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Fashion Satire From The Gyre

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Ocean gyre: a system of rotating ocean currents or vortexes. There are several gyres now filled with floating garbage patches full of plastics, sludge and other debris that will not break down and threatens the existence of ocean life. Haute Trash, a non-profit organization that develops educational programs, chooses to spread their environmental message through thought-provoking, runway fashion productions. And so, on the evenings of August 27 and 28, 2010 at the Nevada Theatre in Nevada City, their presentation of 'Fashion Satire' from the Gyre drew an eclectic audience. The auditorium was filled, the show was awe inspiring and completely entertaining.

Haute Trash was born in 1983 and has evolved over the years. It began with one designer, Susan Lamela, aka Polly Ethylene, who created her designs from trash bags, aluminum foil, plastic wrap and duct tape. Last weekend's show included 13 designers and over 50 creations made from a multitude of normally thrown away items. The terms rethink, recycle and reuse have taken on a whole new meaning with these amazing and hot, haute couture.

Bubble wrap, gift wrap, tissue paper, umbrellas, candy wrappers, plastic bottles, video cassette tape, handbags, tents, plastic swimming pools, life rafts, potato sacks, the list is endless...have all been sewn, taped, tied, knitted and fused together to create some of the most gorgeous wearable art I have ever seen. Designers take on Eco-friendly names: Alotta Detritus, Elvira Mental Werks (a word play on environmental works), Ivanna B. Greene, Sew Trashy, Queena D'Trash to name a few. The show was emceed by Reinette

Senum, past Mayor of Nevada City, and Anne King, award winning Toastmaster. Both delivered a satirical narrative for each ensemble that not only explained the sad and deplorable circumstances affecting the oceans of our world, but also, an appropriate description of each designer's creation (origin, composition, artist, etc.).

A huge round of applause is due to Kathi Griffis, producer of this creative and controversial show. Of course, kudos is due to all the staff and volunteers who also participated in this amazing production. Dim the lights, start the music and out strut models of all ages, shapes and sizes, wearing attire from cutesy to chic, skimpy and conservative.

My favorites included Grace Kelly Green Fencing, worn by model Rachael and designed by Elvira Mental Werks (Judy Nielsen and Shaun Muscolo). A beautiful 1940's inspired dress, complete with matching hand bag and hair piece created from fencing material. Film Noir, also modeled by Rachael and designed



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Little Miss from Oregon enjoys Black Bart Days in Sutter Creek. Photo by Tim Dunn

Captivated by her joyful smile and dancing feet, we just had to get a pic of this cutie dressed in pink! This little party gal from Oregon was visiting her grandfather in Sutter Creek, CA, really enjoying the 2010 Black Bart Days festivities and music in the streets. Head back, hands outreached, she ran around trying to catch the floating 'music' bubbles drifting off into the summer day.

Hovey Tempranillo touted in Sunset Magazine

Calaveras County – The August 2010 issue of Sunset Magazine features Hovey 2008 "Rolleri Cuvee" Tempranillo as a top pick, alongside with Tempranillo wines from Ynez Valley, San Antonio Valley, Lake County, and the renowned Carneros District in Napa Valley. Sara Schneider, Wine Editor for Sunset Magazine, wrote in her review about Hovey Tempranillo, "Lush, tangy plums and blackberries with minty chocolate and dried tobacco leaf."

"I am so honored that Sunset Magazine chose Hovey as a top pick," said Chuck Hovey, owner and winemaker of Hovey Wine in Murphys. "It's great that the Sierra Foothill region continues to receive great press and high accolades." Hovey received another honor



Chuck Hovey, owner and winemaker of Hovey Wine in Murphys, Ca. Courtesy Photo to the Gold Country Times

of distinction when he was recently invited to participate in the Yosemite Vintners' Holidays during Session IV, Nov 10-11, at The Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite National Park alongside Robert Mondavi Winery, MacRostie Winery & Vineyards, and the only other Sierra

Foothill winery participating in the event, Karly Winery. Hovey is one of 32 wineries chosen from throughout the state to pour his wine during the Meet the Vintners Reception, give a one-hour presentation in The Ahwahnee's Great Lounge, and have

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