

STYLE MATTERS

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Carver Museum dresses up for a new exhibit.

COTILLION EXHIBIT MAKES DEBUT AT CARVER MUSEUM

A new George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center showcase, "Cotillion: The Exhibit," explores the rite of passage of presenting young African American women to Austin society. The inspiration for the exhibit came from the Sigma Gamma Rho Inc.-Alpha Kappa Gamma chapter, which has given biannual debutante balls for 60 years as fund drives to support the sorority's national and community service projects. The exhibit closes Dec. 31. In addition, the museum will present an etiquette session for teenagers from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 1. The session is free and advance registration is required. 1165 Angelina St. 974-4926.

AUSTIN DESIGNER TOPS IN TEXAS

Austin designer Julia Plume won the 2007 Search for Texas' Next Top Designer competition by the Dallas Fashion Incubator. Prizes include a \$5,000 grant for reimbursement for business expenses; travel and tickets to New York or Los Angeles Fashion Week; subsidized work space in Austin for a year; a photo shoot; marketing and product consultation with the Dallas Fashion Incubator and Stanley Korshak in Dallas; admission to Incubator seminars; and a booth at the Dallas spring market at the Fashion Industry Gallery. The New Zealand-born Plume studied at the Austin Fashion School of Design on South Congress Avenue and now teaches classes there. Her clothing line is carried at C. Jane and The Garden Room. www.juliaplume.com



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