

Ladies relive their special day at the Vintage Wedding Dress Fashion Show and Luncheon

By: Dawn Brown

Trinity United Church hosted a vintage wedding dress fashion show and luncheon at the Acton Town Hall on Saturday, May 9 to raise money for the church.

Mary Ann Austin, who organized the event, was inspired by an article she'd read in the Globe and Mail about women's interest in vintage wedding gowns. Since she still had her gown from forty years ago, she wondered who else might still have theirs. After asking around, she discovered a number of women still had their dresses, and thought the chance for those women to see their gowns on the runway would be exciting for them.

"When I first started, I thought let's have a mother's day luncheon, but let's have some entertainment," Austin said. "So what can we do that's different?"

While she of course hoped to raise money, she truly wanted ladies in the community to have fun. And with the luncheon selling out, and people even being turned away at the door, her idea was a hit.

Dresses for the event were donated from ladies in the community, and dated back as early as 1895.

"A lot of the ladies from our church [donated dresses], then it kind of just spread," Austin explained. "Ladies told other ladies."

With over sixty dresses donated, there

were even dresses worn by three generations of women. Lolita Babalis from Ditto's Boutique in Acton organized the fashion show aspect of the event, and also collected and donated dresses.

Volunteers from the church donated everything from the delicious food served to the beautiful centre pieces adorning each table, and Catherine Barnes of Cate & Co Vintage Rentals and Styling provide the décor.



LeAnne Taylor posing with Tanya York modeling Taylor's dress from 1976



Vintage wedding dresses on display. - Dawn Brown photos



Anne McIntyre poses with June Gallinger modelling McIntyre's dress from 1970



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