

## Dayton's Downtown Minneapolis department store event files

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AN EVENING OF FASHION FOR ART

BENEFACTOR'S RECEPTION—12TH FLOOR GALLERY
GENERAL RECEPTION—AUDITORIUM FOYER
ST. JOHN FASHION SHOW
DINNER
7:30 P.M.
7:30 P.M.

BENEFACTOR TICKETS: \$125 PER PERSON (\$90 TAX DEDUCTIBLE)
GENERAL TICKETS: \$75 PER PERSON (\$50 TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

SEATING IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, TO 870-3045.

THE FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTE INVITE YOU TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENING BY BECOMING A BENEFACTOR. THE BENEFACTOR TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A CHAMPAGNE AND HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION WITH DESIGNER MARIE GRAY, PREFERRED SEATING AND RECOGNITION IN THE PROGRAM.

DAYTON'S OVAL ROOM™ AND THE FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTE INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF FASHION FOR ART TO BENEFIT THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS.

DESIGNER AND COFOUNDER MARIE GRAY WILL PRESENT HER FALL 1998 ST. JOHN COLLECTION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 DAYTON'S MINNEAPOLIS 8TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM



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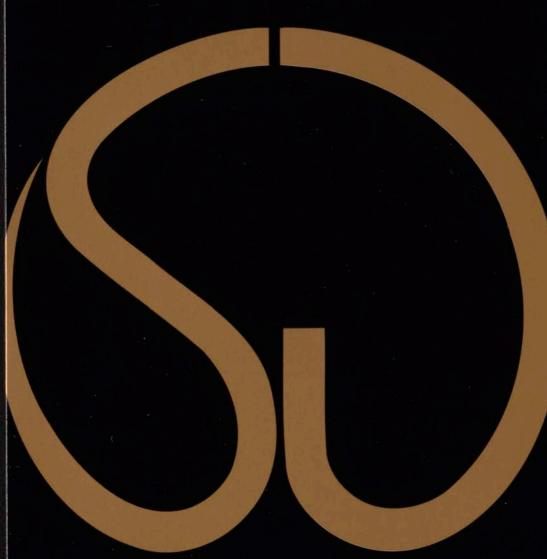
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DAYTON'S OVAL ROOM" AND THE FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTE PRESENT

AN EVENING OF FASHION FOR ART WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1998



MARIE GRAY
A JEWEL IN THE AMERICAN FASHION CROWN

MARIE GRAY LOVES TO TELL THE STORY OF HOW A SIMPLE KNIT DRESS BECAME A FASHION EMPIRE.

THE YEAR WAS 1962. SHE WAS A MODEL IN LOS ANGELES AND WAS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED. SHE WANTED A FABULOUS WARDROBE, BUT WAS FRUSTRATED BY CLOTHES SHE DIDN'T LIKE AND COULDN'T AFFORD. SHE DECIDED TO MAKE HER OWN.

THE SIMPLE KNIT DRESS SHE CREATED HAS BECOME HER TRADEMARK. IT COMBINES THE FASHION ELEMENTS SHE MOST PRIZES: TIMELESS, ELEGANT, CLASSIC DESIGNS THAT FIT FLAWLESSLY.

MARIE GRAY'S TALENT FOR DESIGN, HER SENSITIVITY TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN, AND HER PASSION FOR QUALITY HAVE EARNED HER AN EXTREMELY LOYAL FOLLOWING. AS ST. JOHN CELEBRATES ITS 36TH YEAR IN FASHION, MARIE GRAY CONTINUES TO LEAD HER TEAM TO A QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE.

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GENERAL RECEPTION—AUDITORIUM FOYER 6:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN FASHION SHOW 7:00 P.M.
DINNER 7:30 P.M.



RECEPTION MUSIC BY THE GOLDEN STRINGS.

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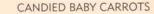
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- 1 lb. baby carrots, steamed or boiled until just tender, and drained
- 1 T. unsalted butter
- 2T. Stonewall Kitchen Grand Marnier Cranberry Marmalade Salt and white pepper to taste
- 1 t. flat-leaf parsley, optional

Melt butter and Stonewall Kitchen Grand Marnier Cranberry Marmalade in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add carrots and stir to cover with glaze. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in parsley, if desired, and cook until carrots are hot. Serve at once, or gently reheat over medium-low heat, adding a little water if needed. Serves 4.

Stonewall Kitchen, 1996





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 1997

#### MARIE GRAY: A Jewel In The American Fashion Crown

Whether at a podium at the Los Angeles Museum of Art or a fashion show in New York, audiences love to hear **Marie Gray** tell the story of how a simple knit dress became a fashion empire, market valued today at over \$850 million.

The year was 1962. She was a model in Los Angeles and was engaged to be married. She wanted a fabulous wardrobe, but was frustrated by clothes she didn't like and couldn't afford. She decided to make her own.

The simple knit dress she created has become her trademark. It combined the fashion elements she most prizes: timeless, elegant, classic designs that fit flawlessly. Bob Gray, her fiancé, showed several of her creations to a potential buyer whose enthusiasm and large order launched the **St. John** label.

Marie Gray's talent for design, her sensitivity to the needs of women, and her passion for quality have earned her an extremely loyal following.

"I am thrilled by the number of remarkable women who love and appreciate the quality and performance of our products," she says.

As St. John celebrates its 35th year in fashion, Marie Gray continues to lead her team to a quest for excellence.

CONTACT: Renée Borsack: 714.263.9400 or Lisa Rance: 212.944.0222



ST. JOHN

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## ST. JOHN: SPINNING YARN AND PROFITS A Look Inside an Expanding Fashion House

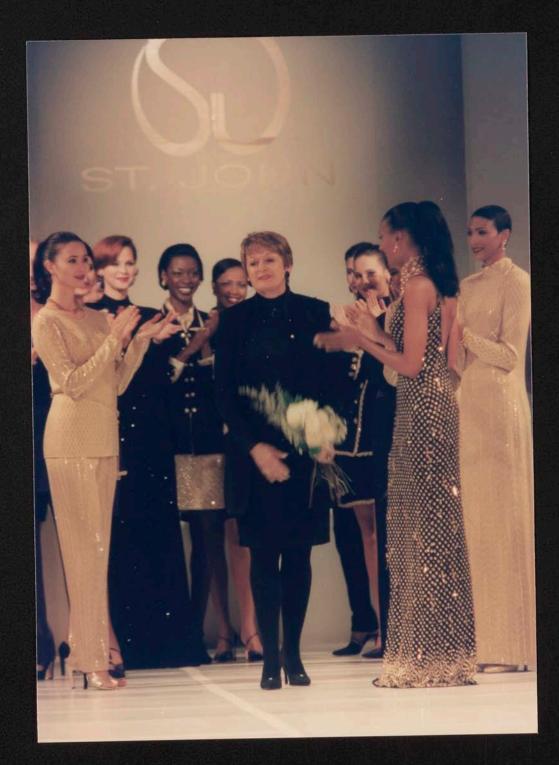
Our story began 35 years ago when a young fashion model, Marie St. John, decided to knit a dress rather than buy it. This was a calculated idea to impress her fiancé, that she could dress fashionably on a shoestring budget. Her first dress was admired by many, and some of her early efforts that did not fit her to perfection were easily sold to her friends. This sparked the idea that Bob Gray, her fiancé and a dynamic young entrepreneur, would market the knit apparel. During his first showing he named the company, priced the dresses and formed a business plan for the future.

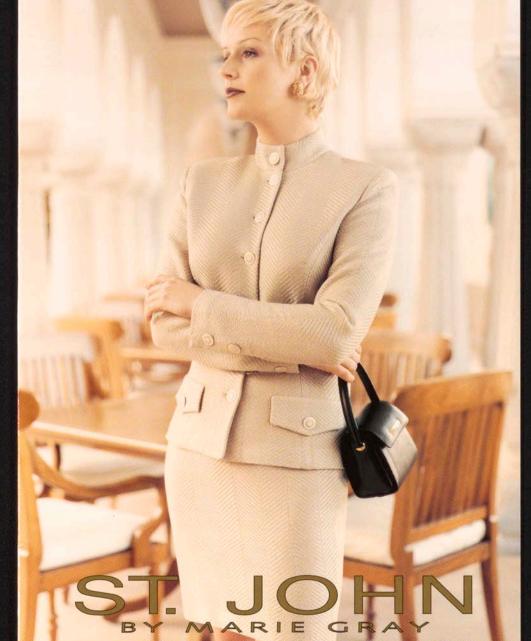
After going through growing pains in the 1960's, and then more clearly defining the company's strategy of becoming a vertically integrated designer, manufacturer and marketer of its high-end women's knitwear, St. John has posted increased sales and operated profitably since its inception. The company's customer base and product offerings have also continued to grow. With the inclusion of Saks Fifth Avenue as a customer in 1972, the Grays began building St. John into the company it is today. Other department and specialty store chains such as Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom were added to the company's customer list during the late 1970's and early 1980's. As this expansion was taking place, St. John, in conjunction with these major retailers, began to open instore St. John shops, providing dedicated floor space and designated sales staff exclusively to house and sell St. John products. Simultaneously, the St. John Collection was expanded to include eveningwear, careerwear and a line of fashion basics.

Expansion continued in the late 1980's as St. John began offering a full line of accessories and jewelry in 1987, and opening company-owned and operated boutiques under the St. John name in 1989. Both introductions have allowed the company to expand distribution and increase profit margins. Growth in the 1990's has more than kept pace with the company's early success. St. John continues to open additional boutiques and launch new product lines such as St. John Sport, St. John Coat Collection and Griffith & Gray. Through eight internal divisions, St. John currently operates seven administrative and manufacturing facilities, 19 full-price boutiques, five outlet stores, four showrooms and distributes to over 20 countries.

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Dayton's

Minneapolis

is proud to present

THE ST. JOHN FALL 1998 COLLECTION

You are cordially invited to attend this very special presentation

Wednesday to Friday,

September 16 to 18.

A St. John Representative will be available to assist you with your selections.

DAYTON'S OVAL ROOM"

Informal Modeling

## **DAYTON'S SPECIAL EVENTS**

Date

September 6, 1998

NAME OF EVENT:

OVAL ROOM/FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTE ANNUAL

BENEFIT WITH ST. JOHN

DATE OF EVENT:

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

STORES INVOLVED: MPL

**DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED:** Events, Fashion Office, Oval Room, Select, Visual,

Asset Protection, Energy Management, PR,

Advertising, Catering, Kellermeyer

EVENTS CONTACT:

Judy Toback, Ext. 2633

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The 47th annual Friends of the Institute benefit will be

held in our 8th floor auditorium Wednesday, Sept. 16

The event includes a benefactor reception in the 12th floor Gallery area at 5:00 p.m.; general ticket holder reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium foyer; St. John fashion show at 7:p.m.with special guest Marie Gray, followed by dinner.

Tickets are \$75 for general; \$125 for benefactors. The Friends office is taking reservations at 870-3045. Deadline is Friday, Sept. 11. Approximately 500 will attend.

#### **ADVERTISING**

N. Chizzini J. Toback

4,500 invitations were mailed to Friends list, merged/purged with the St. John customer list, and other individuals from the committee.

There will be a full page ad on 9/9, it was listed in "This Season" Magazine, the collection book and two of the Friends newsletters.

Advertising has also produced the program cover, which included photo/bio of Marie Gray and the evening's format. An insert will include list of benefactors, acknowledgments, and menu. Per St. John, there will not be a line-up in the program.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

M. Stark N. Geller

#### **FASHION OFFICE**

J. Young K. Hollister Melissa and Heide sent out a media advisory and will work with local media in obtaining interviews with Mrs. Gray.

The event was also included in the MSP Black Tie calendar and well as other media calendars.

PR has hired a photographer for the event

The fashion office has booked 20 models (5 from Chicago), plus two St. John house models. They have booked dressers, pressers, etc. Samples will arrive on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> by noon. Fittings will begin at 4 p.m. that day with the fashion office and Shannon Davidson from St. John.

Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Chicago models will be fit from 10 a.m. - Noon.

Rehearsal will be in the auditorium from 12 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Show time is expected to be shortly after 7 p.m. Fashion Office will schedule hair/make-up for models following a 3 p.m. lunch break.

Kirstin has also arranged for the following informal models....one model following the show in the dept. along with the two house models; two models on Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., along with the two house models that will be there from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; One more model is booked from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday. All informal models should report to Amy Day from St. John – she will pull clothes for them to wear.

#### **AUDITORIUM SET-UP**

T. Knaeble

M. Gansmoe

E. Anderson

B. Payne

J. Toback

Apres will deliver 72" rounds and cloths on 9/15 a.m. and will set them up, along with table pads provided by catering. Eric's crew will place tables according to floor plans. Truck from Hall's in Chicago should arrive by noon on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Our crew will unload the chavari chairs and place them in the auditorium around the tables. Tables will seat 10 with a few exceptions. Judy will direct.

We will need the crew to reload the chairs on the truck immediately following the show on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Production is working on staging and backdrop with Shannon from St. John. Runway should be set up prior to morning of 9/15. Backdrop will have St. John logo.

The "title wall" should have "An Evening of Fashion for Art" along with the St. John logl

St. John will provide music to Mike for the show. Mike will provide background dinner music. Lighting for stage/runway should be hung prior to table/chair set-up on 9/15 a.m.

Speakers, prior to show, will include:
Linda Ahlers welcome and intro of
Barbara Goldner, Friends president, she'll intro
Roberta Mann and Blythe Brendon, co-chairs,
Linda intros show
Judy will provide Mike with scripts.
We will need podium and microphone.
Remarks will begin at 7 p.m. and should only last
a few minutes, prior to show.
Door prize drawing will take place immediately
following the show.

Hallway area, Car D Bay should be kept clear for catering deliveries.

We'll be using foyer for cocktail hour, please make available benches are up.

Judy will arrange to have table numbers and votives placed on tables Wednesday morning.

Eric -- Please arrange to have chairs set up for models, during rehearsal, so they don't mess up the tables. Thanks!!

We will need 4 of the Fash Bash bars – two in lobby and two inside according to walk through.

We will need a total of 50 6' tables.

4 in the Gallery 12

1 at each of the 2 bars on 8th

10 along the sides of the auditorium for service

9 in the back of the Aud by the sound-booth

5 in car D bay

20 to be brought into foyer while show is going on inside.

We will need 2 wing walls to cover Car D bay door. And the other 4, or curtains to block off the plating area of the foyer, so that it will look nice!!!!!

#### **VISUAL PRESENTATION**

B. Payne V. Taus

Table linens have been approved by St. John and ordered by Judy – Ivory damask (pearl)

We will need 12 of visuals black cloths to be used on service tables in auditorium.

The following floral arrangements have been ordered as of 9/2:

Large arrangement for auditorium lobby to be placed on pedestal

50 centerpieces for tables (still to be approved by all)

3 small arrangements for Ladies Room

1 small arrangement for Men's Room 1 very large arrangement for Gallery

1 arrangement for Gallery desk

1 arrangement for Oval Room St. John table in dept.

1 arrangement for 12th floor restroom

1 arrangement for 3rd floor restroom

1 arrangement for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor desk

1 presentation bouquet All flowers will be white/Ivory

All flowers should be placed by 2 p.m.

Judy has ordered 6 palms to be put in the gallery. Bill will arrange for the pots

He'll provide a table/desk and 3 chairs for check-in and pedestal for flowers in lobby, along with containers for 8<sup>th</sup> floor and 12<sup>th</sup> floor large floral arrangements.

He'll also provide a check-in table and two chairs for 12<sup>th</sup> floor and be prepared with the black wooden stanchions in case we need to extend to the foyer of 12<sup>th</sup> floor due to the count. And, handle the decor in Gallery 12.

Per our latest walk-thru with St. John and Nadine, we will have the following visuals.....

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> floor IDS entrance -

Museum case of accessories near concierge Signing on case 2 mannequins in St. John by concierge Small floral on concierge desk Sign on Concierge desk re: trunk show Men's mannequins will disappear for the 2 days.

One or two forms by elevators in St. John

#### 12th floor

Two windows on either side of Oak Grill – in daytime couture/accessories/fragrance two framed posters of Kelly Gray in foyer of Gallery

Three mannequins in Gallery in Social

#### 8th floor additions

½ of St. John carpet down hallway

#### 3rd floor

St. John logos on windows facing elevators
2 - 3 forms near top of escalator
2 museum cases in aisle
tables for St. John reps – accessories, shoes,
fragrance.

Desk for autographing

#### 1st floor

St. John shoes in front of shoe dept. form in St. John Possible fragrance/accessory visual

## KELLERMEYER K. Chrismon

Auditorium floor should be cleaned on Monday night, 9/14. Please recheck on Wednesday by 3:00 p.m. Please make sure carpeting is vacuumed and restrooms are cleaned by 3:p.m. Please recheck restrooms at 5:00 p.m.

### CATERING

P. Wall J. Cohen On 12th floor, please vacuum Gallery, Foyer and lobby by 3:00 p.m. Also, mirrors on pillars should be cleaned. Restrooms should also be cleaned.

On Third Floor, please make sure area is cleaned and restroom is "sparkling" by 8:00 p.m. Guests will come to department following show.

Elevators should also be vacuumed by 4:30 p.m.

The final menu has been okay'd with the MIA committee.

We will serve champagne and have a full bar, with premium brands

passed hors d'ouevres in the Gallery foyer from 5:00 until 6:40.

We will also have a full bar in the auditorium foyer and inside the auditorium from 6:00 until 6:55 p.m. Bar inside should be kept open for a

while longer.

As people are seated wait staff will pour a glass of wine before show begins. There will be no wait people in area during show.

An Appetizers will be on the table when people enter.

Catering will have an area in the rear of the for plating as well as the foyer after cocktail hour.

Wait staff will light votives by 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium should be ready to open by 5:55 p.m.

#### Menu includes:

Passed hors d'oeuvres in the Gallery

\*Wild mushrooms & herb bruschetta on tables

\*Butterhead & red romaine lettuce with blueberries & roasted apple vinaigrette & warm goat cheese salad

\*Sesame seared salmon filet & rosemary garlic beef skewer

\*tomato-thyme coulis

\*roasted red potatoes

\*seasonal vegetable (asparagus)

\*housemade breads

\*Chocolate bag filled with strawberries & raspberry mousse. St. John logo on bag.

\*Demi tasse coffee

#### **OPERATIONS**

J. Crosby

D. Nelson

D. Gazner (air) Energy Mgm.

D. Laskey

Please make sure 8th floor auditorium restrooms are in working order and fully operational by the 15th.

Please keep air conditioning on in Auditorium, 8th floor, and 3rd floor Oval Room area until 10 p.m. Please make sure auditorium is really cooled down the entire day of the 16th for rehearsals, etc. Gallery 12 should be cooled all day until 7 p.m.

Engergy management should keep all lights on in the 8th floor, 3rd floor, 2nd floor from elevators to LaSalle Court Skyway and IDS Skyway, and on main floor from the escalator and elevators to employee door until 10 p.m. We'll have about 500 guests in the store.

Please make sure Oval Room terminals can continue running until 10:30 p.m.

We'll have people running three elevators once dinner is over to exit.

STOCK
K. Waldorf
S. Grigsby

Please provide two Z racks late morning of the 15th. These will be used for coat check if needed. Please also provide 50 6' tables for catering by September 15 in the a.m..

ASSET PROTECTION
M. Wegleitner

Please make note of event. As previously discussed we will need to keep LaSalle Court Skyway opened until guests have left (about 10 p.m.) And the IDS door can be locked, but opened just for Mrs. Gray and entourage to leave.

OVAL ROOM/SELECT Managers N. Chazzini Oval Room will be staffed following event in Auditorium.

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There will be a trunk show on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please look at model schedule under Fashion Office. Mrs. Gray will be in the department immediately following the event and from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Thursday

Gift bags will be handed out in the Dept. following the event by special events. There will be a separate one for men and women.

#### General Time table:

#### Tuesday, 9/15

morning

runway complete
Apres sets up tables
Catering delivers table pads (early)
Chairs arrive
Clothes arrive
Shannon Davidson arrives
6' tables in auditorium
Palms for Gallery delivered

Afternoon

4:00 p.m. Fittings
Visual set-up on selling floors complete

#### Wednesday, 9/16

morning

Chicago model fittings table numbers/votives around tables Any last minute production

Afternoon

Flowers complete by 2 p.m. rehearsal 12 Noon - 2:30 p.m. models break - 3 p.m. Hair make-up

3:30 p.m.

Gallery set-up complete

5:00 p.m.

Auditorium is sparkling

Page 9 5:00 p.m.	Benefactors reception (entertainment times tbd) Guests pick up table #'s at checkin
6:00 p.m.	General reception begins, Golden Strings play on 8 <sup>th</sup> floor. Guests pick up table #'s at check-in
6:55 p.m.	Golden Strings play one song all together around room.
7:00 p.m.	Remarks
7:05 p.m.	Show/ Mrs. Gray comes out during finale - presentation bouquet
7:25 p.m.	Door Prize
7:30 p.m.	Dinner
9:00 p.m. (est)	Guest pick up gift bags in Oval Room
10:00 p.m.	Strike chairs/load on Hall's truck
10:00 - 10:30 p.m.	Final guests leave

The Party's over - thank you all!!!!!!

cc: Dale Amondson

Jeanette Armstrong
EricAnderson
Jamie Becker
Judie Cohen
Ken Chrismon
Jim Crosby
Larry Engbloom
Sam Grigsby
Randy Loomis
Doug Nelson
Bill Payne
Dean Sherman
Laura Sandall
Kathy Waldorf
Cathy harrington

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Matt Wegleitner
Brandt Turner
Heidi Hustad
Joy Salvador
Kirstin Hollister
JoAnn Young
Eric Anderson
Meg Benson
Virgil Taus

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Few sculpture gardens as grand as the Walker's exist throughout the United States. The Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is unique in its specially designed courtyards, inspired by eighteenth-century Italian gardens and by topiary-bordered Renaissance gardens.

The eleven-acre garden was the location of the National Guard's armory in the early 1900s. But the swampy ground left the armory building unstable, and it was demolished in 1933. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board then took over management of the area, and gave the Walker permission to use the area periodically to display sculptures.

The Sculpture Garden is still a public park, owned and maintained by the city, but in 1984 the city granted the Walker full use of the land for art display and programming. Since the

"For a lot of people,
the Sculpture Garden is
predetermined as a
destination point.
And the Spoonbridge and
Cherry sculpture is a
festive way of thinking of
Minneapolis. —Richard Flood

dedication of the garden in 1988, the area has been devoted completely to sculpture and horticulture, allowing the Walker to create an everchanging landscape of art and education for the community. Many of the sculptures are permanent fixtures; others are periodically moved. Occasionally, the Walker commissions new works for the garden.

As part of the garden's ever-changing landscape, the Walker is instituting a new feature, one that

will bring art to the community as much as the community comes to the gardens. The creation will culminate in a fifty-foot-long, yellow vehicle that will be attached to a permanent building in the Sculpture Garden, but can disengage from the building to travel throughout the Twin Cities. The unit, designed by artist-in-residence Joep van Lieshout, will provide a forum for art education and activities, and will serve as an auxiliary exhibition space.

Walker Art Center

This mutable landscape is only part of the attraction of the Sculpture Garden. Flood says he also enjoys revisiting the permanent features, and sharing the beauty of the garden with those who have never seen it. "One of the pleasures I've had is being able to introduce children to art," Flood says. "It's a fantasy environment to the left or the right of a video game."

As part of the Sculpture Garden's tenth anniversary celebration, the Walker, with support from Dayton's, will publish a souvenir book with a pop-up centerfold of *Spoonbridge and Cherry* that will be available for \$14.95 at the Walker and most Dayton's stores. For more information on the book or to find out more about the anniversary activities, call 612-375-7622.

—LISA THIEGS

## A Touch of Gray

In 1962 aspiring designer and avid seamstress Marie Gray wanted a fashionable wardrobe for



her upcoming marriage. Frustrated with the designs and high prices of women's fashions, she decided to design her own wardrobe and began by creating a simple knit dress, which, when marketed, became a

hit with buyers. From that point on, her St. John label took off and earned her a following of loyal customers who value her eye for quality and insight into women's fashion needs. Thank goodness for some frustrations.

In September, Marie Gray will be the featured designer at the annual Oval Room Fashion Show, a classic event that has showcased top designers since 1950. The event has long been an important fundraiser for the Friends of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, a volunteer group that sponsors numerous events throughout the year to raise money for the museum. Proceeds from the fashion show go toward a variety of the museum's educational programs.

Initially a ladies-only afternoon tea, the show has grown into a can't-miss fashion fanfare. More than 550 guests will enjoy live music, cocktails, and dinner before the show featuring Marie Gray's Fall 1998 line. Attendees also will have a chance to meet the designer during the evening.

Marie Gray's name will be added to the parade of designers who have attended the show in the past, including Bill Blass, Oscar de la Renta, Calvin Klein, Mary McFadden, and Dana Buchman.

The Oval Room Fashion Show takes place September 16 at the downtown Minneapolis Dayton's eighth-floor auditorium. For tickets, call 612-870-3045. MEET DESIGNER MARIE GRAY FOR ST. JOHN

We invite you to meet Marie Gray
Thursday, September 17,
as she presents her fall 1998 collection
from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m
in Dayton's Minneapolis Oval Room,™ 3rd floor.
Enjoy informal modeling from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dayton's Minneapolis Oval Room™

and the Friends of The Institute

invite you to

An Evening of Fashion For Art

to benefit the general education programs provided by

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This special evening will feature renowned designer

and St. John co-founder Marie Gray

with her Fall 1998 St. John Collection.

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Wednesday, September 16

Dayton's Minneapolis 8th Floor Auditorium
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please call 870-3045 by September 11.
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(\$90.00 tax deductible)
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Fashion Quarterly Fall 1998

