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Glamour calls: get ready for fall

Have you looked at recent fashion trends and thought, "Where is the allure? What happened to glamour?" Camouflaged by combat boots, ripped jeans and nose rings at one extreme, and the plastic Barbie-doll look at the other, glamour was certainly not seen on the runways.

Finally, a compromise. Glamour is back. But you don't have to look like a starlet or a femme fatale, nor do you need to aspire to the flawless elegance of Grace Kelly or Audrey Hepburn. The glamour of the '90s is an attitude that defines a woman, allowing her the flexibility to express her femininity any way she wants.

It's stiletto heels and velvet high-tops, faux fur collars and flowing scarves, feathers and gloves and frills. At the same time, glamour is a beautiful fabric, a soft line and impeccable tailoring. It's the perfect suit or the sexiest dress. Ultimately, your take on glamour is the panache with which you combine all of these elements into your own personal style statement.

"It's about time women started dressing up more and stopped looking like men," says Karen Brooker of Rochester. Karen was acting as fashion director for her friend Kristen Schank who found the ideal suit for a wedding at The Icing in the Somerset Collection, Troy. Kristen's new suit is winter white with gold braiding (\$338) and she added a touch of glamour with a metallic top (\$58) and the surprise of a gold-studded white cowboy hat (\$60).

The Icing specializes in glamorous accessories. I spotted a '40s lamphade hat with feathers (\$99) and an elegant veiled hat with soutache trim (\$86). They also display faux-leopard pillboxes (\$90), beaded and sequined collar (\$86) and ruffled gloves (\$35). The ultimate evening wrap is a translucent pewter cape, its ends tied in huge bows (\$70).

Couture designers introduce glamour this fall with modern classics in luxe fabrics with rich details. At Jacobson's in Birmingham, Escada interprets the riding ensemble with an equestrian-look burgundy velvet jacket (\$980), a white pleated blouse with lace-trimmed collar and bow tie (\$690), a foulard print vest (\$600) and stretch corduroy riding pants (\$480). Complete the look with black leather gloves (\$220).

Chanel's raspberry chenille jacket with faux fur collar, cuffs and pocket flaps is a head-turner (\$3,250), as is Badley Barch's stretch boucle gown with a cast gold collar (\$1,465). The standout dinner suit is a black wool crepe by Rena Lange. This feminine take on tuxedo styling features a pink satin collar and powder blue cuffs with tiny bows at the wrists (\$1,596).

If you dare, accent these ensembles with Karl Lagerfeld's 4-inch steel-shaft stiletto heels in black suede (\$275), or just for fun and the shock effect, enter the gala in Anne Klein's black velvet high-top sneakers (\$65) or Chanel's black rubber boots (\$276). All from Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection.

It would be impossible to write of glamour without visiting the avant-garde, ultra-glamorous West Bloomfield boutique called "Linda Milles at 6819 Orchard Lake Rd. on The Boardwalk. Hints of "Tinsel" Town include ceilings rimmed in teal, golden stars, pink and black netting and sparkling glitter. The clothing echoes the Hollywood feel.

"I love it. Everything's so gorgeous," says Sarah Godden of Walled Lake. Glamour was never fading here.

Check out the legendary Janet Jackson Choker, a silver Navajo design. Black jeans embellished with netting, beads and satin rosettes (\$160) take you to a black tie bash when paired with a black lace bodysuit (\$160) or a hand-painted leather vest (\$350) and jeweled bustier.

Go for the glitz ... and the glamour. Linda Bachrach is a Birmingham resident. You can leave her column ideas at (313) 953-9047, mailbox 1286, or fax them to her at (810) 644-1314.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Linda Bachrach shops for a winter coat.
- Added Attractions lists special events at the shopping centers.

Brooks Brothers expands

Brooks Brothers gave us the button-down shirt, argyle socks and the gray-flannel suit. Now they're giving us a new store at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi.

BY SUBAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Brooks Brothers is bringing its "quintessential classic American style of dress" to Twelve Oaks on Sept. 8, inviting shoppers to a grand opening complete with refreshments and music. A special evening to benefit the Christ Child Society is also planned.

See OPENING, 12A



Basic blues: Four generations enjoy the classic lines of the Brooks Brothers blazer, priced at \$350 for men, \$125 for young men.

Disney debuts keep cash registers ringing

BY SUBAN DEMAGGIO
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Two new Disney Stores are coming to town, bringing Mickey Mouse, the Lion King and Aladdin merchandise closer to your front door.

Laurel Park Place in Livonia and the Oakland Mall in Troy are readying the magic kingdoms for a Sept. 3 opening in Livonia and October opening in Troy.

These stores bring the total of metro-Detroit Disney Store locations to five. The others are at the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Lakeside in Sterling Heights, and Twelve Oaks

in Novi. There are more than 290 Disney stores worldwide and expansion will continue, according to Debbie Bohnett, vice president of publicity and promotions. The first Disney Store opened in Glendale, Calif. in 1987.

"The Disney Stores combine retail and entertainment in an environment that rekindles Disney memories," Bohnett said. "Lively animation displays capture the imagination, setting the stage for sights and sounds of classic Disney movies and videos."

Nancy McFee, a mother of three, and Disney-devotee, said the stores

"are just plain fun."

"I like to shop at Disney Stores because although the same merchandise is cheaper at Target or Kmart, the Disney Stores have more complete selections and more unusual items — great for birthday party gifts," she said. "The challenge to shopping there, is getting out without spending more than you planned, especially with the kids in tow."

Marilee Post, 6, of Farmington Hills, was buying a Lion King charm bracelet with her favorite movie characters mugging for each charm. She is a regular Disney customer, she said,

"because I always find what I want here."

"Guests" to the Disney Store are greeted upon entrance and exit by "cast members" who welcome, and "thank you for stopping in." In addition to clothing, toys, stuffed animals, video and cassette tapes, cartoon cells and jewelry, "guests" can buy Disney theme park tickets, Disney Dollars and Disney Store Gift Certificates.

A Video Newstand offers information about other units of The Walt Disney Company. Bohnett said most Disney Stores produce sales per square foot "two times the national average."



Animation Emporium: Shoppers at The Disney Stores are greeted by cast members who are prepared to answer questions and point out the latest promotions. Children love the store where their favorite movies, jackets and pajamas, and characters like Jasmine, Aladdin, Snow White and Simba appear on T-shirts, shirts and pajamas.

Retail businesses in suburban Malls & Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming special events and promotions for Added Attractions. Send announcements to Malls & Mainstreets, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or fax them to (810) 644-1314.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

MONDAY, AUG. 29

F & M BEAUTY DAYS

Visit your neighborhood F & M Distributor for special value and beauty promotions through Sept. 18. Theme is "Beauty on a Budget." (810) 758-1400.

PUPPET SHOWS

Lions Red Riding Hood, daily 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Saturdays 11, 1 and 3 p.m. Sundays 1 and 3 p.m. Complimentary. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Water/Adams, Rochester Hills. (810) 375-0451.

HISTORIC EVENTS

Now through Oct. 30 the Plymouth Historical Museum presents a century of wedding dresses 1850-1950. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1-4 p.m. Sunday 2-5 p.m. \$1.50 admission. 153 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (313) 455-9940.

LINNEMORE DESIGNER
Meet and question nationally known shapewear consultant Joys Patterson, appearing for Jacobson's. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Complimentary consultations, free advice. Patterson said size 36-C is the best-selling bra size in the U.S. Reservations not required. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. (810) 651-7806.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

LUNCHEON FABRICONS
Cordings from Harsh's Informally modeled. Noon to 2 p.m. Stage & Co. Restaurant. Boardwalk, Orchard Lake/A. Maple, W. Bloomfield. (810) 855-8622.

ROSEBARRA

Show for home decorating and landscape ideas at new Brookwood Subdivision, the 12th annual Homeowners site. Through Sept. 16. \$6 admission. White Lake Township, Cooley Lake/A. Bigle Lake. (810) 661-3112.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

COOKBOOK SWAP

Nancy Lindsay autographs "Friends in the Kitchen." 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jacobson's Kitchen Shop, 440 recedes, quick family menus, humorous stories. 325 N. Woodward, Downtown Birmingham. (810) 644-6900.

MONTREAL JAZZ

18 local groups perform at Hudson's Bop Shop Stage. Judges from International Association of Jazz Educators pick favorites. Various hours through Sept. 5. Hart Plaza, Jefferson Ave., Detroit. (810) 443-6000.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

FARMER'S MARKET

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors selling homegrown fruits, vegetables and flowers. Gateco area parking lot, Downtown Farmington, Grand River/Farmington. (313) 474-3440.

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

LABOR DAY

Limited holiday hours at most shopping centers.