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Welcome the debut issue of our new newsletter, the Apogaea Apocrypha. The word apocrypha - uh-pok-ruh-fuh - literally means "hidden things" and refers to writings of dubious authenticity or questionable authorship.

While mooping my camp on the playa several years ago, I found a tiny piece

of paper gyrating on the wind past my tent, evidently an escapee from a fortune cookie:

Fat Fong say: Elephant to naked man. How do you drink with that?

The hard-working people who put this newsletter together hope you gain equivalent meaning and insights from the apocryphal morsels of information within.

-- Milk

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STATE OF THE DISUNION ADDRESS

Greetings Apogaeans,

The winds of change have caught our sail and Apogaea is sailing into new waters this year. Unless you're overhearing someone reading this out loud on a Romanian street car, you no doubt realize that Apogaea has gone to 'press' with our first newsletter.

Here on the Board of Directors we're shaking things up a bit too. Elections are coming up and we'll be looking for a few new board members verrrrry soon. Our beloved Ms. T will be taking a sabbatical and leaving us for a while. So, now is the time to show your colors and burnitude if you want to be on the planning staff for Colorado's Regional Burn (so like email us or something real soon!).

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We'll be continuing to expand and revitalize our infrastructure for 2008 as well. Our glorious Art Committee will be co-chaired by Penelope Knifechuka (Gwin) and B-Rad; our Boulder Bman Regional Rep. In the very near future, Team Leads, Apo-Monkeys at Large, and other planning positions will be needing your energy, playa-power, and mad skilz.

So! Prepare thyself! We've picked the date already and the theme will be announced shortly as well. The wheels, gears, and body parts of Apogaea 2008 are in motion. Let's Ride!

E-Vol President Apogaea

ART TICKLE - ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Call Out for Art Grant Ideas

Need help getting your Art Project to Apogaea 2008? The Arts Grant Committee is here to help. Start thinking about how you can make that great creative idea a reality. The Apo Arts Committee is starting our submission process a little earlier this year in order to expedite the judging process and get you some money, so you can get started.

The Apo Arts Committee will be opening its doors for grant application in mid-November. So now is the time to start formulating those ideas and getting it down on paper. Here are a few questions you might ask to get yourself started:

- What do I want to create?
- How much will it cost?
- Will it be environmentally friendly and leave no trace?
- Will it be safe for others?
- How will I get it to Apogaea?
- Who can I initiate to help me build it, transport it and/or help fund it?
- Will it be weather proof?
- Will I need power?
- How will I set goals for myself so that I follow through with my concept?

What YOU Can Apply For...

- Art Installations & Projects
- Creative Performances
- Theme Camps
- Work Shops
- Kids Arts Projects

Please keep in mind the numbers from last year. We do get a lot of applications and not a ton of money to give away, so the #1 Question you want to ask your self is "What separates my project from the rest" – while also keeping in mind that it is NOT a competition.

2007 Arts Grant Committee STATS for Apogaea 2007

Grant Applications31
Grant recipients21
Art Grant Requests \$22,285.00
2007 Grant Budget \$7,500.00
Estimated # Who Took Their Projects to Burning Man3

While we do not encourage you to apply for an Apogaea Arts grant if you have already been given a grant for Burning Man, we do encourage recipients to take your Apogaea (partially) funded project to Burning Man if you wish to do so.

Mentoring

Apogaea would love to help fund every piece of art that comes across our plate. However, this is not realistic given the number of grant requests we receive compared to the actual amount we can give. This can really SUCK for people who have fabulously creative, yet costly ideas for art projects at Apogaea. We want to help. Over the next few months we will offer ideas for raising money and additional mentoring for those of you that wish to take your project to the next level.







WWFLD

WHAT WOULD FUCKING LEE DO?

DISCLAIMER

Fucking Lee does not necessarily represent the opinions or thinking process of Apogaea, Inc. or its organizers. Advice given by Fucking Lee should be reviewed

by a medical professional, psychologist, and trained stunt person before never being considered. Fucking Lee is not for children, as it may cause excitability and/ or questions you don't want to answer.

CAT PEES ON SLEEPING BAG AND NOW FREAK CANT GET LAID

DEAR FUCKING LEE: When I got to Apo I found out my cat had pee'ed all over my sleeping bag. What is the best way to remove this unpleasant smell and boost my chances of getting lucky? -- CAT YOUR IN

DEAR CAT YOUR IN: Hell you'll never get the smell of stinky pussy out of any thing so my advice is fuck a hippy chic on he period

DEAR FUCKING LEE: Are you going to keep the green, cowardly lion hair from Burning Man?

No in the pseudo-real world I must be semi-clean-shaven. Fuckers!

DEAR FUCKING LEE: Why is a proton is made up of two up quarks and one down quark, yielding a net charge of +1; while a neutron contains one up quark and two down quarks, yielding a net charge of 0, shouldn't it have a charge of -1? -- UNSMOOVED

DEAR UNSMOOVED: Stupid questionask your mom, if you can ever get the cock out of her mouth and tell your dad to stick to the rule's: "lube and warning." My ass is still bleeding.

If you have questions for Fucking Lee that you need advice on please email: facanlee(AT)apogaea(DOT)com

VOLUNTEER THY SELF

VOLUNTEER MESSAGE BOARD

APO SAFETY TEAM

We are looking for volunteers for Apo 2008 – Are you medically trained (EMT or Paramedic, RN, MD, First Responder) or fire fighter trained (Structural or Wild land, Volunteer or Paid?)

Email: **tjroberts2243(AT)comcast(DOT)net** with any questions, or if interested (even in the slightest little bit . . .) We want YOU!

- Travis



FIRE SPINNERS

Sign up for the Colorado fire tribe group on yahoo to get information on

the upcoming **Parade Of Lights** and start getting signed up for the **Littleton Candle Walk**.

Colorado Fire Tribe (COFT) is a great place to network with performers in your area and organize with others as well as a time to practice performing in a fun group setting.

"COFT is made of individuals and groups of fire artists located in Colorado. Many are Burning Man inspired, though COFT is open to anyone with a passion for fire."

http://www.cofiretribe.com/

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Colorado-FireTribe/

- Dragon

If you have something you would like to submit to the Volunteer Thy Self column - please email: missioncontrol(AT)apogaea(DOT)com

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COME HERE OFTEN?

A GUIDE TO EVENTS THAT YOU MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT THINK ARE COOL...

MONTHLY

The Hill is Burning - Denver's Capitol Hill residents (though we are radically inclusive, dontcha' know), invite you to a hang-out/discussion/reunion type thing-y over drinks. Meeting at Charlie Brown's sporadically throughout the year.

If you'd like to be put on the notification list.

Contact The Mayor at ontherd714(AT)yahoo (DOT)com

WEEKLY

Denver Meet and Greet TUEDSAYS – 8-10pm @ the Thin Man in Denver (on 17th between Race and Vine) – With a new host every week! This weekly tradition allows burners throughout the community to connect in a relaxed environment. So bring out your virgins, veterans, costumes, camps, ideas, thoughts and questions. Ya never know whose gonna show up!

Questions? Contact Cheese Bikini at fondue89412(AT) gmail(DOT)com

OCTOBER

La Folie du Carnaval de Bohémiens at the GoG

Saturday, October 27 7pm - late

A Halloween Carnival of Gypsy Madness: Two Sound Systems with DJ's, Bands, Roving Musicians and performers. A Gypsy Camp Deep in a Dark Forest, Puppet Theater, and Carnival Rides. Dungeon\Torture Chamber, Room of Horrors, Mind Bending Black Lit Rooms, And Many Surprises! A Restaurant that serves till we close with Veggie/Meat options and Breakfast too!

Event link: http://gog.eventwax.com/la-folie-du-carnaval-de-bohmiens

Questions?
Contact Ahwoo at
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NOVEMBER

Arachnophobia Theme Camp Fundraiser and Gothic Slumber Party

Friday, November 9th 7pm-2am.
Location TBA

A night of anything BUT sleep! Come dressed in your best black pajamas or gothic finery! Not Goth yet? No problem! You will

get to delve into your darker side in our gothic hair do and makeover stations!

Its a pajama and pizza party with fortune telling, henna tattoos, colored hair braid-ins, mani/pedicures, chair massage, gothed out versions of your favorite childhood board games, a pillow lined place with twisted bedtime stories, rope bondage fashions, gothic music and a raffle filled with prizes.

Questions?
Contact Spider at
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Got An Event You Want Posted?

email: <u>missioncontrol(AT)apogaea(DOT)com</u>

We can't guarantee everything will get in, but damn it if we won't die trying.





Hello Apogaeans,

First a big thanks to everyone who contributed to our post-apo feedback survey. There were a lot of diverse criticisms, suggestions, and kudos.

This first survey was a search for freeform feedback, and we got lots of it. However, it was not structured to gather statistics to measure participant satisfaction for making democratic decisions. Some feedback conflicted strongly with others, like "This was the best Apo I've been to yet..." vs. "...I thought this one was least special". We are doing our best to incorporate the feedback to improve next year's event.

Future surveys will be designed to gather more statistically interesting information which will lead to more stuff being done at the event as a direct result of decisions made democratically by you (the community).

One of the major themes throughout the survey results was discussion of sound camps. Some folks liked it the way it was, but a common complaint was that there were too many sound systems for the number of people, and that they were generally too loud, particularly in the "off peak" hours.

Here's what I think:

1. Find a good pair of earplugs; some are better than others and some fit more securely for sleeping - seriously, loud music is not likely to go away and no matter what we do, someone will be less-than-satisfied; so be prepared to deal with it.

2. We are exploring creative solutions to sound issues, including policing of decibel levels, "quiet hours", fewer sound camps, enclosed (non-projected) sound systems, and so on. Please bear with us on this as we work it out, and PLEASE give your feedback in the new survey.

Got feedback? Backtalk wants to hear it. Send your annoying fusses to...

backtalk(AT)apogaea(DOT)com and see if your bitching can make the grade for the next issue. Preference will be given to relevant topics, logically sound structure, and brevity (keep it short).

What do you think?

Take our latest survey that's designed specifically for Sound Camp feedback. It's only 2 questions. Just click the link below and let us know how you feel.

CLICK HERE TO TAKE SOUND CAMP SURVEY

Congratulations! You just made it through the first issue of the Apogaea Apocrypha.

Look for a new issue Mid-December. Thanks and have a great fucking day!

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