

Moresca



2008

When I got over the shock as the first skirt came out of the washer (they look scary before they're "plucked"), I hung it up, stared at it and thought: Gosh that's BEAUTIFUL! Like a seagull, that hardy bird that survives the winter in malls and landfills.

Then Johanna and I went nuts for several weeks, not by a long shot exhausting the possibilities, but having more designs than we have room for in our booths, so we thought, well, let's do a few and see what happens.

So, here and on the cover is SEAGULL, in natural or white all cotton damask, except for the fringes on the white, and the short bodice, which are made of some old yardage of unknown fiber content that I've kept in a (dry) shed for years, for lack of space elsewhere.

The natural tops and pants, we have in their unwashed state, with samples of the washed to show. Dry cleaned, I suppose they'll keep the crisp look longer. We like them both ways. The skirts will all be washed.

The white *has* to be washed, it looks very strange "raw", and it's quite a process, we decided to do it for

you, which is why the white skirt costs more.

Subsequent washings don't remove much more fluff, so they keep their look.

The men's top works either as a shirt, underpinning, or by itself. It looks good with the sleeves rolled up or off and hanging loose in hot weather.

SEAGULL SKIRT, NATURAL, one size, \$95

SEAGULL SKIRT, WHITE, one size, \$110

SEAGULL TOP, WOMEN'S, WHITE OR NATURAL, S,L, \$75

SEAGULL TOP, MEN'S, WHITE OR NATURAL, S, L, \$75

SEAGULL SHORT BODICE, S,L, ADJUSTABLE, \$45

SEAGULL PANTS, M LENGTH, WHITE OR NATURAL, S, L, \$65



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Shimmer Scroll skirt, Mambo and old friends

A lot of us have come to love the shimmer satin, it wears, it washes and dries (contrary to manufacturer recommendation) and it really does shimmer. So in addition to blouse and bloomers, by customer request, we've made up a scroll skirt to match.

The MUMBO started out as my new favorite vest, for daily wear with pants and dress. We liked it so much we decided to make up a batch for sale. Hand-pieced in three brocades, it's lined in shimmer or black star satin, has roomy pockets and matches several of our bodices. Here with the MAX bodice and SHIMMER BLOUSE.

MUMBO, 17 colorways, S,L, \$150.
SHIMMER SCROLL,
14 combinations of two colors,
S, L, \$85



The 2008 MEGAs, left, in many new, exciting colors we've never had before. If any one of them especially appeals to you, please order early in the season while we still have your color and size in stock. MEGAMEDIEVAL, 12 sizes, \$275 stock, \$400 and up, custom.



STARMITE 08 AND Velvet Breech

The original Starmite was made from the quilted velvets and bengalines we used for our Quilted Doublets. As the latter were discontinued and our fabric stock dwindled, so did the vests. We had some of our heavy velvets laminated to remake the Starmite and here's the result. We're quite happy with them and hope you will be too.

The size-range is huge: 32" to 56" chest over six sizes. They are fully reversible (labels in the armhole) to all black-on-black stripe, including the edging.

Most of them have our new antique gold/black or silver/black striped bias edging on the face side.

You'll be seeing a lot of that in our booths the next several seasons. we're quite batty about it.

The LANCER BREECH, though popular enough, have been hard to keep up with, in sizes and color combinations that work.

We decided to increase the number of sizes of the LANCER PANES for better fit, and reduce the colors to black and a few basic shades, that match our men's outfits. To go with them, we've made

easy-on stretch VELVET BREECH which we'll have in several dark colors. Available separately.



STARMITE 08, P, S, M, \$85
L, XL, XXL, \$95

LANCER BREECH PANES:
S, M, L, \$100

VELVET BREECH:
S, L, \$65

STARMITES are cool, easy and versatile. They can be worn either in a Renaissance or Middle Eastern context.

Over a shirt, here a SEAGULL, left, a sash and SUFI PANTS, right, or over VELOUR JACK, above.

Begins with Spring Open House at Moresca -MARCH 29 thru APRIL 13. Open 11-6 daily. Call 845-331-6012 for information, or visit us at www.moresca.com

SCARBOROUGH FAIRE, at Waxahachie, TX: APRIL 5 thru MAY 26, weekends including Memorial Day. Hours are 10 -7. We're in booth #182, Pecan Grove. Call 888-533-7848. Web: www.scarboroughrenfest.com

GEORGIA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, GA: APRIL 24 thru June 1, weekends including Memorial Day. Hours are 10.30 - 6.30. We're in booth #3 Old Town. Call 770-964-8575 for information. Web: www.garenfest.com

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE AT MORESCA: JUNE 7 thru JUNE 15, Open 11 -6 daily.

THE NEW YORK RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL at Tuxedo, NY. AUG. 2 thru SEPT. 21, weekends including Labor Day. Hours: 10 -7. We're at #17, Market Square. Call 845-331-5171 for info. Web: www.renfair.com/NY

? ? PENNSIC WAR XXXVII at Cooper's Lake, Slippery Rock, PA. JULY 25 thru AUGUST 10 ? ?

MARYLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, Crownsville, MD: AUG. 23 thru OCT 19, weekends including Labor Day. Hours: 10 -7. We're at #206, Valley Meade. Call 800-296-7304 for info. Web: www.rennfest.com

KING RICHARDS FAIRE, Carver, MA: AUG. 30 thru OCT. 19, weekends including Labor Day and Columbus Day. Hours: 10.30 -6. We're at #51 Lancaster Lane. Call 508-866-5391 for info. Web: www.kingrichardsfaire.net

THE TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, near Houston, TX: OCT 28 thru NOV. 30, weekends. Hours: 9 -Dark. We're in booth #304 next to the Feast Hall. Call 800-458-3435 for info. Web: www.texrenfest.com

WINTER OPEN HOUSE AT MORESCA: NOV. 28 thru DEC. 7. Open 11 -6 daily.

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STERLING RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, near Oswego, NY. JULY 12 thru AUG. 17 weekend only. Hours: 10.30 -7. Booth #? Call 800-879-4446 for info. Web: www.sterlingfestival.com

COLORADO RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, in Larkspur, CO. JUNE 14 thru AUG. 3 weekends only. Hours: 10 -6.30. Booth # ? Call 877-259-3328 for info. Web: www.coloradorenaissance.com

BELOW:

TARA IMIG, FIRST SATUDAY, SCARBOROUGH FAIRE 2007

PHOTO: PAUL

"PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE RUN"

RIGHT: GUS IMIG, PHOTO BY RENAE TAYLOR IN HER BOOTH AT SCARBOROUGH.

GREAT FRIENDS AND COMBO-ARTISTS, GUS AND TARA OWN "THE FOREST ARMORY"



PUT IT ALL TOGETHER AND WIN A PRIZE!

Many of our customers and friends wear our clothing items in combinations we'd never have thought of when we designed them. Some of these are so exciting and imaginative we'd like to record what some of you came up with.

Please supply a high-res jpg or tiff or a print with permission for us to use it, photo credit and model release as needed and the date and place it was taken.

We'll publish the winners in our 2009 flyer.

First prize: \$300 Moresca gift certificate, second and third resp. \$200 and \$100

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEM!



DEAR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Never before have we tried a line of white and natural clothing.

It kind of just happened and then we thought:
well, maybe it's time for a break from all the black?

The eyeshadow, the pirates in charge?

Is this a year of hope? Do we dare?

Yes we dare.

Not that we won't have all our black stuff,
we just thought we'd try some light in all the
dark of this millenium to date.

And you won't look fat if you keep moving.

A few things:

Our apologies for the absence of CARRICK and KAZAK in 2007!
We lost the seamstress who made them and found no new one to train
but, guess what? She came back! They are being made now and will
be back in all our faire booths this season.

2008 swatch flyer

I didn't print enough 06 flyers to last through 07 and it had some
useful swatches in it. Rather than re-printing an old flyer,
I decided to make a 2008 swatch flyer, just swatches, and
only the long-term ones, things we'll mostly have in stock for
the next three or so years. This swatch flyer will not mass mail,
so you won't automatically receive it even if you're on our mailing
list and get the 2008 flyer. It will, however, be in all our faire
booths, every box we ship out and we'll mail you one free
on request. It will have swatches for: STARMITE 08,
SHIMMER SCROLL, GYPSY SKIRT, GAUZE,
FAERIE BODICE, KHADIJA, CLEO, PIRATE
BODICE and anything else we may remember.
It will be available this spring.

The TABI boots our models are wearing are
available from martial arts supply stores, or
ebay, where we got ours, if you like them. We
velcroed strips of rag fringe to them.

They're becoming quite a
fashion item in Japan
where construction
workers wear them
with outrageous
brech.



Starmifes, Mambos, Breech, Bags and Seagalls

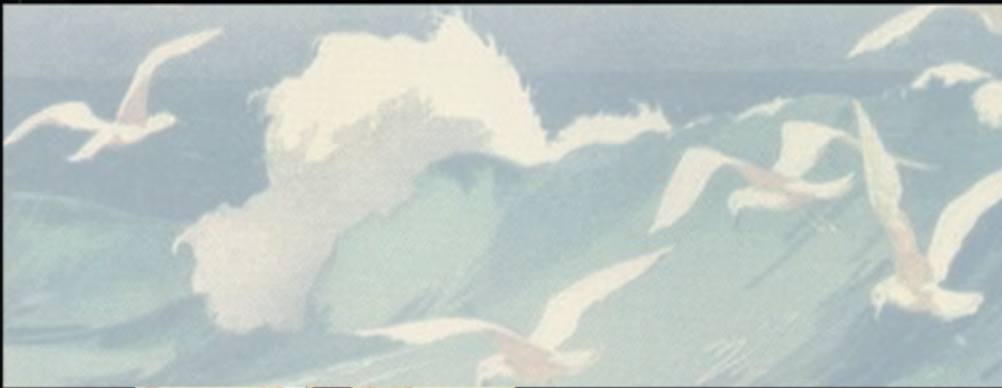
Left, STARMITE 08,
with A Velour Jack
Velvet Breech and
our new LANCER
panes



Right, mumbo
over sufi pants and
shimmer blouse



ABOVE, RANDY AT Castle games with friends,
in our new STARMITE.



The REVERSIBLE BAG, fully lined,
with large pocket inside and out and
adjustable shoulder strap is reputed
to hold a 12-pack of beer if you hold
one in your hand. Go figure. At any
rate it's a great bag in many colors.
REVERSIBLE BAG, \$40

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