

Fashion Show Highlights Popular Prom Attire For 2005

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In a frenzy of excitement amid nervous laughing area teens as well as younger children showed off the latest fashions at the North Park Mall Center Stage on Saturday afternoon. The highlight of the show was the prom gowns from Mrs. J's Bridal Shop located in Marion.

Parents, grandparents, siblings and peers from throughout Grant County filled into the mall up to an hour before the show began. Once the show did begin at 2 p.m. the remaining spectators stood in every open space available.

Gowns in a wide range of colors from spring green to yellow as well as the ever popular white and shades of purples were worn by the girls. Many of the older girls were from Southwood High School located in Wabash.

Titiana Perkins, a professional model who lives in LaFontaine, was also in the show. Perkins had just returned from a competition in Florida where she took first place.

"Modeling has always been my dream," Perkins said. She has been a professional model for three years now.

Many of the girls involved had been doing this show for several years but had not yet been to their first prom. The girls gave various reasons for their continued involvement in the show.

"It's fun and I like clothes," Sarah Stroup said. "I really like being in front of people as well."

Stroup chose a white full length formal gown that had lavender accents and sparkled.

Brittany Hinrichsen and her sister Kyleigh Hinrichsen were also multi-year participants. They both stated one of the main reasons for their continued participation in the show was because it was fun.

In addition to the girls' who participated in the show there were numerous sponsors who donated clothing for the show as well as provided the girls' hair and make-up. This year's sponsors were all from Marion. They were Mrs. J's Bridal, Elder Beerman Cosmetics, Master Cuts, Fashion Bug, JC Penny and Maurice's.

Applause filled the mall as the show came to an end for this year. Many anxious teens filled the stores dreaming of their upcoming prom and talking about which gowns they wanted to wear.



Lisa D. Pattison, Marketing Director at the North Park Mall in Marion announcing the beginning of the Prom Show.



Sarah Stroup a two time model for the Prom Show shows off a white formal gown with lavender trim. Stroup is from Southwood High School in Wabash and enjoys performing in the show because it is a lot of fun.



Left to right - Titiana Perkins, Kyleigh Hinrichsen and Brittany Hinrichsen. The Hinrichsen sisters both attend Southwood High School in Wabash.

Taylor University Department of Music March 2005 Calendar

Friday, March 4, 2005
Vocal Master Class with guest artist Timothy Noble
Location: Recital Hall from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, March 4, 2005
Senior Recital with Bethany Riggs on piano and Ashley Robinson doing the vocals.
Location: Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5, 2005
Marion Philharmonic Orchestra "Lerner & Lowe Songbook" featuring Timothy Noble doing the vocals.
Location: Indiana Wesleyan University Performing Arts Center 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Taylor University Music Office.

Friday, March 11, 2005
Senior Voice Recital featuring Ginger Thimlar, Soprano.
Location: Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, 2005
Faculty Piano Recital featuring Dr. Leon Harshenin.
Location: Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 2005
Performing Artist Series "Viva Flamenco" featuring Ronald Radford, guitarist and Tamara Garbancita, dancer.
Location: Recital Hall 8:00 p.m. For ticket information call 765-998-5289.



Tatiana Perkins is not a teen at all but a professional model. Perkins lives in LaFontaine.

Upland Garden Club Announces Next Meeting Agenda

The Upland Garden Club will hold their next meeting February 21, 2005.

Ian Blair will host the 7:00pm meeting in his home at 672 West Reade Avenue, Upland. Members and guests are encouraged to bring suggestions for future monthly programs.

The club will also be discussing the following garden shows: Marion Home and Garden Show March 5 at IWU, Ft Wayne Garden Show at the

Coliseum March 2-6, Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show at the Fairgrounds March 12-20, and the Cincinnati Flower Show April 20-24. What great places for ideas.

Now is a great time for anyone in the community that has an interest in flowers and shrubs to come join us for help in beginning or adding to their own gardens as we all plan for ours.

Please call 765-998-0724 for questions.

Grant County Gears Up For Two Home and Garden Shows

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Home and Garden Shows in Grant County became a popular place to hang out in 2004 with both the St. Paul Catholic Parish located on Kem Road in Marion and the North Park Mall also in Marion hosting shows.

This year both places will again be hosting home and garden shows in March. The second annual Home and Garden Show which was held last year in the St. Paul Catholic Parish Gym will be moved to the Indiana Wesleyan University's Intramural Gym this year due in part to the expansion of the show. It will be held on March 5, 2005. The show benefits the YES Network which is a youth leadership and career-path development program that works with eighth through tenth grade students throughout Grant County.

"Last year's show was a huge success; and we are building on the first year's success."

Tina Miller, show committee chairperson said. Last year's show, the first of its kind in Grant County attracted approximately 2,000 local residents.

"We anticipate the added variety and larger venue of this

year's show will attract even more businesses and visitors from throughout the county and surrounding counties."

For more information on available booth space contact Amy Hollaway at 765-251-3546.

The other big Home and Garden Expo in Grant County will be held at the North Park Mall located at 1129 North Baldwin Avenue in Marion on March 11 and 12, 2005. This year's theme is 'Get Growing.'

Last year's show was a huge success with various speakers who spoke on herb gardening, flower arranging and more. There were information booths as well as vendor booths. Lowe's Home Improvement set up a spectacular pond display in front of Sear's. This year's show promises to top the one last year with information on new gardening tools, gardening tips and many ideas on what you can do with your home.

For booth information contact Lisa Pattison at 765-662-9924.

If you like to garden or even if you are a homeowner looking for a way to spruce your home up this year be sure not to miss either show. You are sure to find something at both shows that will be of interest to you.

Creamer Collection To Be Shown On Food Network

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Taylor University graduates Raymond and Garnett Rice donated their collection of Rice Cow Creamers to Taylor University which included around 150 antique pieces from all over the world. The collection can be seen on the Food Network's Unwrapped program titled "Creamers" which will be hosted by Marc Summers on February 21, 2005. The program

airs at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

The Rices' who graduated in 1929 parlayed an eight thousand dollar investment into over ninety Dairy Queen restaurants and collected the creamers during their travels. Some of the creamers are from Japan, Germany and various places in the United States. The Rices' are from Columbus, Missouri.

Portions of the Rice Collection are on display at the Taylor University Archives in the Zondervan Library.