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**Ulster County 4-H Fashion Revue Allows Budding Designers to Shine**

Creativity, fashion and fun are a winning combination that will be on display when Ulster County 4-H hosts its annual Fashion Revue at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston on Friday, May 6, 2005 at 7 pm. This year's show, *Through the Looking Glass*, features more than 100 garments sewn and modeled by 4-H members ages 5 to 19 from throughout the county. Amber Westlund, from the Saugerties' Gem Stitchers 4-H Club, has even designed and sewn a Victorian wedding gown to be shown at this event. The ten most outstanding teens will be recognized for their exceptional modeling and sewing skills, and the top four models will have the honor of representing Ulster County at the New York State Fair this coming August in Syracuse, NY. Members of the 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Program, VeNona Berglund, Kay Peischel, Diane Kleitz and Judy Clarke have helped the 4-H members write commentary cards, -polish their modeling skills and perform final touch-ups on their garments guaranteeing that those in attendance experience the world of fashion at its most professional level.

Before Revue, they're evaluated on all aspects of clothing construction including choice of fabric, cut, sewing and finishing details. At Fashion Revue budding young designers and artisans get a chance to shine while being evaluated on fit, poise, posture and style of the item they've sewn. Past shows have seen Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) modeling bird costumes, girls in ball gowns, pillowcases turned into pajama bags for pajama parties, and historically accurate Revolutionary War era dresses. The entire process helps participants to develop self-confidence and teaches them how to present themselves positively and effectively to create a lasting first impression.

The excitement created at the Old Dutch Church in Kingston at 7:00 p.m on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> equals any generated on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue during Fashion Week in New York. See tomorrow's designers today! Who knows, maybe there's another Betsey Johnson in their midst. For more information about 4-H Clothing Revue, please call Debra Cascio, 4-H Extension Educator, 340-3990.

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