

MAY COMBS

May Combs, former faculty member and graduate of C.S.U., has been a resident of Ft. Collins since 1933. Her interest in historic costumes, furniture, and houses has been lifelong. Many of the items in this exhibit came out of a trunk which she purchased intact at an auction east of Ft. Collins in 1970. Other items she acquired at estate sales and antique shops, but as May combs stated, "my mother wore garments just like these." Through her generosity, and because of her love for students, this private collection has found a permanent home at C.S.U.

THE COLLECTION

Located in Gifford Building at C.S.U., the Collection of Historic Costumes and Textiles is comprised of over 5000 items dating from the late 1700's to the present. The Collection is open to the public as well as to students for viewing and research. Individuals and groups are welcome to tour and become involved with the fascinating adventure into history that this collection offers.

GALLERY TALK

May 7th at 4:30 PM Room 317, Gifford

May Combs, collection donor, and Janet Hethorn, Curator, will discuss the exhibit pieces and the time period represented in fashion. Please join us for this informative and fun time.

COLLECTION HOURS

MWF 8-10AM
T, TR 3-7PM

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Historic Costume & Textile Collection
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TURN OF THE CENTURY TRUNK SHOW



A special exhibit of women's wear donated to the CSU Historic Costume and Textile Collection by former faculty member, May Combs. All garments and accessories are from the period 1890 - 1910. Opening reception April 29, 1986, 7:30 PM, Gifford Building (Lake Street and west of Center Ave.) Room 316

Gallery Talk - May 7th, 4:30 PM, Room 317, Gifford Building

Exhibit dates: April 29 - May 17

ON EXHIBIT

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| 1. | burgundy silk bodice | 1905 - 08 |
| | Irish convent lace jabot | 1900 |
| | white ribbed cotton skirt | 1907 |
| | white kid gloves | 1910 |
| | red leather shoes | (date unknown) |
| 2. | black silk faille jacket,
jet beads, velvet & lace | 1884 |
| | black silk faille skirt | 1884 |
| | black silk overskirt | 1884 |
| 3. | brown wool dress, Art
Nouveau beaded bodice | 1910 |
| | mustard leather gloves | 1910 |
| 4. | yellow voile skirt | 1907 |
| | yellow cotton underskirt | 1907 |
| | cream lace blouse | 1908 |
| | cream straw hat with purple
velvet flowers | 1907 |
| 5. | cream lace and voile bodice | 1907 |
| | burgundy chintz skirt | 1902 |
| 6. | white linen blouse | 1902 |
| | white pique skirt | 1907 |
| | white tulle hat with
feathers | 1906 |
| 7. | white cotton print skirt | |
| | white cotton print overskirt | |
| | black velvet bodice | |
| | (all early 1900's) | |
| 8. | white lawn print skirt | 1883 |
| | print overskirt | 1883 |
| | cotton & lace bodice | 1900 |
| | grey-green kid shoes | 1895 |
| 9. | cranberry silk dress | 1908 |
| 10. | cream silk bodice with
sequins & velvet trim | 1903 |
| 11. | sheer white cotton bodice
soutache trim & applique | 1907 |

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| 12. | white embroidered cotton
petticoats, a, b, c
(all 1869 - 90) | |
| 13. | black velvet & fur cape | 1900 |
| 14. | black silk jersey bodice
with jet beads | 1880 |
| 15. | black jet beaded cape | 1889 |
| 16. | black jet & chenille cape | 1890 |
| 17. | photo, Mrs. Joe Dayton, Denver (wore
garments #15, bodice #7, bodice #8) | |
| 18. | white leather shoes with
white beads | date unknown |

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FRIENDS OF THE COLLECTION

The Department of Textiles and Clothing is forming a Friends group. Through financial and volunteer help, the Friends of the Collection will expand the ongoing programs of exhibition, collection, and research.

Our development plans for the costume and textile collection include the following needs:

- additional staffing
- upgrading conservation and storage
- computer cataloging
- exhibition production
- selected acquisitions

With your support and encouragement, the Friends of the Collection will be a great help in enhancing and maintaining the collection. Please express your interest in joining this group by filling out the form below and sending it to us. We will send you membership information as soon as it is available.

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