

TEXTILES AND APPAREL NEWSLETTER

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Announcing

Make It With Wool Contest

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The New York State Make it Yourself with Wool Contest will be held November 4, 2000. It is scheduled from 10AM - 2PM at the New York State Fair Grounds in Syracuse, 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, 2000)
- 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 on a knitting machine), crocheted, or felted from fiber that is more than 60% wool. Short workshops and demonstrations related to working with wool will also be offered.

Enclosed are informational brochures and applications. Please try to pre-register by October 25th so we know how many people to plan on. In addition, help is needed in obtaining prizes (wool, shears, thread, books, gift certificates, notions, etc.), organizing the event, and judging.

If you need additional information or wish to be involved in any way, contact Jean Bonhotal, Tel: 315-387-8050 or Email: jfb40@tcenet.net or Ann Kelchlin, Tel: 518-296-8388 or Email: kelchb@yahoo.com.

Engaging Youth

TXA Youth Update

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Fabric/Flight Connection

Jefferson and Delaware counties featured the Fabric/Flight Connection at their booths during the New York State Fair. A workshop on this curriculum was also offered at the Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum 2000 in Rochester, NY, on October 7. Please see the enclosed flyer for ordering information—and remember that CCE offices receive a discount.

Simple Gifts

Simple Gifts was an active part of the New York State Fair through county booths maintained by Cayuga and Oswego counties. It will also be promoted through a workshop, “Youth Partner with Nursing Homes to Benefit Residents with Alzheimer’s Disease” at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) conference in Denver, CO, on November 8. If you do not yet have a copy of the publication, please note enclosed flyer.

4-H Clothing & Textiles

A workshop on the pattern-making computer program DressShop has been scheduled for New York City, June 27-30, 2001. For details, see the LivingSoft website <<http://www.livingsoft.com/wsnysched2.asp>>. Also remember that Kaaren Hoback, the instructor from the TXA Retreat last spring, is available to work with two or three persons in her studio. Contact Kaaren at PO Box 287, Dryden, NY 13053, Tel: 607-844-9589, or Email: Patrn4u@aol.com.

Oswego County has organized a textiles and clothing tour for October 20 and 21. They will visit the Woolrich Outlet and Center, Crayola Crayon Factory, American Candles, American Ribbon and Crafts, the Amish Quilt Museum, and fabric shops. What fun—and it is educational!

Jan Scholl, Associate Professor, Pennsylvania State University, compiled a list of 4-H project ideas from current magazines. She shared these references in a clothing listserv and has generously agreed that they can be passed along to others. See enclosure.

Clothing Decisions: A Style of Your Own

The satellite training for Clothing Decisions: A Style of Your Own was broadcast across the US on September 19. Fifty sites, representing eleven states, participated.

Evaluations have been positive with “examples of youth doing activities” being the top-ranked segment. Respondents indicated that they will use the curriculum with Home and Career Skills and Home Economics classes, 4-H clubs, independent living classes, purchased clothing projects, master sewer training, consumer education programs, money management courses, and community services projects.

Gratitude is expressed to the panelists or speakers, and to the production/development team. They include: JoAnne Baldini, Nancy Fey, Susan Greene, Lauralee Harner, Barbara Phelps, Marcie Wyant, and the staff of the ETV Center (NY); Lois Wright Morton and Janis Stone (IA); and Kathi Vos (WI). Applause is due the teens and adults from New York and Iowa who agreed to be videotaped. Finally, a special thanks is offered to site organizers who invited teachers, 4-H volunteers, and other CCE staff to join the training.

If you would like to order publications or a videotape, please use the enclosed flyer.

Clothing Decisions: A Style of Your Own was also featured at a poster session at the 2000 New York State Conference of Family & Consumer Science Organizations, September 22-23, in Syracuse, NY. Design team member and Home and Career Skills teacher Marcia Wyant was on hand to answer questions.

In November, this curriculum will be included in two events at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents conference in Denver, CO:

- The 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System Product Premier is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 4-9PM and Sunday, November 5, 8AM - 5PM. JoAnne Baldini and I will introduce participants to A Style of Your Own through skillathons and hands-on workshops.
- A Style of Your Own will be one of the featured curricula included in the November 9 workshop, “Putting the Experience in Experiential Learning—Helping Volunteers to Teach Experientially.” I join Darlene Baker (AK), Susan Barkman (IN), Linda Crowe (ND), Ed Maxa (NC), Bill Pabst (MO), Wendy Stivers (KY), Roger Tormoehlen (IN), and Tom Zurcher (MN) in this collaborative inservice.

In-Touch Science
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In-Touch Science activities were an important part of the Youth Building atmosphere during the New York State Fair. Counties using In-Touch Science to interact with fairgoers included: Columbia, Genesee, Lewis, Livingston, Niagara, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Washington, and Westchester.

Thanks to Paula Smith who worked this summer to establish an extensive database for In-Touch Science. This contact information and evaluation data will enhance project communication and program evaluation.

The In-Touch Science team has a busy fall schedule. Check the list of events below for offerings compatible with your calendar.

Twenty mini-grants have been awarded to persons trained in In-Touch Science to enable them to train additional adults/teens who, in turn, work with children in grades 3-5. This train-the-trainer model has been successful, involving persons in CA, IN, KY, MD, NH, NY, and OR.

Free supplies and publications are being offered as an incentive for In-Touch Science users to submit the evaluation forms documenting their experiences working with children.

For more information on mini-grants and the evaluation process, check the In-Touch Science website
<www.human.cornell.edu/txa/extension/intouch/html>

DATE	EVENT	PRESENTER
October 14-17	Association of Science and Technology Centers Conference Educational Programs Showcase, Cleveland, OH	Mary Lou McGiff (Ithaca Sciencenter)
October 17-21	North American Association for Environmental Education South Padre Island, TX	Nancy Trautmann (Center for the Environment)
October 27-28	Girls Incorporated Southeastern Regional Conference Columbus, GA	Denise Collius; Julie Sanders (Girls Incorporated) Beth Davis (Textiles & Apparel) tatiana Stanton (Animal Science)
November 2-3	SUNY Cortland Recreation Conference Cortland, NY	Marcia Eames-Sheavly (Horticulture) Raylene Ludgate (Plantations)
November 4	New York State Department of Children and Family Services Statewide Conference, Syracuse, NY	Beth Davis (Textiles & Apparel)
November 16-17	Kentucky Statewide 4-H Inservice Lexington, KY	Wendy Stivers (University of KY) Charlotte Coffman; Beth Davis (Textiles & Apparel)
November 16-18	National Science Teachers Association Eastern Area Convention Baltimore, MD	Raylene Ludgate (Plantations)
December 4	Extension Indian Reservation Program National Meeting Intertribal Agriculture Council Las Vegas, NV	Beth Davis (Textiles & Apparel) tatiana Stanton (Animal Science)
December 6-7	Massachusetts Statewide 4-H Inservice Ashland, MA	Jay Field; Nancy Searle (University of Massachusetts) Charlotte Coffman (Textiles & Apparel)
December 7-9	National Science Teachers Association Southeastern Area Convention, Phoenix, AZ	Sherry Miller (CCE - Columbia County)

Emerging Technology

Textile Tidbits

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Bacteriostatic Fabrics

The April issue of *TXA News* noted that Lands' End is selling acrylic socks containing silver-coated fibers designed to prevent the growth of bacteria that cause smelly feet. Rhodia, a French manufacturer, recently introduced a bacteriostatic nylon textile yarn called Amni Biotech. It, too, is intended for use in sportswear, underwear, socks, and stockings. The company believes, however, that this technology does more than reduce laundry loads and eliminate unpleasant odors. They believe that this same technology can be used to incorporate into fabric a variety of functional additives such as UV-blocking agents, mosquito repellants, moisturizers, and perfumes into apparel.

C&EN, July, 2000
Sew News, January, 2000

Turn on Your Shirt!

Designer garments, equipped with sewn-in sound bites, can brighten your day with music or offer motivational cues. Moschino, an Italian firm known for innovative ideas, tops the charts.

Sew News, June, 2000

A Bra with a Brain

Australia is not only the site of the 2000 Olympics, it is the home of the Smart Bra, which adjusts its straps and cups to match the wearer's movements. Lingerie materials are coated with a polymer that stiffens under strain to offer instant customized support. University of Wollongong researchers and lingerie maker Berlei hope to sell the bra commercially by 2002.

USA Weekend, August, 2000

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Gathering Resources

Resource for Trainers of Farmworkers

MELISSA FRISK, IATP September 2000

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Environment and Agriculture Program offers an Annotated Bibliography of Bilingual (English/Spanish) Resources for Trainers of Farmworkers Under the Worker Protection Standard. Written by Melissa Frisk, the bibliography lists and reviews more than 75 resources on topics such as handling pesticide-contaminated clothing, selecting personal protective equipment, and mitigating heat stress.

This resource helps readers locate pesticide training materials that meet the Worker Protection Standard training requirements. Materials also focus on related safety issues such as reducing pesticide exposure to children and other family members of pesticide applicators and farmworkers.

Educational resources include videotapes, audiocassettes, posters, flipcharts, manuals, pamphlets and flyers. Materials are easily located through the table of contents, quick reference guide, and index. Complete order information is given. Many of the materials listed are available free of charge (single copies) or over the Internet.

A print ready, pdf version is available on-line at <<http://www.iatp.org/labels/>>. Click on the "Resources" button, then click on the "library" tab near the top, and then from the pull down selector, chose "by IATP staff."

To order a printed copy, send payment, name, and address to:
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Cost is \$3.00 per copy, which includes postage and handling.



The American Express retail index survey estimated that parents will spend \$548 on average on back-to-school attire and school supplies in 2000. Teens will spend an additional \$124 of their own money.

*— The Christian Science Monitor
August 7, 2000*