

TEXTILES AND APPAREL NEWSLETTER

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Announcing

Revised! Removing Stains at Home

Do you remember the popular cards for Home Methods of Stain Removal? The cards are out of print but not out of mind. Consumers continue to request this information so Judy Price, Monroe County, and Ann Lemley, TXA, updated the information into a booklet. You will recognize old favorites such as candle wax and catsup and appreciate new entries such as toner and super glue. One copy of Removing Stains at Home is enclosed. Feel free to photocopy and distribute. This information will also be added to the TXA website.

Make It Yourself with Wool Contest 2002

JEAN BONHOTAL, 4-H Volunteer Oswego County
ANN KELCHLIN, 4-H Volunteer, Schoharie County

The New York State Make it Yourself with Wool Contest will be held November 3, 12noon to 4:00PM at the CCE-Tompkins office, 615 Willow Avenue (just off Route 13), Ithaca, NY. This is an exciting opportunity, so please share this information with all who are interested. The contest has proven to be fun, educational, and all participants will walk away with a prize. There are five divisions:

- Pre-teens, age 12 and under
- Juniors, ages 13-16,
- Senior, ages 17-24,
- Adult age 25 years and older (age as of Dec. 31, 2002)
- Made for others (any age)

The contest has three parts—modeling the outfit and judging the garments on and off the participant. Garments can be sewn, knitted (by hand or machine), crocheted, or felted from fiber that is more than 60% wool. Short workshops and demonstrations will also be offered.

Please submit applications by October 25, 2002, so that we can plan appropriately. For information or applications, contact: Jean Bonhotal, Tel: 315-387-8050 or Email: jfb40@tcenet.net or Ann Kelchlin, Tel: 318-296-8388 or Email: kelchb@yahoo.com

ENGAGING YOUTH

Follow-up: March Inservice

CHARLOTTE COFFMAN

The recent 4-H Clothing & Textile Inservice attracted 25 registrants who explored textile structures and resist techniques, collected resources, and contributed to a valuable discussion on the 4-H Clothing & Textiles program. Below is a summary of our discussion and some plans for the coming year. An outline (chart) of the TXA youth program is also enclosed.

Textile Arts & Science Curriculum

A new curriculum (see box) to help youth connect the art and science/technology of textiles is being developed. Draft materials exist for Fabric Structures and Resist Patterns. If you are willing to test these activities with young people, please contact Charlotte Coffman. We can provide supplies if you are willing to provide feedback.

Proposed Textile Arts & Science Content

Fibers: cellulosic natural, protein natural, cellulosic manufactured, synthetic manufactured, modified
Fabric Structures: looped, knotted, woven, fibrous webs, compound
Resist Patterns: batik, ikat, pastes, tie-dye, tritik
Dyes: acid, fiber reactive, indigo, other plants, union
Embellishments: applique, reverse applique, embroidery, rouleau, smocking,

Basic Sewing Skills

Several resources on basic sewing are available (see enclosed chart). In addition, Betty Heitmann (Seneca County) and Diane Hazen (Ontario County) have developed an instructional booklet, *Sew Pro*. If your county does not have a copy of *Sew Pro* and would like one, contact Charlotte Coffman.

Certified Sewing Instructor Workshop

The American Sewing Guild Conference in Philadelphia, July 17-22, offers a one-day "Certified Sewing Instructor" workshop on July 17 and 18. The workshop prepares participants to teach basic sewing skills to adults/youth. The cost is \$115 for members. Non-members can pay an additional \$50 fee or join for \$35. You might also enjoy the tours, fashion shows, and more than 90 other workshops. Advance registration deadline: June 30; on-site registration after this date. Download conference program and registration forms at <http://www.asg.org/store/convention.asp>

Purchased Clothing Project

NY does not have a packaged project for purchased clothing, but an enclosure adapted from Tompkins County illustrates how your county can develop criteria and record sheets.

Recommended reading includes:

- Adventures in Clothing, pp 9-13

- Challenges in Clothing, pp 15-20
- Strategies in Clothing, pp 12-16
- Discovering Choice, pp 26-27
- Managing Choice, pp 20-21, 32-33
- Clothing Decisions: Helper's Guide, pp 24-25

Great Ideas from NY Counties*

JOANNE BALDINI, CCE - Tompkins

For more information on these programs, contact JoAnne Baldini at Tel: 607-272-2292, Fax: 607-272-7088, or Email: jb61@cornell.edu.

Make It with Wool Classes

Step 1 – A truckload (no exaggeration!) of wonderful woolen fabrics were donated by a local tailor's widow.
Step 2 – A retired theater arts instructor with terrific sewing skills was recruited to teach tailoring techniques.
Step 3 – Adults and teens paid \$15 and met weekly for a month.

RESULT– Eight participants selected fabric, learned tailoring techniques, and created a variety of garments including vests and capes. The hope is that all will enter their creations in the NYS Make It Yourself with Wool Contest 2002 (pp. 1).

Prom Gown Workshop

Step 1 – A bridal shop donated almost 100 formal gowns.
Step 2 – A textile artist and Home and Career Skills teacher joined forces to teach teens how to renovate, update, design, and sew their dream prom gowns. Additional helpers (parents, friends, and teachers) agreed to work with the girls between meetings.
Step 3 – Teens paid \$25 and met every two weeks for three months.
Step 4 – The county provided scholarships for students who needed financial assistance.

RESULT – Thirteen teens created individual gowns using sleeves from one gown, a bodice from another, and a button or bauble from a third. They designed, stitched, ripped things apart, learned new construction techniques (would you believe corsets?), and started the process again. Someone suggested that this workshop may be more fun than the actual prom!

**At the recent inservice, several great ideas for youth involvement were shared. Upcoming TXA issues will feature some of those ideas and others that you submit. Thanks to JoAnne Baldini, our April contributor.*



The internet has more than 35,000 sites devoted to "prom gown."

ENHANCING SAFETY

Pesticide Residues in Carpets

NANCY BREEN

A project of the Departments of Textiles and Apparel and Design and Environmental Analysis concerning pesticide residues in homes of 10 farmers was reported in the November, 2001 TXA News. This project was subsequently expanded to study 40 homes that included not only active farmers but also homes of rural residents not involved in farming and homes of urban residents.* Results were consistent with the earlier study.

Previous research indicated that exposure to pesticides indoors can occur as pesticides are tracked into homes on shoes or on an active dog. Pesticides can also filter into homes through the air when attached to airborne particles. These traces may remain in carpets for years; unlike outdoor conditions, the pesticides are not degraded by sunlight, rain, temperature or microbes. When pesticides have been applied outdoors, residues found in carpets and on surfaces in homes have been found to be ten times higher than before applications.

Pesticides in carpets are of concern for three reasons:

- 1) concentrations in carpets may be higher than concentrations in outdoor soil,
- 2) walking on carpets and regular vacuuming of carpets may resuspend dust particles that contain pesticides, and
- 3) young children often have direct, prolonged contact with carpets.

To reduce exposure to pesticides in the home, especially after pesticide applications outside:

1. Take off shoes before walking on floors or carpets
2. Wipe shoes on mats at doors
3. Close windows near application time
4. Use vacuums with HEPA filters or microfiltration vacuum bags (to be discussed further in next TXA News)
5. Clean regularly to lessen redistribution
6. Do not put children directly on carpet; use a washable blanket and launder blanket frequently

Reference:

A.T. Lemley, A. Hedge, S.K. Obendorf, S. Hong, J. Kim, T. Muss, and C. Varner. Selected pesticide residues in house dust from farmers homes in central New York State. *Bull. Environ. Contam. and Tox.*, (2002) in press.

A. Hedge, A.A. Kline, A.T. Lemley, S.K. Obendorf, T. Dokuchayeva, and V. Gaskins. 2002. Contaminants in residential floor dust. International Society for Indoor Air Quality and Climate, July, 2002.

SUPPORTING INDUSTRY

International Textile and Apparel Association Conference

FRAN KOZEN

If your interests are in the apparel or textile industry, you might consider attending the annual conference of the International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA), a professional organization "providing opportunities for interaction among textile, apparel and merchandising scholars in education, business, government, and industry". This year it will be held in at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City, August 6-10. The conference theme is "Diverse Perspectives, Common Goals 2002: Now What?" It invites participants to celebrate the diverse approaches to the study of textiles and apparel, to find common goals, and asks how ITAA members can support those goals and strengthen the profession. In addition to speakers and presentations at the hotel, there are many tours of professional sites in New York. These tours are related to textiles, apparel, theater design, retailing, museums, ethnic and cultural issues, and others. It's a great way to do some behind the scenes visiting with others who have the same interests. Go to www.itaaonline.org/index2 for additional information (Use the button for *ITAA 2002 Annual Meeting Information*), or contact Elizabeth Lowe, elowe@qc1.qc.edu, phone 718-997-4168. You do not have to be a member of ITAA to attend, and you may register to attend one day only. Non-members may attend the full conference for \$590, or one-day for \$365.

RECALLING TRADITIONS

Book: Textiles for Early Victorian Clothing 1850-1880

Susan Greene, TXA Visiting Fellow and curator-owner of American Costume Studies in Alfred Station, NY, is the author of this new book. *Textiles for Early Victorian Clothing 1850-1880* features modern fabric swatches illustrating the appearance of period fabrics used for adults' and children's clothing, from bombazine to pineapple cloth and cambric to tow. The publication also contains illustrated sections on fashion silhouettes, fashion tips, photographic portraits, dye history, color trends and fabric use. Cost is \$37.95. Order from Sally Queen & Associates, 2801 Joyce Street, Arlington, VA 22202, Tel: 703-836-2407 or 888-266-7298, Fax: 703-836-3913.

Other titles in this series are:

- Textiles for Colonial Clothing
- Textiles for Clothing of the Early Republic

GATHERING RESOURCES

Resources for Poison Prevention

National Poison Control Center Hotline

A new toll-free number to reach a poison control center from anywhere in the United States has been established, at 1-800-222-1222.

Learn About Chemicals Around Your House

<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/kids/hometour/index.htm>

This inter-active web site teaches children and parents about household products, including pesticides, that may contain harmful chemicals. It includes information about toxic substances stored in different rooms in the house and answers commonly asked questions on safe use and disposal of these products. The site also contains educational games, and tells children what to do if an accident occurs.

Read the Label First! Protect Your Kids

<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/labeling/rtlf/kids.pdf>.

This EPA brochure provides information on preventing children from being exposed to pesticides and household cleaners by reading and following product label instructions and precautions, keeping products in their original containers and storing products out of the reach of children.

Ten Tips to Protect Children from Pesticide and Lead Poisonings Around the Home

http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/cb/10_tips/

Simple steps to protect children from pesticide and lead poisonings around the home are outlined in this brochure, available in both English and Spanish.

Pesticides and Child Safety

<http://epa.gov/pesticides/citizens/childsaf.htm>.

This fact sheet provides current household pesticide-related poisonings/exposure statistics from the American Association of Poison Control Centers, as well as recommendations for preventing poisonings and first aid guidelines.

Consumer Pesticide Hotline Has a New Name

A nation-wide pesticide information service for consumers, the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network, recently changed its name to the National Information Center. The service, funded by EPA, will continue unaltered. The National Pesticide Information Center provides comprehensive information to the public on specific pesticide chemicals, including toxicological and medical information, via a telephone helpline and a website. A toll-free telephone number, 800-858-7378, is available to the public daily from 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM (EST). Also, check out the website: <<http://npic.orst.edu>>

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