Anna Carlson and School of Design students bring fashion to May meeting

The program for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 1 features Anna Carlson of the University’s School of Design and her senior students’ annual projects.

Carlson is faculty advisor to the senior students, and for their senior projects in design, she worked with them to produce “Twelve: the 44th Annual U of M Senior Fashion Show.” This annual show attracts an audience of more than 1,000 people including local designers, retailers, students, faculty, and industry professionals.

Anna's own artistic journey began when she was just a child. She loved to make paper dolls and cut art dresses from wall paper sample books. She drew gowns and ensembles to be worn to imaginary events by made-up characters and created costumes from old clothes and found fabrics. Her mother, a celebrated designer/weaver, encouraged her interests in textiles, and later shared her studio with her. Her father, also a designer, enthusiastically supported her decision to follow in the family footsteps.

Anna graduated from the U of M with a B.S. degree in Fashion Design in 1986. She also studied at Parsons School of Design in New York and at Washington University in St. Louis. From 1990-2006, Carlson showed her clothing collections across the country in prestigious Art/Crafts shows, galleries, and special boutiques. Her work has been featured in the Fiber Arts Book of Wearable Art, Threads magazine, and Ornament magazine. Her work is found in the Minnesota History Center and the Goldstein Museum of Design.

Her recent design work includes re-creating lost historical textiles using digital technology. A project with the Hill House in St. Paul challenged her to generate fabric for the library sofa. Using black and white period photographs and colored threads found under layers of re-upholstery, she pieced together a design that suggests to visitors how the original furnishings appeared.

Carlson will show us a video of the Senior Fashion Show and student designers will accompany her and show some of their actual designs.

Join us on May 1 at 10:30 a.m. for our annual meeting and elections. At noon Anna Carlson and her students will present the video of the Senior Fashion Show followed by the luncheon at 12:45 p.m.
President’s Message

Note of Appreciation
I want to say thanks to everyone for allowing me to serve you again and to tell you how much I have enjoyed my second term. I especially would like to thank the other Board members who served with me and helped to make my job so gratifying. I thank the Vice Presidents for Programs Sharon Copt and Susie Stinson, responsible for making the arrangements for meeting locations, selecting menus, arranging for decorations, and taking reservations. Also special thanks to Ingrid Lund, Ann Wise, and Fran Paulu who arranged for our Conversation speakers. My gratitude to Barbara Cohen, past president, for her guidance and help, and to Janet Youel, Secretary, for recording concise Board minutes and forwarding them in a timely manner. Thank you, Treasurer Judith Howe and chair of the Finance Committee, for keeping a current ledger of financial activities, presenting financial reports at Board meetings, helping to prepare next year’s budget, and making sure that our investments were safe. Special thanks to our Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Waltz, for writing to families in grief, for developing the beautiful note cards and stationery for the Club, and for producing the annual membership directory. My appreciation to our Treasurer of Records and Dues, Shirley Ferraro, for maintaining the membership list, collecting dues, and reminding members to renew. I likewise thank Catherine Bell, in charge of Membership, for recruiting and keeping up with members’ addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails included in the newsletter and the directory. Also thanks go to Martha Arneson, chair, and the Scholarship Committee for reviewing all the applications and selecting the finalists. Thanks to Ginny Hanson, our Newsletter editor, for her invaluable role in its coordination and publication.

A special thanks to Marian Champlin, Fund-raising Chair, for her work in successfully coordinating this year’s scholarship drive. And last, but not least, thanks to Ginny Hanson and Connie Van Valkenburg, our photographers, who recorded the year in pictures for posterity. I also wish to acknowledge and thank the chairs of all the Interest Sections for their dedication and hard work.

Thank you all for a wonderful and productive year. My best wishes to Kathy Ball and her Board members during the upcoming academic year.

With warm regards,
Cherie Y. Hamilton, president 2011–12

Meet incoming president Kathy Ball
I was born with a physical condition called arthrogryposis which interferes with joint muscle development in hips, knees, and ankles. Due to the lack of affordable health care in the late 1940s, I wasn’t provided with leg braces until I entered first grade.

Mainstreaming was unknown at that time so I attended Lindsay School for Crippled Children in St. Paul where I learned how to walk with braces and crutches at the age of six. My physical therapy program consisted of a daily routine of exercises alternating with swimming. I attended Mechanic Arts High School because it was the only one equipped with an elevator. In high school I was active in student government, but more importantly, I was placed in an accelerated math and science program that ignited my passion for biology and an eventual teaching career. At the University of Minnesota I earned a B.S. degree in natural science education and an M.S. in botany and ecology.

My first full-time teaching position was in Grantsburg, Wisconsin, where I taught junior high math and science and high school biology. Two years later I married and returned to the Twin Cities where I joined the U of M’s College of Biological Sciences. I spent the next 20 years coordinating the introductory biology courses and teaching lab and lecture sections. In 1990 I joined the dean’s office to coordinate special programs and teach general botany and seminars. I retired from the University in 2004 after 34 years of service.

Shortly after retiring I joined the UMWC and have served in leadership positions for Membership, Programs, Restaurant Ramblers, and Women’s Health Issues. One major goal after retirement was to learn Spanish. I began with community education classes and the UMWC Spanish Conversation section. Last fall I initiated an OLLI Spanish Conversation Special Interest Group. I may never be fluent in Spanish, but the process is thoroughly enjoyable and a great mental exercise.

I enjoy traveling and have been to several countries in South and Central America and Europe. Leisure activities include OLLI classes, reading, Scrabble, movies, plays, and concerts.

Three important factors have contributed to my life as an independent woman with a disability. First, loving parents who encouraged me to set and meet any goal. Second, learning how to drive a car equipped with hand controls which allowed me greater mobility. Last, coming to terms with using a wheelchair, which has enabled me to participate in activities that I was unable to do while walking with crutches.
Upcoming Board meetings

**Tuesday, May 1** – Annual Meeting: the Annual Board meeting convenes at 10:30 a.m. for the election of new officers for 2012-2013. All members are invited to attend and are eligible to participate in the elections. The program and luncheon follow at noon immediately after the business meeting.

**Tuesday, June 5** – Joint Board Meeting: The outgoing and incoming officers and board members will meet for a joint Board meeting at 10 a.m. in the Windsor Room at Becketwood. All section chairs and officers are requested to attend and reminded to bring three copies of your annual reports. Refreshments will be served.

Nominating Committee completes work

In February President Cherie Hamilton appointed the following members of the Nominating Committee: Barbara Cohen, chair (former president); Connie Oriani (former president); Jane Starr (former president); Sharon Copt (member); and Elizabeth Foley (member). The Nominating Committee has met and completed their work. Nominees for officers in 2012-2013, who will stand for election at the annual meeting on May 1, are as follows:

- President: Kathy Ball
- Vice Presidents for Programs: Susie Stinson, Mary Abuan, and Kathy Treston
- Treasurer: Catherine Bell
- Corresponding Secretary: Marian Champlin

Scholarship Donations, 2011-2012

We would like to thank Marian Champlin for chairing the fund-raising drive for our Scholarship Program this year. The response was overwhelming. Donations throughout this year have reached $13,665 to date, and we thank the following members for their generosity.

Abuan, Mary
Adams, Judith
Anderson, Janelle
Angus, Jacqueline
Arneson, Martha
Bachtold, Erna
Ball, Kathy
Banks, Adrienne
Bell, Catherine
Benson, Ellen
Benz, Lynne
Bethany, Josette
Boen, Dorothy
Bonin, Janet
Bradley, G. Mary
Bresnahan, Alice
Brinkworth, Elizabeth Gail
Burleigh, Barbara
Burnside, Clarice
Carlson, Helen
Carpenter, Elsa
Cavert, June
Champlin, Marian
Chase, Bonnie
Christianson, Lola
Cofer, Wahletha
Cohen, Barbara
Copt, Sharon
Crutchfield, Susan
DeBoer, Marjorie
Dorsey, Beverly
Dudley, Karen
Edholm, Jean
Ellison, Launa
Fahsl, Meridel
Fletcher, Teena
Foley, Elizabeth
Fuller, Susan
Furman, Mary E.
Furman, Leola
Giese, Geraldine
Gilbertson, Susan
Gilleland, Maraly
Grigal, Diane
Grimmer, Elizabeth
Haglund, Phyllis
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Hansen, Evelyn
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Hill, Mary Louise
Hoag, Trudy
Holt, Shirley
Hoover, Margaret
Howe, Judith
Hu, SheauPing
Jervey, Alletta Wood
Johnson, Harriet
Johnson, Nancy M.
Jones, Ruth V
Kane, Patricia
Keating, Kathleen
Kendall, Joanne
Kingsley, Caroline
Krylo, Julia
LaBree, G. Anne
LaFroth, Jane
Lathrop, Peggy
Lee, Nancy Ann
Linck, Vandora
Linne, Jean
Liu, Hsiu-fang
Lund, Janet
Mann, Katherine
Martens, Lynette
Maschwitz, Linda A.
Mauriel, Mary Anne
McFarland, Mary Ellen
McKnight, Susan
McNaughtin, Judy
McNaughton, Carol
Mesken, Lorraine
Modern Literature Section
Odland, Pearl
Olson, Marilyn
Oriani, Constance
Oskam, Marri
Paulu, Frances
Peters, Judith
Peterson, Dorothy
Peterson, Kay
Poppele, Meredith
Quie, Elizabeth
Raddak, Barbara
Rathbun, Joan
Raup Family
Roelofs, Patricia
Roene, Joyce
Scott, Rebecca
Sell, Helen
Senty, Carole
Slifer, JoAnn
Smith, Barbara
Staba, Joyce
Stahl, Lois
Starr, Jane
Stinson, Loree
Strand, Constance
Sunderland, Mary Rae
Sweet, Arlene
Thompson, Mabel
Unger, Shirley
Veninga, Karen
Waldauer, Joyce
Wallace, Marcie
Wätzl, Dorothy
Wann, Janice
Weaver, Delores
Webb, Lois
Weckworth, Joanne
Weinberger, Laura
Whaley, Carol
Williams, Roberta
Winsor, Laurel
Wise, Ruth Anne
Young, Donna
Welcome to new members of UMWC
Welcome to new members of UMWC. Please be sure to greet and introduce them to other members. Don’t forget to add their names and contact information to your Directory.

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Corrections to the Directory
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Summertime fun: Interest Sections
Hikers – June 22, U of M Arboretum
Knit & Crochet – June 15
Movie Rendezvous – June 7, AMC Theater

Help ensure that our 2012-13 Yearbook and Directory will be up to date
Although many UMWC activities are on hiatus over the summer, for your officers and section leaders this will be a busy time as they get the membership Yearbook and Directory ready to print and mail. Please be sure you have notified us of any changes to your address, phone, or e-mail that have taken place this year. Send new corrections to Shirley Ferraro, 1418 Arden View Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112.