

Johnathan Beggs by Fred Mc L. Adams

We just learned that one of the most important co-founders of early Feraferia has died. Jonathan Beggs attained the respectable age of 88. He stayed humorous and active right up 'til his last year. His lovely and beloved wife Mitzi Hoag died four years earlier; he spoke so fondly of her when we visited him in Sherman Oaks in 2019. What a gentle man and kind host he was! He persuaded us to join him at home for a lunch of mango salad and spicy rice with treats on the side, and regaled us with tales of the old times.

Jon was an original member of the colorful commune Fred lived in in the mid-1950s in Sierra Madre Canyon, California. He contributed playfulness, ideas and essays to Feraferia, and he helped Fred create a Goddess Temple, a large Goddess sculpture, and several Sacred Henge Circles for Feraferia.

Jon accompanied Fred and another half dozen Mystai on a camping pilgrimage to Mojave Desert to celebrate Oimelc and the Eclipse Stellium on February 4, 1962; see bottom photo below, of a young Jon squinting into the sunrise.

Jon was a science-fiction writer, bon vivant, and contractor by trade. He made friends with folks wherever he went. He and some neighbors formed a comedy troupe called the "Future Hasbeens." Out of his love for books and people, he helped create the Little Free Library movement in Los Angeles. His neighbor Keith Valcourt wrote a tribute on Facebook revealing that Jon had also been a male model! And claiming that Jon could play "the perfect old man foil for any ad." Apparently this included playing "Rocky" in a parody called "Rocky54" and KFC pitchman Colonel Sanders, not to mention "appearances in Dos XX now Tres XXX Beer ads as the "Second Most Interesting Man in the World."

Jon, we remember you with fondness and admiration for a life well lived. Hail the Traveler!



Jonathan Beggs with his wife, actor Mitzi Hoag, attending a play.



Jonathan Beggs, Mountain Crest 1967

