

Searching for the right season

By Kathy Parrish
staff writer

Just call me Princess Summer-Fall-Winter-Spring. Well, actually I'm either an autumn person or summer type — depending on which of three color analysis you consult.

That means my fair complexion and blonde hair give me a "fragile" look which is enhanced by shades based on blue (the color of faith and quietude).

My colors please

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summer (cool, soft colors with blue undertones), autumn (strong colors with orange and gold undertones), and winter (clear, vivid or icy colors with blue undertones).

There are variations, like Color Charisma's mosaic, jewel, sun, spiky, misty dawn or evening glow. Color One breaks it down into contrast, light, bright, gentle and muted shades.

Consultants for the California-based franchise do clarity tests to determine how bright an individual's colors should be.

"Wearing colors too bright or too soft can raise havoc with skin," said Bushaw, an art educator who hand selects clients' colors from 700 shades. "People will be asking all day if you feel all right."

For many clients, color analysis is a way of simplifying the complicated shopping process. Life is just too busy and there are so many choices.

"We're all gals who don't enjoy shopping. We're always looking for ways to make it easier," said Janet Bonmarito, who attended a ColorRight session with her four sisters and sister-in-law.

"There's no doubt about it. When you're feeling good about what you're wearing you feel better."

And my clothes closet should be filled with pastels. Everything gold, rust and yellow green should go to Goodwill Industries.

Or I'm a "harvest of warmth" whose independence and strength mirrors the rich golden pastels glowing around me. That means wear earth tones like brown and gold, and stay away from pink, gray and all blues except teal, peacock and turquoise.

During three sessions — under lights and in front of picture windows — analysts examined the tones in my face, neck and palms to determine my color type.

Now I have three accordion folders full of color swatches tucked away in my purse.

And the dilemma whether to wear the soft baby colors my mom bought for me as a kid or to continue to don the more intense shades I prefer and my lifestyle demands.

My first color consultation was in the windowless basement below Janet Varner, a Rochester specialty shop. Under fluorescent lights, Joan Dietrich — who is also an autumn type — quickly declared me one too.

Her analysis was based on years of fashion experience and the fact that I have a few freckles ("spring and autumn often have freckles"), that I can wear mustard gold and when wrapped in rust "my skin livens up and eyes become vibrant."

Color Plus sent me off with a sheet outlining my color choices — "intense, clear or muted dusty colors with yellow undertones." Dietrich provided 18 fabric swatches to guide me when I clothes shop and a word of advice to get my blonde eyebrows tinted.

Pleased with the results, I bought a rust-colored pair of slacks to go with a similar sweater I'd gotten for Christmas. And sure enough, the combination brought compliments.

But ColorRight Ltd.'s Gayle Martyn quickly brought me down to earth. Instead of "independence and strength," her analysis read "think soft."

"You're the coloring that can wear denim; even if you're roofing you can look soft," advised the color coordinator, whose Boston-based firm trained her for eight days.

"I'M AFRAID I'D have to go to jail before I could say you are an autumn," she said confidently, after learning I'd already been color analyzed.

Announcing to the group that I "own the pastels," she urged me to wear ultramarine and sit in candlelight.

"What kind of wine would you recommend?" asked one of the women attending the morning coffee klatch.

Adding 25 more fabric swatches to my palette, I eagerly looked to Color 1 Associates to break the tie.

But I admit to being totally unobjective. Being a summer would mean a whole new image — and maybe even another career. Summers just don't cover fires and carry around dripping ink pens.

Sitting in a northern window because "it's the purest lighting," Irene Bushaw pronounced my skin pink beige and eyes blue green.

"You're going to have a good time," said the Rochester resident, who trained 12 hours a day for eight days to perfect her skills which include a clarity test to determine how bright a person's colors should be.

HER ANALYSIS — which advises clients on fabrics, jewelry, furs, shoes and makeup — determined I'm a gentle color type. In seasons, that means summer.

She gave me an accordion with 69 colors, which was placed in a suede folder in one of my shades.

So it's settled: two out of three color analysts agree that my mother knew best all along. Meanwhile, I'm back to buying whatever is functional — and strikes me.

Which may be the best way to operate this spring because most color consultants advise their clients to avoid black and white. Those shades just aren't flattering to most people, they say.

But it's all they're selling this year.

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Bell choir in concert

Internationally known composer and conductor Donald Allured will appear with the Westminster Choir College Concert Bell Choir at 8 p.m. Friday in Faith Covenant Church, 35415 14 Mile.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Clareneville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties

There will be a hearing on the proposed budget for the 1983-84 school year on May 26, 1983.

The meeting will be held in the Clareneville Junior High School board conference room, 20310 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan at 8 P.M.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Board of Education offices in the junior high school between the hours of 8 A.M.-4 P.M., Thursday, May 19 through 26.

LEE R. McDOWELL, Treasurer

Public: May 19, 1983

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan will accept sealed bids or proposals until Tuesday, May 31, 1983, 10:00 a.m. prevailing local time at which time they shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Clerk for the following:

28,000 Pounds (400 - 50 pound bags) Fertilizer

Bids for the above shall be submitted to the City Clerk, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48018 on or before the above date and time.

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Agent, (313) 474-4116, Ext. 298 during normal business hours.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if the public interest is better served thereby.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

Public: May 19, 1983

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Date: May 19, 1983
City of Farmington Hills
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018
(313) 474-6115

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County, proposes to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to be used for the following project:

Street Paving & Ditching Improvements in the Richland Gardens Area
Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan
\$250,000

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The paving will utilize existing roadways and will not destroy or interrupt natural features of the surrounding environment.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at the Planning office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, to the Planning office. Such written comments should be received at the Planning office, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018, on or before June 3, 1983. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date noted in the preceding sentence.

LAWRENCE C. SAVAGE, City Manager
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

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