

Wardrobe consultation part of Original Margherita offerings

One of the most frustrating things about clothes shopping is knowing what you want but not being able to find it anywhere. With the Original Margherita designer label you pick the design and have it custom-made to your requirements.

Original Margherita is a division of CMW Promotions, a company run by two local entrepreneurs, Catherine Daley and Wendy Wootton, who have worked together for almost two years.

They started their partnership with a company called Business Support Network, which offers professional writing and word processing out of the home.

"We started that two years ago in March," explains Wendy. "We both wanted to do something at home so that we could be with our children, but keep our hand in with business at the same time."

Wendy had the word processing equipment and Catherine offered a solid background in creative writing and advertising.

Although their projects included writing training manuals and interpreting computer programs



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in layman's terms, much of their work was secretarial support and they found themselves looking for other challenges.

"The designer we're working with now sort of fell into our laps," says Catherine. "We met her when she asked us to do her resume, and she made some clothes for our kids, we went wild over them."

"We said we'd trade our services for her designs and, after that, one thing led to another and we began to work together."

Margherita makes women's and children's clothing and also offers wardrobe consultation to assist women in analyzing their clothing needs. She can create custom patterns for each client based on individual requirements.

To introduce their designer service, CMW offers in-home

presentations to clients and their friends. "We're also going to be doing fashion shows and we're looking at other products which will complement our lines," Catherine notes.

For people interested in custom clothing, "they can go out and choose their own fabric or Margherita will go with them and help them," adds Wendy. "She'll also pick up the fabric herself if that's what they want."

CMW Promotions is also the sole agent for Dimples Diapers, a new cloth diaper which offers the convenience of disposables without creating environmental problems.

Dimples are Canadian manufactured, reusable cotton diapers which are similar to disposables in appearance, with elasticized binding to provide a snug fit.

They use snap closures, which are stronger and more durable than velcro, and are fully adjustable.

While they will be available through retail outlets in the New Year, "customers buying through us will get a reduction in price," Catherine states. "As far as we know, this is the only diaper with adjustable sizing and snap fasteners on the market."

Liners and pants are also available through CMW.

For more information on Original Margherita or Dimples Diapers, call 642-0245 or 642-2001.

Turkey dip recipe will 'fowl' things up

There is much fear and loathing in Stouffville, following a Christmas "fowl up."

It seems a local Cordon Bleu chef (Stouffville Main Street merchant Tom Thompson) received threats on his life over the Christmas holiday season for something he had no control over.

Mr. Thompson, who kindly offered some of his fanciest Yuletide entertainment recipes, was suitably embarrassed when an important ingredient for a tasty turkey dip was left out of the Dec. 26 issue of the Tribune.

Several threats of bodily harm followed from hapless holiday entertainers — and all because those notorious newspaper gremlins stole that line in the recipe right from under us.

To ease tension around town, and to allow Mr. Thompson the right to excuse a highly-paid body guard, the Tribune is reprinting the recipe for readers to snip out and save for other entertainment occasions.

The Tribune also extends its regrets to Mr. Thompson for the incident.

The real recipe for the turkey dip follows, to wit:

Boil turkey giblets until tender, add one cup of finely minced white turkey breast and place in a blender or food processor with a quarter cup of mayonnaise, a quarter cup of olive oil, a generous amount of black pepper, a quarter teaspoon of salt and a little pimento or relish (if using relish, add after blending the other ingredients to ensure a coarse texture) and blend to desired consistency.

"Some people use cranberries instead of relish," says Mr. Thompson. "It makes a lovely dip and it's not too strong."

Claremont debates over sesqui funds

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Claremont has yet to spend the \$11,000 it raised during sesquicentennial celebrations back in the summer of 1988.

Sesqui organizers are anxious

to use the money on a community betterment project in cooperation with the local community association.

Decorative street signs and metal posts are proposed for the hamlet but town officials have yet to give approval for such a project.

"The consensus is we want some type of unique street sign and we have a motion that the sesqui fund be used as such," says Edward Durnford, president of the Claremont District Community Association (CDCA).

Negotiations are underway to see if the project can proceed despite town concerns about responsibility for maintenance and repair costs in case the signs or posts are vandalized, Mr. Durnford says.

George Johnson, who chaired Claremont's 150th anniversary festivities, was the one who originally suggested using event proceeds to place heritage signposts throughout the community. But when he received a less than positive response from the Town of Pickering, Mr. Johnson suggested a new gazebo bandshell might be a good alternative.

But during a CDCA meeting Jan. 10, a majority of residents favored the signposts over a park bandshell, especially considering Claremont's original band gazebo has already been reproduced at Pickering Museum Village.

Mr. Durnford says discussion about how to spend the \$11,000 — part of which is a federal heritage grant — will continue at the next CDCA meeting set for Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m. in Claremont Community Centre.

CDCA members also want a new community information board to advertise local events and issues. Money for this item was also to come out of the sesqui coffers, however local blacksmith Michael Klatt has since offered to donate a hand-crafted, decorative signboard for display in the local post office.



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Eric Taylor, 5, of Uxbridge, took advantage of what little snow was on the ground last week and took his cousin out for a sleigh ride. Chad Taylor, 4, wasn't complaining about his ride around Planks Lane. Chad was in town visiting his cousin when they decided to hit the streets.

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