-gluten Brazilian cheese muffin – (*Scarborough Bakery*)
- **Fruit Kolaches** – (*Scarborough Bakery*)
- **Scarborough Bakery Daily Specials** – “One Night Stands” cake specials & a variety of croissant specials – (*Scarborough Bakery*)



2015 Theme Weekends and Special Events

- **April 4 & 5** **Opening Weekend/Kid's Free /Easter**
 - All children 12 and under are FREE this weekend only (up to 3 children free with each paid adult)
 - Senior Discount weekend – 1/2 Price ages 65+
 - Easter Treasure Hunt on both Saturday & Sunday
 - Renaissance Easter Service on Sunday, April 5th – 12:30 pm at the Crown Stage

 - **April 11 & 12** **Royal Ale Festival**
 - Ale Festival Tasting event both Saturday & Sunday 1 pm – 3 pm in the Crown Pavilion
 - Sampling a wide variety of beer & ale. Separate ticketed event – \$10 per person. Must be 21 or older to participate
 - Turkey Leg Eating Contest

 - **April 18 & 19** **Celtic Weekend**
 - Celtic theme activities & contests such as a Scottish Egg Eating Contest, Bonnie Knees Contest, Tug-O-War and Children's Highland Games
 - Special Celtic Performances: Jigmacool and Shandon School of Irish Dancing

 - **April 25 & 26** **Artisan's Showcase Weekend**
 - Showcase of Scarborough's wide variety of artisans and works of art & Artisan's Scavenger Hunt

 - **May 2 & 3** **ALL NEW – Live the Fantasy Weekend**
 - Family friendly, fantasy costume contests for children & adults. Meet & greet with Scarborough's fantasy characters (fairies, trolls, etc.)

 - **May 9 & 10** **Mother's Day Weekend**
 - **Mother's Day Brunch: All NEW for 2015** - A scrumptious Mother's Day Brunch Buffet for the whole family each day of Mother's Day Weekend including Baked Egg Frittata, Carved Ham, Mimosas & more. Plus lively entertainment and even a visit from King Henry VIII and his royal court!
 - This is a separate ticketed event with limited seating available - tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12. Children 4 & under are free.
 - **Renaissance Romance:** Couples are invited to join us the picturesque Scarborough Wedding Garden to renew their wedding vows at noon each day – FREE

 - **May 16 & 17** **Legends of the Seas Weekend**
 - Children's Mermaid & Pirate costume contest, Pirate Knighting Ceremony and Pirate Games

 - **May 23, 24 & 25** **Final Knights/Veterans Tribute**
 - Final weekend of the 2015 season
 - Memorial Day Veterans tribute – all active and retired military members are invited to march in the Grande Parade at 1 pm on Memorial Day Monday, May 25
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- **Daily** **Wine Tasting Events** (must be 21 or older to attend) – Separate ticketed event - \$30 per person
 - A one hour wine tasting experience conducted by Scarborough's certified Sommelier at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm every day at the Cat & Fiddle Vinery. Includes specially paired fruit and cheese plate and souvenir wine glass. Limited seating.

 - **Daily** **Beer Tasting Events** (must be 21 or older to attend) – Separate ticketed event - \$25 per person
 - One hour beer tasting experience conducted by Scarborough's brew master 12 noon and 4:00 pm every day at the Dirty Duck Pub (except 4/11 & 4/12 due to the Royal Ale Festival activities). Includes custom food pairing and souvenir pint glass. Limited seating.



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Historical Timeline – 35 Years of Bringing the Renaissance to North Texas

This is how we've grown & evolved over the years...

- **Opened 1981** – Guttenberg Printing Press, 75 Shoppes, Crown Theater, Eagle Crossing Bridge, Captain's Pub, Boarshead Pub, Kings Pub, Glass Blowers Booth, and Front Gate
- **1985** – Joust moved to its current location in Pecan Grove (from Crown Meadow)
- **1986** – Alehouse Pub
- **1987** – Gravel sidewalks added
- **1988** – Built major additions: Craft Artisan Exhibit hall, (4) Craft shoppes, Village Kitchen, Fat Friar's Pub, Dirty Duck Pub
- **1989** – (2) more craft shoppes, new drink shop in Pecan Grove and (3) food booths in West Market
- **1990** – Falconry Stage & Gypsy Stage
- **1991** – Taylor Lane Stage
- **1993** – King's Pavilion
- **1994** – Pecan Grove Souvenir Shoppe & Sea Hag Stage
- **1997** – New front gate & ticketing area. Canterbury Stage
- **1998** – Iconic "Scarborough Castle" opened. Living Chess Match moved to Holly Field
- **1999** – Flush toilets. Revelers Stage & Fajita Food booth
- **2000** – New Main Souvenir Shoppe, Added ATM's
- **2001** – Villager Bridge, Castle Pavilion, Pizza Booth in Crown Kitchens
- **2002** – Rebuilt Joust Arena, Crown Pavilion & Turtle Drome
- **2003** – West Market Arch, Peg Leg Stage, Royal Kitchen rebuilt
- **2006** – Taylor Lane Arch, Ivanhoe Stage, Carillion Stage, Living Chess Match Field (board)
- **2007** – Whitehorse Tavern & entertainment area
- **2008** – Rebuilt Eagle Crossing Bridge and Crown Kitchens. Added Rose & Crown full service restaurant
- **2009** – Rebuilt Dirty Duck Pub. New Cat & Fiddle Tavern
- **2011** – Rebuilt Crown Theater & Stage. New Village Green Pavilion & Picnic area for group events. Added full bar to Rose & Crown restaurant. Started daily Wine Tastings
- **2012** – Vinery Wine Arbor
- **2013** – Mermaid Lagoon. Rebuilt Kings Pub.
- **2014** – Expanded Mermaid Lagoon with 2 large aquariums. Started daily Beer Tastings
- **2015** – Rebuilt Brother's Stage and portion of the Royal Kitchens