

Freedom, fluidity mark designs

Mary McFadden, one of the truly original designers on today's fashion scene showed a fluid, free collection recently in New York which brimmed with new ideas and shapes.

Her daytime separates were a blend of colors and textures in new innovations. Designs labeled "Post Modern" display a new temperament and a mood of creative eclecticism and freedom from rules of style. Inspiration for them comes from many sources in time and place, generating new forms and mixed techniques.

Her latest collection is inspired from early Christian ivories, Renaissance brocade, art deco mouldings, all translated to silk designs. She uses highly finished whites, rust and platinum and bleached lines in tasteful combinations.

A trunk showing of her collection will be at Hattie, 555 Woodward in Birmingham on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Included in the collection are sweaters for day and evening, some handloomed, many of mohair. Some are meant to be worn belted with gold rope at the hip and have been shown over narrow white China silk pants.

Emphasis of the collection is on handloomed fabrics. Combinations of chenille, mohair, cording, wool, linen, metallics with synthetic filaments all are worked in unique mixes varying from twill to open weave designs.

HAND-LOOMED fabrics are combined with corduroy, suede skins, cotton voile, and printed challis. The silhouette is wide across the shoulder, yet soft; falling into narrow body angles, belted and wrapped below the waist.

The designer's signature—the quilted jacket—returns in many variations for day and

evening. Quilting is draped and held by drawstrings and ropes below the waist.

A group of hand-painted challis dresses with wool and mohair hipwraps combine with painted challis skirts and candy-cane colored chenille tops.

Handpainting appears again in suede jackets banded and cuffed in heavy knit and worn over loose challis bodysuits. They are worn with mohair sweaters over suededkin narrow pants, ankletied.

McFadden uses macramé breastplates and epaulettes in gold and silver cord attached like jewels to pleated disco dresses. Tricolor evening looks have silken slings of fabric diagonally draped across the body. Threads of gold and gold interlace and lame play an important part in this group.

Her "marli" pleating techniques have been taken a step further than before with skirts and harem pants slit and tied, giving fabric bulk to pleating. Sleeves have become ropes and draped crescents of pleats. Body Draping is horizontal.

A black velvet group alludes to Renaissance heraldry and surrounds ivory silhouettes which introduce an archaic, burnished bride. Borders of steel and gold macramé, detachable jewels and baroque bead edgings bring the glamour of that time up to today.

ACCESSORIES include bleached wisp-snake belts loosely tied on the hips for the day looks. Small high-varnished baskets have been reworked into handbags. An ankle box with side stitching and cloche hats lend a '20s air to the collection.

McFadden jewels are three-dimensionals worn as body sculptures and can double as art objects on cocktail tables. A stylized fish, an imaginary hypogryffe and archaic llama are hand-forged in

brass and dipped in 22 karat gold. Old and new styles,

conventional and experimental techniques, line fantasy and high tradi-

tion, all intermingle and mesh for an elegant and functional purity.



Dress in a Mary McFadden design and you may find you like one like this hand painted silk. The silhouette is wide across the shoulder, yet soft, and belted and wrapped below the waist. The designer likes gold in rope belts like this one, a motif repeated in the model's hair. A trunk showing of her wares will be at Hattie in Birmingham Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



fashion calendar

Monday, Aug. 14

Saks Fifth Avenue — This week only through Aug. 16 a collection of the finest, funnest, and freshest new looks in furs will be featured in the Revillon Fur Salon, third floor of the Troy store. Also Eliseo Fullin will introduce the Agnola Collection from Italy in the Regency Room through Aug. 16.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Guire Pearone — Informal modeling of the fashions of Bernard Ferris at the Somerset Mall store through Aug. 16.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Jacobson's — Easy-going California-influenced designs, in autumn's luxurious challis, silk crepe de chine and flannel will be shown in the Helga fall collection from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Birmingham store.

Hudson's — Visit Hudson's boys' department and meet Billy-the-Kid. Billy will be greeting young cowboys and handing out fun books and wanted posters. He will be at the Oakland Mall store 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and at the Eastland store from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. On Aug. 17 he will visit the Northland store from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Novi store from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17

Hattie's — The Mary McFadden Collection will be informally modeled through Aug. 19 at the Birmingham store.

Friday, Aug. 18

Bowit Teller — Fashions by Albert Nipon will be shown at the Troy store.

Sak's Fifth Avenue — Up to his usual capers the Kasper Collection will feature new proportions, fine-edged tailoring, splendid fabrics in the third floor Fifth Avenue Shop of the Troy store today and tomorrow.

Saturday, Aug. 19

Hudson's — Revlon makeup artists will offer a clinic to show you the latest techniques in the total Polished Ambers beauty and skin care regimen. A \$3 registration fee is applicable towards any Polished Ambers merchandise purchased. Clinic will be held at 2 p.m. in the training room on the fourth level of the Northland store.

Bowit Teller — The mystique of the old classic movie era will be re-created at the Career and College Fashion Show to be presented at 1 p.m. in the Somerset Mall. Uniformed ushers, boxes of popcorn, and show cards for scene changes will add to the atmosphere.

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Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Perfectly Frank

To paraphrase Thomas Wolfe, Stephanie Frank CAN go home again with a big grin from ear to ear. Born and raised in Detroit, Ms. Frank moved to New York a year ago. The handmade porcelain objects she creates in her studio there are so appealing that the Roz And Sherm stores can barely keep them in stock. There are ponytail holders (\$10) attached to colorful porcelain stars, flowers or hearts. Tortoise combs (\$8) feature a row of either four gold porcelain stars or hearts at the top. The bow tie pins have solid color centers. Some feature polka dots or stripes (\$15), while others are studded with sparkling stones (\$20).

Roz And Sherm: Maple and Telegraph, Birmingham, 651-0077, or Somerset Mall, 643-6488.



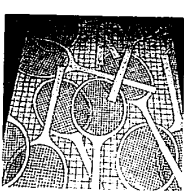
Save energy

Combine trips whenever possible to avoid unnecessary use of your car. If each car owner could eliminate one short trip a week—the nation's gasoline bill could be cut by 7%.

Wall to wall

Slater Wallcovering Studio isn't just for wallflowers. The store both sells and distributes a marvelous assortment of good-looking wallcoverings. For tennis buffs, there is "Tennis", featuring tennis rackets in a stylized design. The clever companion paper, "Nets To You", is designed to look like a tennis net. The "Star Wars" wallcovering depicts the movie's characters in a realistic style. All-vinyl and scrubable, the paper also may be stripped and therefore changed should your children ever hitch their wagons to another star.

Slater Wallcovering Studio, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-5880.



Loafing

Salud to Cheers! A wonderful new store that opened last week. Among other things, they have a cute item for your kids (who surely by this point in summer need something new and different to do). The Little Red Hen Breadmaker kit (\$7.29) includes an easy bread mix, four disposable foil bread pans, two packets of honey, a plastic knife, a coloring book with "The Little Red Hen Story", and a charming instruction booklet.

Cheers! Franklin Shopping Plaza, Twelve Mile Road and North-western, Southfield, 357-2343.



Closings

Button, button, who's got the button? Minnesota Fabrics, that's who, and they're terrific. There are enamel ice cream cones, strawberries, apples, cherries, lemons and sailboats; plastic hearts, watermelon slices, stars, frogs, ladybugs, daisies, tomatoes and lemons; wooden yellow pencils (complete with black lead tips), orange elephants with yellow polka dots, Snoopy-like dog faces and London Bobbies. You'll also find white plastic buttons featuring such words as "no", "yes", and "maybe", or "rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief". The buttons range from one to four per card and from \$.50 to \$1.20 per card.

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