



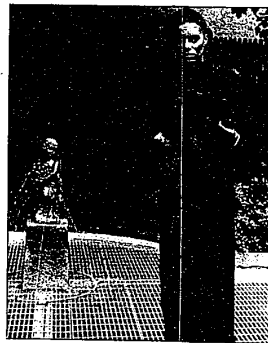
Co-chairman Rosemary Bannon, right, planned for the stars and got them, including a spectacular array of Bill Tice designs, which Bonwit Teller sent along to add glamour to the 50th anniversary salute to the Detroit Fashion Group.



Butter soft suedes by Rogerio Brazil were Linda Dresner's contribution to the festivities. Asked if they were comfortable, the Dresner models gave enthusiastic "Oh, yes."



The Claire Pearone contributions were evident inside and out of the Schoenith's Grosse Pointe home when hundreds turned out to join in the springtime fun.



Basile and Hattie are synonymous for fashionables who want the ultimate in glamour. Hattie's collection was a spectacular introduction to what fall has to offer.



UnderitAll's strapless petal top and cotton voile watercolor print skirt is an Ariel bathing suit design.



Claire Pearone's fall elegance was much in evidence at the Mexican Fiesta party to aid the Fashion Group's scholarship fund.

Little boys and girls dressed in Givenchy velours and denims romped in the children's room and handed out little Mexican toys to the guests.

The Fashion Group

Fiesta spices spring fun(d) raiser

Story: RUSTLE SHAND
Photos: LINDA SOLOMON

Fashion flourished and tequila flowed at the 50th anniversary salute to the Detroit Fashion Group last Sunday afternoon. Five hundred guests came to the Mexican fiesta party to benefit the Fashion Group's scholarship fund held in the Grosse Pointe home of Diane and Tom Schoenith.

The salute was apparent as soon as guests, clutching their \$12.50 admission tickets, entered the Schoenith's driveway where models dressed by Jacobson's in Yves Saint Laurent's summer sailor look, roller skated round and round.

The red, white and blue cotton duck designer play clothes were enhanced with black seamed stockings, feather head-dresses or gog hats.

Near the front entrance to the brick English Tudor home stood Japanese designer Reiko. Her model was dressed in a second skin, shimmering mermaid gown. The gown, explained Reiko, was created by hand screening silk chiffon and then completely covering the fabric in iridescent sequins. She topped off the look with a peacock feather head-dress.

Just inside the foyer, space age designs by Bill Tice from Bonwit Teller gleamed in jewel tones. The models were climbing ladders to the stars while disco lights flashed their starchy messages.

Off the main entrance, in the powder room, display mannequins dressed by Lingerie in satin gowns and dressing robes in black and blush by Ora Feder, appeared to be admiring themselves in the mirrors.

Designer gowns from Claire Pearone occupied the study, lending opulence to the leather furniture and well thumbed books. A black herringbone weave cape worn over a black silk taffeta suit by Mallas made a clear statement of fall elegance.

In the dining room, along with plates and bowls of food, stood the models from Hudson's. A costume by Bill Blass stole this scene as he artfully combined a red snakeskin short jacket with red silk pants and a white shirt. Competing for attention on the other side of the room was Oscar de la Renta's red and natural combination which was accompanied by a man wearing an honest-to-goodness burlap jacket by Country Bridges.

MEANWHILE, upstairs in the bed-room bath, there lounged a 70-year-old, 200-pound model. She wore a 50-year-old striped wool tank suit and sat immersed in a bath of frothy bubbles. Holding a long black rhinestone studded cigarette holder in one hand, she juggled a two finger tequila surprise in the other.

Patting her hair worn rolled in red, plastic rollers and tied in a big bow with an orange chiffon scarf, she said, "At least I am being paid for being a darn fool."

Down the hall in the children's room, little boys and girls, dressed by Crowley's in Givenchy velours and denims, romped and handed out little Mexican toys.

Back downstairs, the drawing room was shared by Saks Fifth Ave., Today's Bride and Margaret Rice. They displayed their fashion offerings on live and not-so-live mannequins.

The sunporch spot was taken over by Sybell and Doug Schabot, whose small display of jewelry ranged in price from \$200 to \$75,000.

"The very big fashion look in jewelry is multi-color precious stones set in gold," said Schabot. He also brought one of the new Seiko watches for men which is as slender as the strap that holds it.

Struggling to move about the no-bow-room hallways was a vision in petals. A lavender strapless petal top with a cotton voile water-color printed skirt proved to be an Ariel bathing suit design from Under-it-All. Owner Barbara Niederlander has the suit exclusively in Michigan, she said.

Hattie brought some pieces from her stunning Basile collection for fall. A black suit with an asymmetrical jacket was in soft wool flannel with satin fac-

ing on the lapel. The model wore black kid gloves, carried a small clutch bag and wore closed heel and toe pumps. Clearly a vision of fall to come.

In the garden, women waited in line to try the makeup work of Gene Sherrod. Claire Pearone's new makeup artist who was kept busy daffily applying the Marilyn Miglin cosmetics.

The lower level rooms were occupied by mannequins wearing fashions from Walton Pierce and by great big dolls, dressed in infants' clothing by Rainbow Lollipop.

Apricots and fresh strawberries dipped in chocolate from Henry K Chocolates were being produced in the kitchen. They joined chocolates from Chocolatissimo on large trays served in the passway between the dining room and the kitchen.

The adjoining breakfast nook was occupied by four lurching mannequins dressed by Jacobson's in jeweled, flowing chiffons.

They appeared to be left over from a party the night before.

Host Tom Schoenith said he thought it was great to put on a party with Rosemary Bannon who is not only regional director of the Detroit Fashion Group but is also the wife of James Bannon, deputy Detroit police chief.

"Jim Bannon called the police and they took care of blocking off the street," he said. But, he couldn't get over the hordes of people. At one point, he said he thought many of them must have wandered over from the garage sale next door, particularly when he learned some of them were inspecting the contents of the closets in the house.



Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

Putting on the dog

What will they think of next? Top It Off stocks an amusing group of Doggy T-shirts (\$8 each) and they come in three different sizes. (The largest will fit a dog weighing up to 35 pounds.) Available in a multitude of solid colors with contrasting collars and cuffs, the shirts proclaim such things as: "Goochie Poochie," "MCP, Male Chauvinist Puppy," "Pierre Cardog," "Super Stud," "Champ," "Chow Hound," and "Four on the Floor." You can also personalize the shirts with your pooch's very own name (25 cents per letter). Top It Off, 2848 Coolidge, Berkeley, 548-4470.



Sterling ideas

Gifts in and of themselves are always nice but when they're specially made to reflect something about you, they're even nicer. Silversmith Fay Herman custom designs and crafts delightful sterling "character" tie tacks, stickpins and pendants. She has constructed an ice cream cone stickpin topped with a scoop of garnet for a Baskin and Robbins' owner; eyeglasses for an ophthalmologist; sewing machines, belly dancers and just about anything else you can think of. While there are always items in stock to choose from, special orders take from 10 days to two weeks and prices range, in most cases, from \$10 to \$25. Fay B. Herman, 557-0347.



A stone's throw

Let's face it. First the kids can't wait for school to be over. Then, within a few days, they complain they have nothing to do. Keeping that in mind, it might be wise to have Mankala, the African Stone Game (\$14.95), on hand. Invented 3,000 years ago and considered to be one of the 10 best games in the world, Mankala is a game of strategy that can be played by both children and adults. Incidentally, All For Learning owner, Jim Macy, keeps a sample game on the counter and will be happy to teach you how to play it. All For Learning, Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake at Maple, West Bloomfield, 851-6770.



Top crust

If you're into baking your own bread, you might want to give this new Brick Oven Bread Pan from Copco a try. Designed and manufactured at the Alfred University College of Ceramics, it utilizes a unique clay that is fired at a precise temperature to create the ultimate surface for bread making. Dishwasher and microwave oven safe, the pans were designed to produce high-rising, fine-grained bread with a crisp crust. La Cuisiniere in The Continental Market, 210 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 646-8899.



The Guest and Gift Shop.

Saks understands. We know you've been searching the highways and the bi-ways to scout for just the right...the perfect gift—either for yourself, or your friends. But, with so many necessary luxuries to be had...what to get? Where to go? We'll answer the second question first. Where to go? Saks, naturally. What to get? That's up to you. Our great Guest and Gift shop has truly a stupendous and sundry selection to satisfy all your home entertaining needs. A few marvelous cases in point: our exquisite Baccarat Collection, fine and casual dinnerware, gifts for the gourmet (including the amazing Cuisinart™ food processor), barware, uniquely decorative table accessories, crystal, and all sorts of ingeniously practical imports from around the world. Do stop by soon—to browse. We're sure you'll find something just...perfect. Summer comfort and gracious living are synonymous. And they both begin at Saks Fifth Avenue's Guest and Gift Shop.

Saks Fifth Avenue

Troy, Somerset Mall, Big Beaver at Coolidge
Open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 AM to 9 PM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 AM to 6 PM
Sundays, Noon to 5 PM

open Mon. Thurs. 5 PM to 9 PM



Handsome Pine Lamps

with attractive pine trays...

Your Choice

\$59



A. Tray Floor Lamp in richly distressed pine finish. A full 27" high, tray, 13" x 18". Specially priced, \$59. In stock for immediate "take-with".



B. Distressed pine finish Tray Floor Lamp to complement your favorite furniture. 27" high, tray, 16" square. Specially priced, \$59. In stock for immediate "take-with".



Wiggo of Bloomfield Hills
644-7370
USE YOUR VISA OR MASTER CHARGE
Telegraph at Long Lake Road (18 Mile)