

fabric forum

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The Great Impostor

Rayon is often treated so it has a smooth and lustrous finish which gives it the look and feel of silk.

Rayon is very sensitive to water. Many dyes applied to rayon are not colorfast and will bleed which causes a shading to occur upon contact with moisture. In addition, manufacturers often add sizing to rayon in order to achieve a desired body or drape. Some sizings are water-soluble and washing will distort the shape of the garment.

Drycleaning is recommended for



most rayon garments because a professional drycleaner is able to solve most of these problems. However, some garments whose care label reads "dryclean only" contain dyes and sizings that are water soluble.

Never try to remove a stain from rayon without first pretesting the fabric. Wet a small piece of the garment on an unexposed seam and allow it to air dry. If no dye or sizing change occurs, small stains may be removed in this way. Large stains should always be taken to an IFI member professional drycleaner.

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The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club will honor award recipients at a banquet March 23 at the Sheraton University Center. From left to right are: Joe Gibbs, president of the James E. Shepard Sertoma Club, Russell Blunt, recipient of the Service to Mankind Award; John Rowland, recipient of the Sertoman of the Year Award; John Hunter, recipient of the James E. Shepard Award in Education; and Joe Alston, Award Committee Chairman.



Clubs & Socials

DURHAMITES OF WASHINGTON PREPARE FOR GALA — The Durhamites of the Washington D. C. Metropolitan Area held its monthly meeting at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, D. C. The agenda for the meeting included discussions on the 1990 scholarship fund raising activity. The members agreed that instead of a Scholarship Gala for 1990, the fund raiser for 1990 would take the form of a raffle drawing. The proceeds from the raffle will be given to some deserving senior student from Durham, North Carolina to assist him/her in continuing his/her education.

Participants in this effort will have two chances to win cash. One need not be present to win. The drawing will occur on Sunday, May 20, at the Trinity Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. For additional information in the Durham Area, please contact Edward Stewart. In the Washington D. C. Area, contact: 202-829-1565; 301-464-0950 or 301-925-7898.

Present at the meeting were: Ms. Cora O'Neal Dixon, Ms. Dora Fasion, Henry Gillis, Ms. Gladis Mitchell McCoy, Ms. Doris Cook Russell and Robert William McCoy, president.

THE LITTLE GARDEN CLUB met recently in the home of Gardener Annie Rogers on Charles St. The Garden Gate was opened and closed by Gardener Genevieve Rogers, who presided over the meeting. Plans for the workshop to be held at Lyon Park Recreation Center in April and the responsibilities of each gardener to the Federation of Garden Clubs 55th convention were discussed. Various reports were given and acted upon. The information given on the care of Christmas plants and others was very informative. Members attending were: Mary Stanfield, Milie L. Williams, Annie B. Rogers, Rosa Holloway, and Genevieve Rogers. The next meeting will be with Gardener Genevieve Rogers on Charles St. on a date to be announced.

THE ALTRUISTIC CLUB met March 18, at the home of Reginald and Lillian Cannon on Jerome Rd. Keith Allen led the group in prayer. The president, Wilma Smith, presided over the meeting. A trip to the beach was voted on and adopted. Birthday anniversary wishes are extended to Ms. Ethel Robinson. Haywood Allen closed the meeting by thanking the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of James and Ethel Robinson of Burlington.

Visitors present included Ms. Doris Holland and Keith Allen of Durham, and Barry, Beverly and Barry Allen, Jr., of Riverdale, Maryland.

Members present included Albert Allen, Ms. Dorothy Allen, Mrs. Evelyn Allen, James and Ethel Robinson and Ms. Wilma Smith.

THE DURHAM SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC. combined its regular meeting with a program celebrating Black History Month recently. Mrs. LaHarve M. Johnson, first vice president, presided.

Historian Winnie J. Leathers presented a tribute to deceased NCNW Member, Mrs. Hattie McClamb. Other program participants included Mrs. Louise W. Weeks, president; Mrs. Emma Devine, Mrs. Mildred R. Davis and Ms. Gloree Rogers, a special guest.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Dorothy C. Browne, assistant professor of Maternal and Child Health, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health. She spoke on "The Crisis of the Black Male," during which she shared numerous facts and emphasized the need to reach parents of at risk youngsters. The speech was followed by a question and answer period.

Other members present were: Ms. Edna M. Mason, Mrs. Shirley Lassiter, Mrs. Viola P. Lawrence, Mrs. Marjorie Edwards, Mrs. Minerva Evans, Mrs. Remell Clemons, Mrs. Iva McCrae, Mrs. Waveline Cofield, Mrs. Adeline Spaulding, Mrs. Lois Henderson, Mrs. Viola Pindle, Mrs. Medessa Justice, Mrs. Olinzie Johnson, Mrs. Andolia Eaton, Mrs. Ann Goode and Mrs. Martha Johnson.



Installing Storm Window — Harry Harvin, a weatherization assistant, with the Energy Office of Operation Breakthrough, installs a storm window in a home the agency recently weatherized.

Operation Breakthrough Weatherization Program Makes Homes Warmer

Mrs. Adkins' home was one of the homes weatherized last month by the two-man crew from Operation Breakthrough's Energy Department. According to Allen Powell, Coordinator of the Weatherization Program, "More than 100 homes are weatherized each year." Powell, who has been with the program since 1979 says, "There is a clear distinction between weatherization and winterization."

Operation Breakthrough's program is distinctly weatherization according to Fred McNeill, executive director, and has two primary objectives; "One is to stop the infiltration of cold air into the house, the other is to stop heat from seeping from the house through windows, door sills, cracks

and other areas. The "weatherization" program is more effective and efficient than "winterization" which usually encompasses caulking cracks, covering windows with plastic and other superficial approaches to reducing cold air from coming in and heat going out.

Operation Breakthrough's Weatherization Program is designated to make homes more energy efficient, making sure that residents are more comfortable with using less heat. The broad based weatherization work includes: repairing outside walls, installing insulation in walls, floors and attics; putting weather stripping around doors, putting in door sills to insure tighter fit, and installing

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Weather Stripping — Izell Gooch, lead weatherization assistant with the Energy Office of Operation Breakthrough, puts up weather stripping at a window in a house the agency recently weatherized.

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