

2018 Genteel Arts Academy Class Schedule

White Basque Bodice, Gettysburg (New Oxford), PA, April 21-22, 2018. A white basque bodice worn with a fine silk, cotton, or lightweight wool skirt is a simple and refined look for casual warm weather activities. They appear frequently in period genre paintings, including “Lovers under a Blossom Tree” and “Showing a Preference”, both by John Callcott Horsley. Participants will make a custom-fitted basque based on original white basques in the instructor’s and other private collections. Appropriate fabrics include dimity, cross-barred muslin, Swiss dot, lawn, voile, cotton organza, and very fine sheer wools. Trimmings are simple include self-fabric ruffles and broderie anglaise edgings. Intermediate sewing skills are required; participants must have a properly-fitted darted bodice pattern or muslin. \$119 plus materials.

An Introduction to *Broderie Anglaise*, Surratt House Museum, Clinton, MD, May 12, 2018. *Broderie anglaise* is a form of whitework embroidery that was very popular in the mid-nineteenth century, primarily used to ornament collars, cuffs, undersleeves, children’s dresses, christening gowns, and nightclothes for women and children. The designs are created by a series of overcast holes in the fabric – circles, ovals, tear drops. There are few, if any, lines of connecting stitches between the holes. While it looks complicated, *broderie anglaise* is very easy to work using three basic stitches; and the designs work up fairly quickly. We will use original patterns to create a piece of *broderie anglaise* embroidery that can be used in the 19th or the 21st century. Original garments with *broderie anglaise* embellishments will be available for examination. Basic sewing skills required. Register directly with the Surratt House Museum.

Collars, Cuffs & Undersleeves, Spartanburg, SC, June 9-10, 2018. Enhance or completely change the look of your dress with new collars, cuffs and undersleeves. Have your collar(s) custom fitted to your neckline and your dresses. Participants will select styles from a wide variety of patterns taken from period publications and original garments. Extensive illustrations and a display of original undersleeves accompany the lecture. Students may make as many items as time permits. Contact us for registration information.

Capeline: A Sheer Drawn Slat Sun Bonnet, Hot Springs, AR, July 14-15, 2018. This bonnet, copied from an original in the instructor’s collection, is pretty and practical. It is made of sheer cotton drawn over canes or over spaced strips of cardboard, creating a light and airy look. The stiffening runs from ear to ear, so you don’t feel like you’re wearing a mailbox on your head. The long curtain protects your neck from sun but allows air to circulate. Self-fabric ruching and ties complete the bonnet. **This class is full and has a wait list. Contact us if you would like to schedule this class in your area.**

Corsets and Cravats, An exciting new educational event in Newberry, SC, August 3-5, 2018. Registration opens Spring 2018. Follow the Corsets & Cravats Facebook page for more information.

An Introduction to Berlin Wool Work, Surratt House Museum, Clinton, MD, August 18, 2018. Berlin wool work, aka needlepoint, was very popular in the mid-nineteenth century. Learn more about Queen Victoria’s favorite needle art, and the patterns and yarns used to create a multitude of items. We will use original mid-nineteenth century patterns as you learn the basic stitches and create a small item of your choice. Original examples will be available for viewing; illustrated instructions and all materials will be provided. Register directly with the Surratt House Museum.

“...a Fine White Body...”, Wallingford, CT, November 3-4, 2018. Bodies or waists are fashionable garments worn with skirts, often with a jacket and/or, occasionally, a shaped belt. Made from fine fabrics, they can be simple or embellished with tucks or puffings, cut full or more-closely fitted, and are usually constructed with a high neck, long sleeves, and gathered into a waistband. Contact us for registration information.