

# Michaelmas · In · The · Oaks

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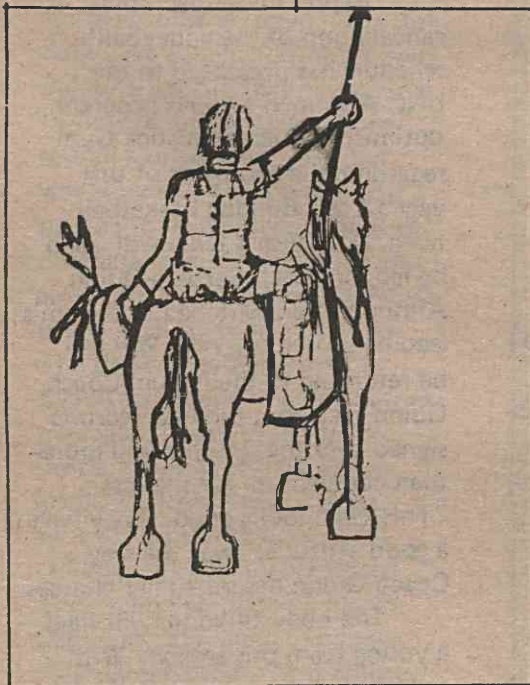
On Saturday, October 20th, the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina is presenting a Michaelmas festival. Popularly celebrated in the Middle Ages in honour of St. Michael, the Archangel, this modern Michaelmas offers us a unique opportunity to step back a few centuries, and promises to be a magical day full of feasting and general merriment.

Plans for the day include traditional games and events such as wrestling, acrobatics, jousting, and bowling-on-the-green, and there will be displays of tapestry, manuscript illuminations and other period art by tradesmen and artists dressed in medieval garb along with wandering minstrels, jugglers, and bagpipers. For the hungry, such fare as roast suckling pig and homemade bread, among others, will be offered at the Spend-Pennie Market. Free baby-sitting will be available for very small children, and all ages should delight in the puppet shows and the "Weaver of Magic Tales."

In England, it is still the custom to elect the governors of cities and towns on Michaelmas, and it is one of 4 "quarter days" on which rents are paid. In keeping with tradition, there will be a token rent-paying ceremony presided over by the Lord High Mayor of In-The-Oaks. And as a long-observed feast day of the Anglican Church, this "Michaelmas-in-the Oaks" will feature a "near authentic celebration of the Holy Eucharist" in the outdoor cathedral.

Michaelmas is open to the public with no admission charge, and all who attend are invited to wear costumes of the period. The Diocese hopes to make this festival an annual event; and attendance at this first Michaelmas will help to ensure a spot for future ones.

In-The-Oaks is located in Black Mountain, N.C., about 18 miles east of Asheville. Take Highway 70 East into Black Mountain, and by the Exxon Station at the first traffic light in town, take a right. Go down the hill, cross the railroad tracks, and from there follow the signs. For information call 669-2117.



## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

- 9:30AM Begin marshalling for the program. Musicians, choirs, acolytes, plus the general public who will be given rhythm-band instruments to play.
- 10:00AM Service of the Holy Eucharist in outdoor cathedral.
- 11:30AM Spend-Pennie Market opens.

## MAIN EVENTS

Held in the outdoor cathedral -- at 45 minute intervals

- 1:00PM Instrumental Music Concert
- 1:45PM Drama -- a miracle play of the Middle Ages
- 2:30PM Choral Presentation and Madrigal Singers
- 3:15PM Dance
- 4:00PM Tourney -- mounted combat, jousts and tilts, archery. Held in adjacent field.
- 5:30PM Vespers
- 6:00PM Fair closes

## MINI-SHOWS

Held in the Diocean parking lot at half-hour intervals

- 1:30PM Rent-paying ceremony
- 2:00PM Violin Concert
- 2:30PM Fashion Show
- 3:00PM Hand Bell Ringing



## DIVERSIONS ABOUT THE FAIR

### Wrestling Exhibitions

- 1:30 - 2:00PM  
2:30 - 3:00PM

### Acrobats and Gymnasts

- 2:00 - 2:30PM  
3:00 - 3:30PM

### Weaver of Magic Tales

- 1:15 - 2:00PM  
3:00 - 3:45PM



### Puppet Shows

- 12:15PM  
1:15  
2:15

## CLASSICAL GUITAR

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## cy timmons concert

Guitarist, singer, and comedian Cy Taylor is coming to UNC-A on Monday, October 22nd, to help the new term get underway. His performance starts at 8:00PM in Lipinsky Auditorium, and is sponsored by the University Committee for Cultural and Special Events.