



Exchange of ideas at workshop



BY MAHES PERERA

For the first time in this contest series a workshop will be held today for all contestants to give them advise and to guide them in creating styles and fashion that will bring them success when competing with one another.

A full house turn up is expected at Singer Mega 4B De Kretser Place, Colombo 4, and will be conducted by Devamini Wickramarathne, Dhammika de Alwis and Nimmi Rajapakshe.

The subjects featured will be sewing demonstrations by Singer instructors and also embroidery demonstrations which the contestants early said were useful to them. Question and answer time is going to be a profitable one as the instructors will be plied with intricate questions that will be unravelled easily by the instructors.

The semi-finals will be on July 28 at the host hotel the Grand Oriental Hotel, one of the sponsors of the competition. The other sponsors are Sterling Flowers, Semage Mirrors, Mal Key Rent-a-Car, Beautine Astron, Furnifits, Ferla Apparel Tec and Rite Shu.



Thushani Rodrigo

'I had a passion for sewing and sketching designs from a very early age and when I was 13 I joined the Singer School at Battaramulla and learnt embroidery and all other different skills. I started designing and sewing clothes for friends and relatives and I am versatile in all aspects of dress making. My dream is to expand my sewing business and open my own outlet'.



Sulochana Gokula

'It is with great pleasure I'm taking part in this year's contest. As the fourth runner-up in last year's competition this year's contest is going to be more challenging to me. I gained a lot of experience and know-how which has held me in good stead. I have launched my own brand line 'Bugumbe', but I have a long journey to continue in my career. My ambition is to open my own Designer Store which will help me to achieve my dream to become an International Designer icon.'



Gayani Jayaweera

'I hail from Ratnapura and am following a course in fashion designing at the University of Moratuwa. Fashion to me is a global industry where imagination, innovation and expertise are paramount. Fashion is like a pathway that innovates personalities. I would love to bring out a combination of vintage look with modern as a trend in my designs. I get inspiration from different types of lines for this collection. I am inspired by the lines in Sri Lankan crafts especially the cane industry. I hope to use cane in my collection in an innovative manner.'

Dulip de Alwis - General Manager, Grand Oriental Hotel

'We are pleased to join hands with the Sunday Observer Singer Plus, Designer of the Year 2013, presented by Cats Designer Circle for the 2nd consecutive year as the Official Hotel Painter. We, the legendary oldest hotel in Sri Lanka have always been involved in many successful events, over the years.

Since there is a huge demand in the trade of fashion designing, I believe the Sunday Observer CATS designer concept would be one of the best opportunities not only for the new dress designers, but also for the experienced professionals in the trade. It enhances all the possible ways towards this most wanted trade and gives a great experience to improve themselves to discover their hidden talents and creativity.

It is with great pleasure I convey my best wishes to all their endeavours on this occasion of the Sunday Observer Cats Designer of the Year along with my management team of Grand Oriental Hotel'.



Erandee Fernando

'I am 21 years and followed a fashion designing diploma course at Singer Fashion Academy, Kandy and am currently studying at NIBM in human resources; and hope to build my career and launch my own brand in clothes. I studied at Hillwood College, Kandy and I thank my mother and my brother for their constant support to me.'

Vote count...

1. Adeesha Gamage	2459
2. Minuni Jayawardene	2374
3. U.N. Rathnayake	2104
4. Thushani Rodrigo	2067
5. Indeewari Manchanayake	1814
6. Subhani Piyarathne	1147
7. Lakmini Gamachchi	1132
8. Sangeeth de Silva	1126
9. Dhanuska Weerakoon	1099
10. Wasana Dissanayake	1026

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