

LAS VEGAS  
FASHION  
COUNCIL



JULY 2019

# BEHINDtheSEAMS

happy independence day!

I love a parade and supporting local talent and businesses. With the upcoming Fourth of July and recent Pride parades there is much to celebrate. Did you know that there is even a shoe parade? This isn't until September but nevertheless some amazing designs and artwork to admire! We also recently had the wonderful opportunity to be a beneficiary from the **Luxury Magazine Eco-Couture Fashion Show**. In addition to highlighting gorgeous residences by **Christopher Homes at the Vu at MacDonald Highland Residences** there were five incredibly talented artists/designers that created some eco-couture masterpieces.

Be sure to check out our *Tips and Trends* section for some fun parade highlights and ideas for what to wear to your favorite parade, July 4th or continued summer inspiration. You will also find under our *Thank You* section some highlight photos of the fabulous Eco-Couture designs and information about these incredibly talented artists.

Speaking of inspiration, be sure to save the date for our many upcoming events that celebrate students, more local emerging designers and artists and current trends in the fall that you don't want to miss!

Wishing you all a happy and safe July 4th as we celebrate Independence Day and a star-studded summer!

With gratitude,

CARRIE CARTER COOPER  
LAS VEGAS FASHION COUNCIL FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



FASHION  
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FORUM



## ARTLIVE!

Saturday, October 19 | 6-9PM  
Zappos  
400 Stewart Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89101

## FASHION FOCUS FORUM

Wednesday, November 6 | 5-7PM  
West Charleston Library  
6301 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146

## BAGS AND BUBBLES

Wednesday, November 20 | 5-8PM  
Max Pawn  
6040 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89146

## LITTLE BLACK DRESS AND TIE

Thursday, December 5 | 6-9PM  
Gaudin Porsche of Las Vegas  
6800 Redwood St, Las Vegas, NV 89118

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# THANK YOU





## LUXURY MAGAZINE'S ECO COUTURE FASHION SHOW

Luxury Las Vegas Magazine hosted their Eco Couture Fashion Show at the Vu at MacDonald Highland Residences by Christopher Homes on Friday, May 31.

It was an exclusive evening featuring sustainable fashion, organically fresh music, spectacular views, savory farm-to-table hor d'oeuvres and delectable libations.

Guests were able to meet and mingle in and around beautifully appointed hillside estates, while extraordinary designers showcase eco-friendly and awe-inspiring fashions.

Funds raised from event's silent auction to benefit the Las Vegas Fashion Council.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, donors, designers and attendees that made this event a success!

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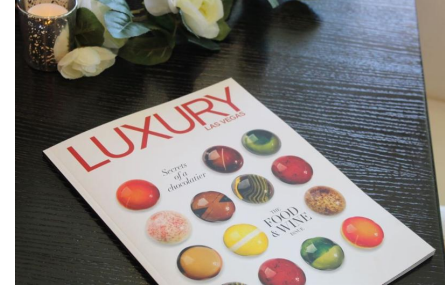
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## ECO COUTURE DESIGNERS:



**ABBY STROOT**  
Owner, Pincushion

Abby grew up in Kansas where she first learned how to sew. She studied Theatre at Wichita State University and has been working in costuming since 2007. She moved to Las Vegas a little over 6 years ago and became very involved in the local theatre community. She has designed costumes for Las Vegas Little Theatre, Cockroach Theatre, Majestic Repertory Theatre, and Super Summer Theatre. She also worked as a Wardrobe Attendant for Cirque du Soleil for 5 years up until 2018 where she started her own sewing shop, Pincushion. She opened Pincushion as a creative co-working space for seamstresses of all levels in the Las Vegas valley. Pincushion just celebrated one-year of being open and Abby is looking forward to many more years to come. She is thrilled for this opportunity with Luxury Las Vegas to show case her unique designs.



**ANARCHALA**  
Multopotentialite

Based on the ideals of 'anarchy' ANARCHALA is a conceptual idea that goes against the mainstream ideals & standards of art & fashion, challenging the social perception of what is art & fashion often combining both of the crafts and their numerous disciplines to evoke a certain emotion to challenge the viewer experience and the world from a different point of view.



**AZALEA VENTURA**  
Owner, A La Mode D'Azalea

As a child I always remember dreaming about runways, celebrities, models, cameras, all about fashion. I was fascinated with a fashion dream overall. I come from a humble family, born in California, raised in Mexico. I came to the United States when I was 10 yrs. old. My mother at the time opened her own bridal shop in which I used to help do everything including wedding dresses. I started my family at a young age. It was necessary to work hard for my kids and myself as a single mom. School was not an option for me anymore at that point of my life. I decided to concentrate on my family, working as a dental assistant to have a decent job and career, but not what I dreamed of. Later in life, I operated for a modeling school in which I realized runway fashion is what I needed to focus and work toward. I trusted my dream and pursued that direction as I had the passion for fashion and developing my talent which will support me in accomplishing many goals.

**NANCY FOSTER**  
Founder, FoMo Design Lab

Nancy Foster, Founder of FoMo Design Lab, is an interdisciplinary artist, maker and entrepreneur who relishes problem solving and pulls inspiration from the materials she works with. Based in the Las Vegas Arts District, her studio produces prototypes for all types of sewn goods; bags, medical devices, apparel, costumes and more.





Over the last 30+ years, her varied creative career path enabled her to travel the world costuming large scale musical review productions, create mascots for professional sports teams and engineer props for commercial clients. For ten years she was the gear and mens accessory designer at Eddie Bauer. She founded FoMo Design Lab seven years ago as a way to use her extensive design, development and commercial production experience to help others bring their dreams of new sewn good products to fruition.



## LARISSA NAVARRO-CASTRO

Owner, Larissa Couture LV

Through my ready-to-wear collections, my designs blend traditional textiles with avant-garde techniques to create new looks for primarily girls and ladies who like to look glamorous at their events. My proposal is contemporary and edgy with a warm and intellectual touch at the same time. This style is the result of almost 30 years of experience studying international designer's styles, blending their techniques with my ideas, presenting a striking design. The reinterpretation of this complex system and working directly with clientele, is the hallmark of the brand for which the tradition is not static fashion.

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# TIPS & TRENDS



- **Layering Red, White and Blue:** If the festive flair is too much for you, try only pairing two of the colors, like a classic blue and white combo.
- **Show Us Your Shoes:** Check the hashtag #ShowUsYourShoes on Instagram for shoe designs to admire!
- **Show Your Patriotic Side:** Switch up your makeup & try something a little out of the box for Independence Day. Draw some stars!
- **Hot Summer Day Drinks:** Be festive and add red and blue fruits to your drinks for your 4th of July parties! Try strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and blackberries.

- **Embrace Who You Are At Pride Parade:** Whether you're looking to try something outrageous or simple, you won't be alone. Rainbow is colorful and has you fit right in at Pride events.
  - **Bring Plenty Of Water To Pride Parade:** Not only are parades usually held in the summer, but they also tend to involve a lot of moving around. Bring plenty of water & stay hydrated!
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We are thrilled to bring forth some new and exciting events this year as well as member mixers, additional member benefits and opportunities for you to get further involved in the council by participating on a committee, being featured at one of our events or through our marketing efforts.

We would love to collaborate by joining our resources and ideas for the purpose of making Las Vegas a stand out in the fashion industry.

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# DONATE

The Las Vegas Fashion Council relies on the support of its patrons and their commitment to promote local designers and the fashion industry as a whole. We continually develop new strategies to sustain and support current and future fashion students and small business labels. Investing in the success of fashion students and local designers to secure the pipeline of talent for the future. We look to your patronage to support the LVFC.

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