

Fort Couture at Fort Hunter – 2024 Collection

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Thank you for your interest in Fort Couture! We look forward to having your creation as part of the 2024 Collection!

Step 1 - Please email nlgates@dauphincounty.gov or patola46@aol.com or call 717-599-5188, ext. 2113 to reserve your dress form and spot! Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

Step 2 – Review the guidelines below and begin planning your creation. Have fun and be creative!

Step 3 – Plan time in your schedule for pick up and drop offs as noted in the details below.

Program Details

Ground rules for creations:

- The dresses can be made of whatever material you choose, but it must have a floral, or greens component. It should be an original design each year. Fresh greens and natural materials are encouraged. We strongly discourage food items as part of your creation as they can draw critters looking for a quick bite. Dresses must have secular themes, no vulgarity, political or overtly religious content. Dresses should reflect the holiday season. Electricity is available if strings of lights are used. LED lights are preferred as they stay cooler when on for a long time. Dresses will be displayed in an unheated Stable. Fort Hunter will determine the placement. Fort Hunter will not be responsible for the loss or theft of items from the dresses. Please do not use valuable items on dresses. Consider the weight of your creation while deciding on your plan. Dress forms are not able to support extensive weight.

Dress form pick up: Weekdays from October 31 – November 25, 2024 between 10 AM – 3 PM.

You can also use your own dress form, just let me know that you won't need one of our ours.

Completed Creation Drop Off: Weekdays from November 18 – December 3 between 10 AM – 3 PM. The office is closed on November 28th.

- **A registration slip will need to be completed and returned with your completed creation.** This information is important so that we can provide a sign for your creation and to make sure we have everyone's name correct, etc.
- Once your creation is complete, please let me know when you plan to drop it off. If you're unable to drop off during these days/hours, we can discuss special arrangements.
- If you are using natural greens, please plan to begin your creation at the later part of this schedule. Real greens start dropping needles, etc. and are harder to keep looking good throughout the season.

See the completed creations:

- Save the date of **Friday, December 6** in the evening. We are planning a “preview” night for the creators and their families. More details will be provided closer to the date. Dresses will be on public display **Saturdays & Sundays from 12:30 – 4:30 PM from December 7 – December 22, 2024.**

Tear-down | Pick up: December 22 at 4:30 PM or Monday, December 23 from 10 AM – 3 PM.

- You can take your creation home to display over the holiday season. If so, please return the undecorated dress form to us by **January 10, 2024**. Office hours vary over the holidays so please let me know your preferred date/time so I can confirm that someone will be here to assist you.

NEW Opportunity – We were contacted late last year by a photographer who does work for many national publications. He was interested in a photo shoot using models wearing “dresses” designed to look “the same” as the Fort Couture display creations. We would love to arrange this opportunity in 2024 with your help. You would need to “create” a dress that can be worn by a model to look the “the same” as your dress form display creation. Please let me know if you would be interested in this opportunity and I can start to plan.

Thank you for your time and creativity on these Fort Couture projects. We couldn't do it without YOU!

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