

The Pleasantville Lady



2009 Fashion Overview
by Samantha Parkington

The upcoming winter months will be a good chance to prepare for this year's fashions. There are quite a few new things in style this year, which I will try to cover in a short article.

Of course, over the winter we saw the introduction of the muff as a new must-have for winter. You can find instructions on how to make your own muff inside this month's issue. Along with the muff, wearing a fuzzy white hat to match is also going to be very popular for the duration of the cold winter months.

For the ladies: up-dos with braids are going to be very popular this season, reminding the German and Dutch traditions of braiding their hair, while weaving delicate and intricate hairstyles around this basic pattern. Likewise, the fashion is also towards the German tradition, with shawls and heartwarmers being good around the house, and puffed sleeves on gowns being all the rage.

For the younger girls: braids for the older ladies mean that French braids and two braids are very "in" for the younger girls. However, decorate these little braids with large bows, the bigger the better, to keep them stylish. The younger girls should all own play pinafores to wear over their tea gowns so they don't get them dirty.

And if you are wearing your hair in curls, don't forget to wear a big bow with that, too!

The most popular color for younger girls' dresses will be green, as evidenced by the latest fashion show from Paris, where all the younger models looked dazzling in emeralds and olives.

Josefina Montoya doesn't eat lunch or dinner because her parents can't afford it, and the Parkington's house looks as if a tornado passed through! Suzanna Wilson is scared to open her closet because she says there are rattling bones inside. Anders Larson is drunk and lazy, his wife doesn't even know her own name! Both Mr. and Mrs. Larson eat horse feed for every meal. Anna Larson doesn't know her father's name, Kirsten walks around town in her night-clothes, groveling at the general store door, begging for "feed" because she is starving. She also is a horse thief and lets her letters rot a whole year before writing back to them. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have been sleeping for the last two months and their daughter Britta dances around with turkeys!



Sewing Circle Dates and Places:

These were drawn, as promised.

January 16th, 2009: Merriman House
7114 Bluebell Way / Pleasantville / 55462

January 30th, 2009: Montoya Rancho
6455 Lupine Ave / Pleasantville / 55462

February 6th, 2009: Purr Apartment
8747 Tulip Ave / Pleasantville / 55461

February 13th, 2009: Parkington Mansion
1141 Lilac Avenue / Pleasantville / 55460
(Valentine's Day Party)

All the Latest Gowns:



Suzanne Wickon



Cristal Purr



Nancy Merriman

The Latest Town Gossip

By Suzanne Wickon

Lily Merriman's underskirts have wings. They fly out of people's windows! Mr. Merriman also confesses to making random cat noises. He also was a rubber band when he was a boy. Lily also steals chocolate cakes when no one is looking and stashes them away for a midnight snack. Nancy Merriman is just as odd as her parents and goes around wearing Edward's wig while speaking wittle baby nonsense and saying hello to coffee beans. Josefina Montoya is in cahooties with her family, and gets her patients to wear all of their clothes at once so they will have to put all of their clothes in the wash!

Mr. Montoya claims he has 36 papas and wanders around town drunk, asking for money! Dolores talks to props as if they are alive, and rides through town on vicious goats. Josefina Montoya spits on fabric, and the Montoyas clean their floors with spit! Clara auctions off other people's laundry and listens in on people's private conversations. She also eats bugs off the ground in town square and wears skirts instead of shirts. Angelica Romanakov eats dog food because she is so poor! Juan Valasquez is afraid of helmets, and Elinor Wilson does not like anyone except her dogs!! Speaking-Rain Atonomy is a lazy hamburger, and Paul Windmill is deaf! Laura's hair is so dirty that it actually grows turkeys. Her mother goes to important meetings wearing (yes really) her pajamas! —————> Continued



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Violet's Gilded Boutique

Offering dresses designed to reflect the current styles in Paris, with puffed sleeves for the ladies and plenty of emerald for the younger girls! Don't forget your Easter ball dress. Custom dress orders also available- bring us the fabric and pattern and we will up the perfect dress for you and the occasion.

Rebecca Parkington, Proprietress
1 (800) SRP-12

Dear Suzanne,

My mommy won't give me a birthday party. Why won't she?

Signed, Birthday Blues

Dear Birthday Blues,

Maybe your mommy is too poor to give you a birthday party.

Signed, Suzanne

Send distressed letters to:

Suzanne Wickon
8749 Tulip Avenue
Pleasantville, DC, 54361

Crafts and Games

How to make a muff:

1. Cut out a rectangle of white fluffy fabric, (preferably wolf, fox, or ermine fur.)
2. Hem the edges of the rectangle with white thread.
3. Sew together the farthest ends, fur side facing in to each other.
4. Attach either a string loop on one end to hold on with, or
5. Use one long ribbon to make the muff able to hang around your shoulders in front of you even when your hands are not inside it.

Make a Scrapbook:

A fashionable pastime of both adults and children alike is the keeping of a scrapbook, which is a collection of pictures on a subject of interest.

These scraps or "cutouts" can be printed in either black or white or in color, and either embossed or diecut. The collector fills her album with pictures grouped in themes, interspersed with personal notes, lines or poetry or dedications from family and friends.

Delighting in romanticism and sentimentality, popular scrapbook subjects include angels, children, birds, butterflies, pets, and fans. Also popular for men are military and naval themes as well as scraps depicting seaside outings.

Suzanne Wickon's
Elegant Dessert Column

Rainbow Sherbet Sorbet
A refreshing scrumptious treat!

Ingredients:
1 heavy cream
sugar
12 oranges
12 strawberries
12 blackberries
4 cherries
4 small cups

1. Mix the fresh cream with sugar and pour a little circle into each cup while singing a little tune.
 2. Set the cups on the windowsill and let them freeze up a bit.
 3. Retrieve the cups and put 3 oranges, 3 strawberries, and 3 blackberries on top of the cream.
- Top with a cherry and sprinkle with sugar while singing "Danny Boy."
5. Serve chilled as a delectable dessert.



Finishing Lessons in Pleasantville
Learn the skills that will turn you or your children into fine ladies.

Singing Lessons - Suzanne Wickon
1 (800) PINK - 1

Dancing Lessons - Lily Merriman
1 (800) 450 - F

Piano Lessons - Rebecca Parkington
1 (800) SHP - 12

Sewing Lessons - Miss Manderly
1 (800) MAN - 36

Pleasantville Manners Academy
Samantha Parkington

Fashionable Things to Do:

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| Make a muff | Call on a friend you haven't seen for a while |
| Take singing lessons | Start your new ballgown |
| Clean out your fireplaces | Wear your hair in a braid |
| Fix all the snaps on your dresses | Wash your face with lavender soap |
| Dine out once a week | Paint the seashore |
| Try Clara's cinnamon rolls | Read this magazine |
| Take your pets on a walk by the river | Write a poem about Springtime |

*Mrs. Merriman's Household
Management Column*



Even though the ground is still covered in snow and frost, it is time to be thinking about your front garden, believe it or not.

At the beginning of January is when you should be designing your garden through drawings, sketches, and careful planning. Decide which bulbs you would like to plant (bulbs are for plants like tulips, lilacs, hyacinths, etc.) and plant these by the beginning of February.

When the snow melts, carefully water your front garden every day, and lay out the seeds you would like. A front garden is the most impressive if it has a wide array of plants, instead of just one kind.

Make sure that your garden has levels to it. Smaller plants in between taller plants, bush flowers like roses and lilacs, as well as trees gracing building corners, and vines to climb your house walls or fences.

Part of the planning process should be to decide what color scheme you would like. It is also good to plan ahead for the other seasons so that you have the scheme you want year-round.

As with the dresses and hairstyles this season, **Paris gardens have gone Dutch.** Lots of greenery along your walls and fences, like ivy or other climbing vines is very fashionable, as well as window-boxes and Dutch flowers like tulips and Edelweiss.

To make your flowers smell especially beautiful, water them with water infused with a lavender sachet. You can buy these from Josefina, and they do wonders for the smell of your garden.

To keep the pests out, use a combination of pepper and Cajun spices brewed in Earl Gray tea.