

Fashion



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... If you did not attend the Matron's Club Annual Fashion Show, I think you missed alot. In case you would like to plan for next year, just remember the last holiday in February. This year's event was hosted at the Executive Inn in Fife and the facility was wonderfully adjusted to a stylish fashion show, also with a Designer showing by Dinese B. Crosby, featured were local models from the community, some professional, some semi-professional and some neither, but the presentations were all executed with expertism.

With the onset of Spring—you can expect to see much of what you may have glimpsed long, straight, and quite tailored. And if you wear suits everyday like I do you better march on the popular, 3-piece look of a short waistcoat, double or single breasted, slender cut skirt. HATS are the biggest accessory this year! COLORS are bolder this year—torquoise rust, and even darker, natural shades of brown, grey and black.

You can't say it all isn't glamorous. If you have ever thought of pursuing modeling as a career, here are some tips. As a former model, remember professionalism is the password. A certified modeling school, course, or college will be needed to acquire that polished look. Included in these courses are make-up, hairstyle, wardrobe, visual poise, TV, speech and sales. There are a number of schools in the Tacoma-Seattle area to choose from. After you have selected one, call your nearest BBB or Better Business Bureau for verification of their sound business practices.

Physical attributes are what you come equipped with and can be very important in determining your field of modeling. No longer is modeling only for 6'4" but also for 4'6", yes there can be a career for petite models. Whatever sizes real people wear and can be sold determines the many markets for modeling.

Don't forget your image and the category you are most suitable to, for instance, do you describe yourself as ingenue, sophisticated, sporty, classy or all of the above. And competition is the key. If you don't give up so easily and have ambition, perserverance, energy and motivation—you can have an exciting part-time or full-time modeling career.

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