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Fashion Gala

A cleaner, sleeker look for fall

THE COLORS are earth tones, plums and cinamons, rich emeralds and maroons. There is a bit of men's haberdashery revisited this fall with houndstooth, lodphurs, short jackets and walking shorts. Tights of every sort, will be worn

with most everything. Pants are peg legged. Shoulder pads are softer. The Chanel influence is still with us in jewelry.

There will be much intricate detailing. Oversized sweaters will be worn with tights or slim, slim skirts. And the mark of the animal, spots

or stripes or heads, quilted, appliques, painted, worked out in sequins, will be predominant.

Overall it's a cleaner, sleeker look for fall.

The advance information comes from Jacobson's fashion coordinators, who will be working behind the scenes for The Community Center's Fall Fashion Gala and Luncheon.

The event opens with a cash bar and boutiques for browsing and shopping at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Novi Hilton on Eight Mile Road and I-275.

Tickets are now on sale for \$23 each in The Community Center, on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile Road. Reservations can be made by calling the center at 477-8404.

A FALL FASHION show and lunch was the first fund-raiser ever staged by a group of residents who wanted to make sure The Community Center had enough money to open its doors 20 years ago.

Up until a few years ago it was the center's mainstay fund-raiser. But the Arts & Crafts Show nudged its way to an equally popular way to bring in money.

Both of the benefits have fallen to the same fate — getting so large they were pushed out of the historic house and even off the spacious grounds of the center they were staged to support.

The Arts and Crafts Show used all of the space in the house and much of the grounds and ultimately moved to bigger quarters on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

The fall fashion show went from small dining rooms to the largest one the committee could find within the Farmington and Farmington Hills boundaries and eventually found a home in the Novi hotel.

The show's committee chairwoman for this year, Judy Antlehn, said the newly renovated amphitheater on the summer grounds would be ideal for an outdoor fashion showing, but no one had enough faith in the weather to commit themselves.

But the format of the fund-raiser is the same. The boutiques will be stocked with handmade fashion accessories. The luncheon is always enjoyable and elegantly served. The fashion show commentary is always informative. There are always table prizes and a host of door prizes. There is always a raffle.



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Judy Antlehn models a beautifully draped mother-of-the-bridal dress by Ursula, fashioned in ice blue, with satin bow and beaded insert. In Jacobson's Petite Department.

Crystal beading decorates the bright red marian-style jacket with black straight black skirt worn by Shirley Bondy (at left), by Don Sayers for Wellmore. Diane Rickard wears a

champagne colored St. John knit with sequin applique. Both are from Jacobson's Designer's Salon.

POW-er

Older women make the personal political in state conference

Reservations are being taken now for the first conference ever put together by the 11 chapters of OWL (Older Women's League) in Michigan.

The conference, called "POW-er - Making the Personal Political" is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. It offers an extensive array of workshops and speakers designed as a day of education for OWL members and to inform other mid-life and older women of what OWL is all about.

The event takes place in Madonna College, corner of I-96 and Levan Road, Livonia. It is sponsored by Michigan OWL, Madonna's Department of Gerontology, the Office of Services to the Aging and Michigan Women's Commission.

"We had no trouble getting sponsors to help us. Everyone we approached was well aware of the need

to bring this kind of information to the public," said Virginia Nicoll, Farmington resident and president of Michigan OWL.

"And we had no trouble getting speakers. Everyone we asked to be a presenter is not only the most knowledgeable in her field, but knows the importance of power and will tell us about the power we as older women have; how to get more power; and how to exercise it whether we are talking about economics, fitness, confidence or what-have-you."

The \$15 workshop fee includes four talks to the entire assembly, a choice of eight workshops, and a box lunch.

Registration forms are now available in senior adult centers, colleges and libraries throughout the metro



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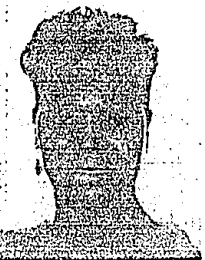


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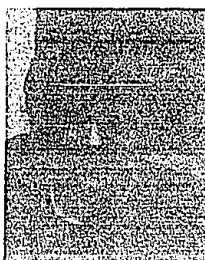
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