

Fashion Show Boosts Arts Education



*A model from Toi Sweeney's Designs wears a dress by local designer HMTQ Couture during a benefit fashion show at Brookside Country Club. Local residents also modeled locally produced clothing.
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“Fashion Plates,” a dinner, silent auction and fashion show that featured members of the Pottstown community walking the runway, was held to benefit art education in the area March 30.

Gallery on High co-owner Cathy Parette organized the event at Brookside Country Club to benefit the nonprofit Gallery School of Pottstown.

Sponsoring the event were Valhos Dunn Insurance, JP Mascaro & Sons, The Cardinal Group, Exelon Nuclear, Harleysville National Bank, I.P.S. and Trophy & Plaque.

Businesses showing off their fashions included HMTQ Couture, Weitzenkorn's, the Celtic Glen, Warrick, Habitat, Dress Barn and Janell Wysock.

Joan Breidenbach provided vocal entertainment.

With 190 people in attendance, a total of \$8,000 was raised, Parette said. All of the money raised will help to expand the enrollment opportunities and educational programs provided at the Gallery School. The mission is to provide a solid educational foundation to youth and adults.

The school helps students foster their creativity and develop their talents both for personal enrichment and as a foundation for advanced studies in the arts. Offering day, evening and weekend classes to children, adults and seniors, the school provides after-school programs and camps.

Community models included: Amy Wolf, Butsy McElroy, Mayor Sharon Thomas, Wendy David, Deb Zazo, Andrea Primus, Joan Breidenbach, Barbara DeAngelis, Cheryl Buttarò, Amy Currie, JoAnne Short, Dr. Carol Henwood, Peg Calverio, Taylor Thomas, Danielle Clee, Gregg Weitzenkorn, Levi Wolf, Jim Vlahos, Dave Buttarò, Ben Boyles, Tom Dunn, John Sweeney, and Dan Price.



**The Gallery School of Pottstown is part of the Gallery On High,
located at 254 High St. in Pottstown.**

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