

Textile Event and Fashion Review

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Want to be amazed? Plan to attend the 2012 Grafton County 4-H Textile Event and Fashion Revue. This year's event was held May 7, 2011, at Haverhill Middle School with 47 youth participants ranging in age from 5 to 18. All made something they modeled or showed in their stage presentation.

But that was just the end result...for the last year, 4-H'ers and their leaders have been meeting on a regular basis to sew garments, make quilts, create other sewn objects, learn how to knit or crochet and make something from their new skills. Most clubs assign one or two youth to an adult leader so that one on one attention can be given as needed.

It was an amazing show. There were 24 garments, 18 other sewn objects, 12 knitted or crocheted articles and 21 quilts. Many of the 4-H'ers entered one or more categories. Six young people entered the fashion selections category where they purchased an outfit with a theme and a budget. This year's new category, the costume parade, had one entry, Cora Flynn with her butterfly fairy.

Behind the scenes, volunteers helped to pull the event all together, from teaching the kids the skills needed to complete their entry to helping with all the logistics of the show. It has truly been a yearlong effort. All the garments and fiber creations were judged on Friday night, May 6, by panels of judges, twenty-six in all. Created by our 4-H'ers this year, among many other garments were, a pleather coat, several tea length semi-formal dresses, and a complete colonial costume. Quilt designs were created in lap to queen size, with several 4-H'ers drafting and creating their own design to get just the look they wanted. Other sewn items ranged from tissue covers to tote bags.

Entering this year were members from the Bob-O-Link 4-H Club: Catherine Flynn, Madeline Flynn, Grace Flynn, Lilah Flynn, Cora Flynn, Emily May, Elizabeth Stoddard, Emily Stoddard, Madyson O'Shana, Hope Cataldo, Madeleine Roy, Monica Cataldo, Amanda Serer, Keatyn Horne, Abigail Crocker, Abigail Sargent, Jessica Riley, Jane Sargent, Haley DeRosia, Dianah Joslin, and Therese Cataldo.

From the Little Ox Bow 4-H Club Calvin Roy, Zachary Farr, Travis Stoddard, Adam Cataldo and Dominic Cataldo all participated.

From the Hunt Mountain 4-H Club were Monica Zuk, Griffin Zuk, Jessyka Hart, Amanda Geil, Tanner Gaston, Christine Martin, Danielle Martin and Polly Currier.

Bath 4-H Club members showing their projects were Aidan Lewis, Madison Lewis, Alyssa Bach, Wyatt Basch and Melenie Peters.

Haverhill Corner Clovers had Mary Davidson representing them.

Jaden Dalton, Jessie Gall and Justin Gall entered items from the Littleton Raccoons 4-H Club.

Independent member Jessica Beck participated in the event as well.

Erva Barnes of All Seasons 4-H Club served as master of ceremonies with Jacob Dalton of Littleton Raccoons assisting models on and off the stage.

Winners of rosettes for each category were:

Other sewn items: junior division second place winner Adam Cataldo, first place went to Wyatt Basch and his arrow quiver; intermediate division- a four way tie for first place went to Madeline Flynn, Grace Flynn, Hope Cataldo, Madyson O'Shana. Senior division winner was Catherine Flynn in first place.

In knitting and crocheting, the junior division third place winner was Therese Cataldo, second place Emily May and first place Lilah Flynn. In the intermediate division, third place was Madyson O'Shana, a second place tie was split between Hope Cataldo and Grace Flynn and first place went to Madeline Flynn. Senior division second place winner was Jessica Beck with Catherine Flynn earning first place.

The variety of quilts created gave the judges an interesting and challenging evening. In the junior division, third place went to Travis Stoddard, with Emily May taking second. First place was earned by Justin Gall. Madyson O'Shana earned third in the intermediate division with Hope Cataldo and Elizabeth Stoddard tying for second and Madeline Flynn earning the top spot. Senior division competition had Jessica Beck earning the second place rosette with a three way first place split among Catherine Flynn, Haley DeRosia and Dianah Joslin.

Fashion Selections had Grace Flynn earning the top rosette in the intermediate division with third place in seniors awarded to Jessica Beck, second to Catherine Flynn and first to Amanda Geil.

In the novice division of garment construction, Adam Cataldo earned the blue rosette. Junior division third place was won by Emily Stoddard, second by Madison Lewis and Calvin Roy premier placing. Intermediate division entrants had Madeline Flynn earning third place, Hope Cataldo second and Elizabeth Stoddard first place. Third place in the senior division went to Mary Davidson, Amanda Geil earned second and first place winner was Catherine Flynn.

Representing Grafton County at the State Activities Day Fashion Revue for garment judging and modeling will be Monica Zuk, Elizabeth Stoddard, Jaden Dalton, Catherine Flynn, Amanda Geil, and Madeline Flynn. For modeling only, we are sending Mary Davidson, Hope Cataldo, Grace Flynn, Alyssa Bach, Madyson O'Shana and Jessica Beck. For Fashion Selections, Catherine Flynn, Grace Flynn, Amanda Geil, and Jessica Beck.

All participants received a sewing related notion courtesy of the Grafton County 4-H Leaders' Association and a gift of fabric from one of our donors. Providing gifts for the first place winners were Mountainside Quilting, Country Cottage Quilting, Seams Sew Easy, Stitch, The Sewing Tree, Country Heart, Keepsake Quilting, Pam DaMour, the Decorating Diva, Little Red Wagon, Nancy's Notions, Windfall Clothing, Foss Manufacturing, Fabric.com and an anonymous donor.

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