# COCHENILLE NEW MEXICO RETREAT 2021

### October 3 - 7th, 2021 CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO

## **GARMENT DESIGNER: BUILDING FOUNDATION PATTERNS AND STYLIZING** Optional Santa Fe Day, October 2nd, 2021 October 3rd will begin in Taos, NM with attendance at the Wool Festival. We will arrive at the Inn in Cimarron Sunday evening. Cost: \$320.00 \$75.00 for optional Santa Fe Day NOTE: All activities are subject to the current COVID-19 situation.

We are continuing our tradition of truly retreating in an amazing location and spending focus time with Garment Designer. So, we return to Cimarron, New Mexico and the a 100-year old inn we have grown to love.

The goal of our retreat this year will focus on building foundation patterns, which are the base pattern from which variations and stylized versions evolve. Foundations such as a basic T-top, a basic blouse, skirt, or pant are all great starting points from which to stylize. We will focus on getting a good fit to your shape. You should be able to build 2-3 basics, and then focus on using these as starting points to develop various stylized garments. This concept of design is used by the Fashion industry and it is appropriate to not only sewing but knit and crochet garments as well.

Using Garment Designer, you will how to change up necklines, armhole/sleeve styles, and add various extra options such as collars, cuffs, pockets, and more. We encourage you to bring some fabrics and/or yarns (samples are fine) to use in the development of your stylized patterns.

Regardless of your medium, you will love learning more about the abilities of Garment Designer. In addition to the hands-on workshop, moving from project to project, there will be lots of talk on design, creativity, etc. You will be free to work into the wee hours of the night, as we have taken over an area of the Inn. Enrollment is limited, and we encourage some room-sharing so that more people can attend. Besides the workshop days, (October 3-6), there is an optional day

of exploring the fiber and arts areas of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Our Taos day is included in the retreat, but it is not manadatory that you attend. We will prep for that via Zoom, in advance.

### Optional Day in Santa Fe: Saturday, Oct. 2nd

Meet at 9:30 a.m. (tentative to change dependent upon appointments) Visits to include some of the following. Please indicate your interest.

- Visits to Santa Fe Weaving Gallery (wearable art)
- Santa Fe International Folk Art Museum 
   Georgia O'Keefe Museum
   Artist Studio
  - Day in Taos: Sunday, Oct. 3rd <u>http://taoswoolfestival.org/</u>







# COCHENILLE DESIGN STUDIO

### INSTRUCTOR: SUSAN LAZEAR

Susan Lazear is the owner and Creative Director of Cochenille Design Studio. She continues as a parttime Professor of Fashion at San Diego Mesa College where she teaches various design, computer, & patternmaking courses.

### To Be Covered in the Workshop

- Inspiration Images and Resources
- Key Body Measurements for Fit
- Building and Testing Foundation Patterns
- Techniques for Stylizing a Foundation to Create a Fashionable Variation
- Fabric/Yarn Considerations
- Tips for using Garment Designer

*Computer:* Please bring a portable computer with Garment Designer installed (or we can install the software for you if you don't yet own the software and want to test drive it).

Supplies : You may bring fabric samples, yarns, and test fabrics if you want to cut and experiment. We cannot guarantee a sewing machine (possibly someone driving will bring one), but we can still cut, baste, and pin fit. A full supply list will be sent in September.

**Cost**: \$320.00 for Garment Designer Workshop, \$75.00 for Day in Santa Fe. You can choose to start with the group in Taos, or at the Inn later in the day on Sunday, October 3rd.

This includes: Tuition, handouts

### Not Included:

- Travel: airfare, travel to and from Santa Fe/Albuquerque, Taos, and the Inn in Cimarron. We will assist with car pools for those who want to do that.
- Accommodation for four nights at the Inn. Plan to arrive to the Inn on Sunday, October 3rd by dinner time and leave on Thursday October 7th.
- Meals (except breakfast for those who stay at the Casa)
- Note: Once the group is established, we can decide jointly, how to handle the dinners. In past, we had dinner in Cimarron twice and cooked at the Inn twice.

#### Notes:

- At the time of publishing this flyer, there is limited rooms at the Casa. Some participants may need to stay
  in town at a historic hotel there (or another B&B). We will take reservations for rooms at the Casa Inn on a
  first-come, first-served basis, and we encourage room-sharing. Upon reservation, you are committing to
  four nights at the Inn. Please hold off booking flights until we know we have enough participants to fill
  the available rooms at the Casa.
- Casa del Gavilan rooms must be booked through Cochenille. Please contact Susan for information on which rooms are still available (info@cochenille.com). Let her know if you would be willing to room-mate, as this is sometimes possible as there is a second bed. You may look at the Inn by going to <u>www.casadel-gavilan.com</u>. If we fill the Inn, we will assist you in locating other housing.
- **Optional Day in Santa Fe**: This day is Saturday, Oct. 2nd. You may want to arrive the evening before as we will begin around 9:30 a.m. in the morning. Hotels in Santa Fe range in price from \$80 to \$200 plus. We can either let everyone locate their own hotel, or we can all agree on a price range and choose a hotel. Let us know your thoughts. In past we have stayed at La Quinta or Sage Inn on Cerillos Road.
- **Taos Day:** For those wanting to go to Taos, we will be driving from Santa Fe to Taos around 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon. You will need one night's housing in Taos.
- For flights, you may find flying in and out of Albuquerque is more cost-effective.
- We will coordinate the sharing of rent-a-cars/costs for those who would like assistance. Please let us know if you would like to ride-share.