

# Original Costume Museum Society

## Newsletter

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## OCMS NEWS

### Fundraiser Raffle

The OCMS still has tickets available for our fundraising raffle with three prizes that will certainly increase anyone's fashion quotient. *If you have a passion for fashion, this is the ticket to buy!*

#### **FIRST PRIZE - BIRKS Pearls**



Gorgeous 100-inch strand of freshwater cultured pearls with a sterling silver clasp from BIRKS. There are virtually 100 ways to wear it - wrapped luxuriously around the neck, long and lean over sleek apparel, knotted, wrapped around the wrist. The only limit is your imagination.

*Value: \$975.00*

#### **SECOND PRIZE - HERMÉS Scarf**



Exquisite HERMÉS silk scarf, in a classic HERMÉS horse and jockey design. Red, orange, and black fill the square with the right amount of vibrant colour to make any outfit perfection.

*Value: \$400.00*

#### **THIRD PRIZE - CHANEL No. 5 Fragrance**



Beautiful CHANEL No. 5 fragrance gift set. Enjoy pampering yourself with this famous, luxurious fragrance.

*Value: \$250.00*

## TICKETS

\$10.00 each or three for \$25.00

## DRAW DATE

May 27, 2007 at 3:30 pm at Hycroft.

## WHERE TO BUY

At OCMS historic fashion shows and programs scheduled for 2:00 pm on April 1, and May 27 at Hycroft, 1489 McRae Avenue, Vancouver. Or look for an OCMS raffle table at local malls. Contact [damozel@shaw.ca](mailto:damozel@shaw.ca) for more information. Tickets may be sold and purchased only in British Columbia. Must be 19 years or older to play.

Proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets will benefit the Original Costume Museum Society, which presents educational public programs about the history of fashion. The OCMS collects and preserves historic garments as it works toward the creation of a museum of historic fashion and textiles.

The OCMS thanks BIRKS, HERMÉS Canada Inc., and CHANEL for donating the raffle's extraordinary prizes.

Chances are 1 in 1490 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize.	BC Gaming Event License #TR-RG30765
Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 <a href="http://www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca">www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca</a>	<b>Know your limit, play within it.</b> <b>19+ to play!</b>

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## Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars - the Annual General Meeting of the Original Costume Museum Society will be held on: Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Location: Alliance for Arts and Culture boardroom, Suite 100 – 938 Howe Street, Vancouver. After the meeting, there will be a small display and discussion of historic clothing (more details to be announced soon). A formal notice of the AGM will be mailed to all members in April.

If you have something to add to the newsletter, please email it to the editor, Laura Offley at [damozel@shaw.ca](mailto:damozel@shaw.ca).

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## OCMS EVENTS

### Sunday, April 1, 2007

#### Fee, Fi, *Faux*, Fun: *Fakery in Fashion*

Is "*faux*" fashionable or not? April Fool's Day is the perfect time to explore historic fashion's fabulous and not-so-fabulous fakes with popular program presenter **Ivan Sayers**. Using live models, display items, and illustrative slides, Sayers will take a light-hearted look at such things as shape-altering corsets and padding, false hair, false eyelashes, teeth and fingernails, fun fur, and jewellery with dubious pedigrees.

2:00 pm  
Hycroft, 1489 McRae Avenue, Vancouver

Adult: \$20 non-member / \$18 OCMS member  
Student OCMS member: \$10  
Tickets available at the door  
General Admission

**Monday, April 23, 2007**

**Original Costume Museum Society Annual General Meeting**

Mark your calendars! All members of the Original Costume Museum Society are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

7:30 pm

Alliance for Arts and Culture, Suite 100 – 938 Howe Street, Vancouver

**Sunday, May 27, 2007**

**Galloping Off in All Directions: Women on Horse**

The Original Costume Museum Society is pleased to present this program by *Ivan Sayers* on the history of women's riding habits.

Tally ho! We're off to the hounds as we explore the history of women's riding habits. Numerous examples of original riding habits from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries will augment a slide presentation covering the etiquette of riding and the expectations of physical ability combined with the social requirements of grace and poise. The mechanics of riding sidesaddle and riding astride will be illustrated, and the structural differences in the garments needed for each technique will be explained.

2:00 pm

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**MEMBERS EVENTS**

**April 14, 2007**

**Dating Family Photographs Through Fashion**

Campbell River Genealogical Society

Workshop by Ivan Sayers

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Maritime Heritage Centre

621 Island Highway, Campbell River

\$20

More information: Laurel LaHaye 250-923-6476

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~bccrgc/>

**April 21 – June 3, 2007**

**Les Chapeaux: The Fashionable Woman's Hat**

Historic Stewart Farm

Guest Speaker Ivan Sayers

From ancient times to present day, hats have symbolized social status and been part of the ever-changing fashion world. Meant to protect, distinguish and enhance features, this accessory is versatile. Hats may be small and practical, or large and extravagant, accented with feathers, ribbons, satin bows, toile and netting.

**Ivan Sayers** has been collecting historic clothing for 50 years and will showcase hats from his private collection. Included will be an amazing selection of bonnets, caps, cloches, a Three stories and basement hat, cavalier-style, snoods, turbans and uglies.

**May 3, 2007** – **Ivan Sayers** will present an illustrated lecture on the history of hats in conjunction with this exhibition.

Saturdays and Sundays, 12noon - 4:00 pm  
in Stewart Hall  
Historic Stewart Farmhouse  
13723 Crescent Road, Surrey  
More information: Lana Panko 604-591-4797  
<http://www.surrey.ca>

**May 5 – September 3, 2007**

**Women at Work**

Burnaby Village Museum  
Guest Curator Ivan Sayers

Fun loving flappers and belles in beaded gowns...the 1920s was a period of fabulous fashions. It was also a time of great social change for women as they exercised their newly won right to vote, entered politics and new professions, and used their spending power in a consumer society. Exhibits throughout the museum tell the stories of Burnaby women in the 1920s. Highlights include a fashion exhibit at the Stride Studio by guest curator **Ivan Sayers**, and photos and artifacts belonging to some of Burnaby's early women entrepreneurs. Don't miss the recently restored interurban tram, which includes a temporary photograph display about the pioneering women who worked on the B.C. Electric Railway during the Second World War.

Burnaby Village Museum  
6501 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby  
604-293-6501  
[www.burnaby.ca](http://www.burnaby.ca)

**May 11, 2007**

**Matrimony, Maternity and Motherhood Through the Ages**

Team "Everyone's Daughter" presents a benefit to support Weekend To End Breast Cancer Fashion show by Ivan Sayers

"What shall I wear?" It's a question that looms in every woman's mind, regardless of the time period in which she lives, when she is a bride, expecting her first child or a new mother. Come join us on Friday, May 11, as award winning historian **Ivan Sayers** narrates a fashion show of what brides, mothers and expectant mothers wore through the ages (1800s to present day).

Enjoy complimentary desserts and beverages, befitting Victorian times, as Sayers' colourful commentary about period clothing from his private collection takes us back in time. Participate in an old fashioned silent auction and help support breast cancer research at the same time. Treat "Mom" to an affordable evening out or just have fun with friends. There are door prizes, 50:50 draws and much more.

Special thanks to Diamond Alumni Centre and SFU Design Group, without whose contribution this fundraiser would not be possible.

Three SFU staffers, Manjeet Gill (health sciences), Kate Scheel (Radiation Safety Office) and breast cancer survivor Carol Thorbes (Public Affairs Media Relations) are on the 24-member "Everyone's Daughter" team. The Weekend To End Breast Cancer is a 60km walk through the neighborhoods of Vancouver to help raise funds for breast cancer research, prevention, treatment and patient care right here in British Columbia.

Doors: 6:30 pm / Show begins 7:15 pm  
Cost: \$17.50  
Diamon Alumni Centre, Simon Fraser University  
University Drive East, Burnaby  
Tickets: Manjeet Gill 604-268-6819 email: manjeetg@sfu.ca

**June 3, 2007**

**By the Sea, By the Sea: Beachwear of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Crofton Manor Senior's Residence  
Fashion Show by Ivan Sayers

Come celebrate Senior's Day in Canada and attend this fashion show and tea. Noted local fashion historian and clothing collector **Ivan Sayers** will explore fashionable beachwear from the turn of the last century through the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in a live show that mixes fashion, feminism and fun. A bevy of brave models will wear examples of historic beachwear to illustrate the changing styles, which include long abandoned "beach pyjamas", rubber beach shoes, beach capes, and paper parasols.

2:00 pm  
Cost: Free  
Crofton Manor Senior's Residence  
2803 West 41st Avenue Vancouver  
Please RSVP to: Christine Pennock 604-263-0921

**June 10, 2007**

**Women's Clothing of 1907**

District of North Vancouver  
Fashion Show by Ivan Sayers

Celebrating the centenary of North Vancouver, this historic fashion show includes a tea.

2:00 pm  
McNair Park  
256 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, North Vancouver  
Contact: Susan Lewis 604-626-7826

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Now until March 25, 2007**

**Totems to Turquoise**

Vancouver Museum

This is an astonishing celebration of Native American jewellery with all its roots, beauty and power. In over 500 individual pieces, the exhibition honours thousands of years of culture and experience and much of it the experience of the coastal peoples of British Columbia. See how techniques, materials, styles and even Native jewellers themselves - are still evolving, transforming traditional crafts into a body of art that is now among the finest ever created.

10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursdays until 9:00 pm  
Vancouver Museum  
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver  
604-736-4431  
<http://www.totemstoturquoise.com>

**March 28, 2007**

**Grad Fashion Show**

Kwantlen University College

Celebrating Kwantlen University College's 25th Anniversary.

Matinee One: 1:00 pm. Matinee Two: 3:30 pm. Evening Gala: 7:30 pm

Location: River Rock Casino Resort, 8811 River Road, Richmond (*Show theatre*)

Cost: \$15.00 and \$30:00, respectively.

Tickets: 604-599-2551 or email [mary.boni@kwantlen.ca](mailto:mary.boni@kwantlen.ca)

<http://www.kwantlen.ca/applied-design/fashion/shows.html>

**March 31 – June 10, 2007**

**The Art of the Sari**

Surrey Art Gallery

The sari has been in existence for over 5000 years. It continues to be worn by a billion women, not only in Asia, but also in the west. Its graceful draping of a woman's body makes it one of the most versatile, figure flattering and beautiful garments in fashion - past and present. This exhibit celebrates the sari as a form of living art, and includes historical and contemporary saris designed and created especially for this exhibit, as well as poems written on the theme of the sari, in English, Punjabi and Hindi.

**March 31, 2007**

**Exhibit Opening & Reception – The Art of the Sari and Cultural Mashups: Bhangra, Bollywood + Beyond**

This celebration is an opportunity to wear a sari - or your most beautiful Asian inspired fashion. Bring your sari and learn how to drape it, or try one of ours. Enjoy an informal fashion show, and participate in a sari procession. Experience a selection of teas from India, courtesy of The World tea Party.

3:00 – 6:00 pm, formal remarks at 3:30 pm

Cost: Free

Surrey Art Gallery

13750 - 88 Avenue, Surrey

604-501-5566

<http://www.surrey.ca>

**April 24, 2007**

**IMPACT: An Event for Change**

Dress for Success Vancouver



IMPACT is an annual fundraising event to raise awareness and money for Dress for Success Vancouver. Mingle, have a drink, and engage in the live and silent auction. Award-winning journalists Anna Wallner and Kristina Maticic of WTV's "the Shopping Bags" are the MC's.

Doors open at 5:00 pm, Event from 5:30 – 7:30

Cost: \$60.00

Birks, 698 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

<http://www.impactevent.ca>

**May 3, 2007**

**Speaker Series: Lovely Lace**

Surrey Museum

Prized by the royalty of Europe, lace has a history full of intrigue. This lecture traces the fascinating history of lace and the tragedies and triumphs of lacemaking.

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$5

Surrey Museum

17110 – 56 A Avenue, Surrey

604-592-6956

<http://www.surrey.ca>

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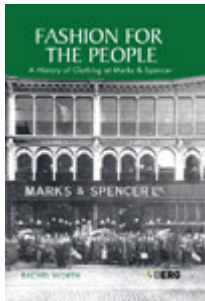
## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### ***Fashion for the People: A History of Clothing at Marks & Spencer***

Author: Rachel Worth

Berg Publishers

Marks & Spencer is an institution synonymous with quality, reliability, and customer care. But do we associate it with 'fashion'?



Drawing on previously unpublished company archives, *Fashion for the People* considers the company's contribution to British - and, since the 1970s, international - fashion. The author discusses how, from the 1920s, Marks & Spencer brought fashion to the high street, offering well-designed clothing at affordable prices. She examines the unique ways in which the company has democratized fashion, arguing that its pioneering role in the development of new fabrics, the employment of designers as consultants and its marketing and promotional strategies have changed the ways in which we understand and consume fashion.

Marks & Spencer is not just a stalwart of the British high street. As this book shows, it has also brought fashion to the masses.

Release date: March 30, 2007

Hardback

ISBN-13: 978-1845201739

\$89.95 from Berg Publishers

<http://www.bergpublishers.com>

*Have a great new publication to share? Send it to us!*

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## WEBSITES TO VISIT

### Dress for Success



Dress for Success Vancouver is an organization devoted to helping low-income women transition into the workforce by providing them with interview-ready clothing as well as hair and makeup consultation. Once she gets the job, she is entitled to a small working wardrobe and ongoing support from the Professional Women's Group, an employment enhancement program that includes seminars, scholarships, and mentoring.

<http://www.dressforsuccess.org>

### Deliberately Concealed Garments Project



The Textile Conservation Centre (TCC), University of Southampton, is undertaking a project to locate, document, research and present instances of deliberately concealed garments in buildings. This folk practice seems to have been prevalent in Britain and the upper Rhine region for centuries. The Deliberately Concealed Garments Project aims to collate and document finds from all over Britain and beyond, recording instances of garments and other objects that have been found in the fabric and foundations of buildings.

<http://www.concealedgarments.org>

*Have a great costume or vintage clothing website to share? Send it to us!*

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The **Original Costume Museum Society** has been working towards the creation of a museum of historic fashion and fabric arts since 1992. During that time its members have produced exhibitions at numerous museums in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia and on Vancouver Island. Its members have presented historic fashion shows and educational programs about the history of fashion at trade schools, colleges, universities, libraries, theatre groups, museums, and a wide range of charitable organizations. Its collection of historic fashion, ethnic clothing, and flat textiles ranging in date from circa 1800 to 1985 has grown significantly.

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