

# THE PEOPLE OF INNSMOUTH

## Fanclub Newsletter

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# The Official Fan Club of The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets

Send us letters! They may very well receive print in the next newsletter! The People of Innsmouth: Abbotsford

## CYBER-CTHULHU 1994 CALENDAR

If you liked The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets colouring book, get ready to split your purulent forehead over the latest art-infested publication by the crazy guys from your favourite local band. Toren G. Atkinson is in charge of the brand new 1994 Calendar, which pays homage to The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets' favourite author, H. P. Lovecraft, and his Cthulhu mythos, as August Derleth called it. Within is a complete calendar for 1994, filled with interesting yearly facts, and chock full of brand new, all original art by the band members and their close friends. Now how much would you pay? Wait! There's more! Actually, there isn't--but how much do you need? A page by Eugene's Axe's Joshua Pratt, a computer generated Deep One by Joe Fulgham, two photographic works by The Darkest of the Hillside thickets bassist Boob Fustie, two pen and ink works by guitarist Warren Banks, and seven grandiose drawings by the main art guy and lead singer, toren G. Atkinson, PLUS and ink work by Christopher Woods--you may have heard of him: he was recently named one of the 100 Canadians to watch by Maclean's magazine, for he is the painter whose huge works can be seen in the Dianne Farris gallery in Vancouver! this monumental calendar will be selling for only six bucks -- not bad considering the plastic swimsuit models, beautiful boring British Columbia, and intolerably cute talking dog calendars in Coles and other stores go for at least \$12. hey, everyone needs a calendar, what are you going to do in 1994? Start your day with a crunchy bowl of Cthulhu flakes! these babies are going fast, because everyone's buying one for their little brother for Christmas (it's just around the corner). They're cheap, they're high quality, and they support local talent. If you would like one of these unspeakable horrors, write to us or stop by The Brotherhood of Evil Humans. (Remember, mailing them out costs us -- and therefore you -- an extra three bucks. It's sad but true, so try to get one at your local Darkest of the Hillside Thickets outlet.)

## Lovecraft Corner

Just a few short weeks ago, The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets joined the H. P. Lovecraft Fanclub. You can find out about this four-star operation by mailing to them at P.O. box 796 Rockport MA 01966. you can subscribe to the Arkham Advertiser and learn all about Lovecraft, and find correspondents in horror all over the world. the Darkest of the Hillside thickets soon hope to have adverts in the Arkham Advertiser. If you like Cthulhu, but want more information on the greasy god, you can write to me, Toren G. Atkinson, and I will be happy to send you back some important tidbits on our object of propitiatory worship. For a fuller understanding however, you should read as many books by H. P. Lovecraft as you can. you can find them at your local library, or look for them at used bookstores. Also look for Brian Lumley and August Derleth. Ask the people in charge about these authors and their work. And now, a word about Innsmouth: "During the winter of 1927-28 officials of the Federal government made a strange and secret investigation of certain conditions in the ancient Massachusetts seaport of Innsmouth...There were vague statements about disease and concentration camps, and later about dispersal in various naval and military prisons, but nothing positive ever developed. But I must try to tell what I thought I saw that night--a legion of croaking, baying entities of unknown source flopped noisomely past, scarcely more than a hundred yards away."--The Shadow Over Innsmouth.

## Intro....

You hold in your hands the second edition of the newsletter of The People of Innsmouth. la la Cthulhu fhtagn! As you well know, The People of Innsmouth are the very important (and extremely unstable) individuals who make up The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets' fans. However, not all fans are members -- many do not have the privilege of knowing the inside scoop on all o The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets' activities. This is so because many unworthy peons do not get off their sorry butts and spend the time and forty three cents it costs to join the club. you are not one of these people! In this issue: news news news! The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets new ten song release! The Geoff Edwards affair! The Veritable Shrine compilation CD! And much much more! Read on, then, faithful ones...

## A Word to The Wise

When I was a young lad, I did not have much of a music collection. Everything I did have, I had because I had pirated it from my older brother. In the height of youthful folly, I was proud that I had never spent any money on music. During one of my transitional stages, however, I became somewhat of a Shuffle Demons fan. None of my friends had a copy of any of their albums, so I was simply forced to buy one myself. At the time, they were not quite so popular as they are today, and it was relatively difficult to find a copy of their work. When I finally did buy one, I noticed something it said on the inside cover: "Unauthorized duplication of this album is illegal and really hurts. Please support your performing artists." It was then I realized the gravity of the situation. A lot of independent and small-time bands do not make a lot of money. Pirating at home can make a tough financial situation even tougher for your favorite bands. Now obviously this does not apply to Michael Jackson and Bon Jovi -- their costs are covered and then some -- copy away. For bands like The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets, however, most income comes from gigs and merchandise: only two of our members have jobs. Please DO NOT copy our demos, or any such demos of independent and local bands. In fact, it's not a good idea to even lend them out -- even if your friends don't copy the thing, they'll probably lose it for you. So support your local music scene and your favorite bands, and please don't home pirate. Cthulhu's watching!

## CTHULHU- RIFFOMANIA!

The Darkest of the Hillside Thickets are pleased to announce their upcoming release, "Cthulhuriffomania!" This epic demo includes brand new hits, Colour Me Green, Space Ghosts, A Thousand Fists, and Mustard Gas. Included also is a new recording of the old favourite, Big Robot Dinosaur, plus a fabulous acoustic version of Diggin' Up the World that always brings a chuckle up my throat. Really new songs include Everyone Calls Me Ted, Flee!, Yog Sothoth, and Rocket Science! This ten song rockin' ALBUM is the long awaited sequel to the old standby, "Hurts Like Hell," and is due out at the beginning of November. hang on to your shoggoths, boys and girls, this ride is NOT going to stop until the starspawn of Cthulhu are up and crushing. Can you say "fucking incredible?" "Cthulhuriffomania" will be available at The Brotherhood of Evil Humans (6122 Glengarry Dr, Sardis BC V2R 2H9) in person for \$6, through the mail via Veritable Shrine (c/o The Brotherhood of Evil Humans) for \$9, or at Gramma's Skate Shop in Abbotsford for \$7. In time they will also be available at Sam the Record Man, Track Records, and Zulu Records in Vancouver.

