

IN TWO SESSIONS A VICTORIAN DRESS WORKSHOP FOR THE TIME OF DICKENS

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 21, AND OCTOBER 5, 2019

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

WITH CATHERINE SCHOLAR

FEE: \$175.00

Come make a mid-Victorian gown from the 1850s and 1860s to wear to Dickens Fair, Civil War reenactments, Victorian balls, or any occasion you desire. We'll start with a Truly Victorian bodice pattern of your choosing, and augment it with authentic 19th century dressmaking techniques to make a custom gown just for you. We'll cover measurements, pattern adjustments, fitting, making a skirt without a pattern, period sewing techniques, trimming, boning, hand finishing, and much more.

On day one we'll do a brief overview of the styles worn in the era. We'll take measurements, trace off the correct pattern pieces, and then make and fit mockups. Then we'll move on to cutting and constructing our bodices, and finish the day with adding boning.

The second day we'll do the closures and facings, and then make and attach the skirts.

Prerequisites: Students must know how to use a sewing machine.

REQUIRED PRE-CLASS PREPARATION AND MATERIALS LIST ON REVERSE.

INSTRUCTOR

Catherine Scholar read "Little House on the Prairie" at age five and has been obsessed with historic clothing ever since. She learned to sew at her mother's knee and to embroider at her grandmother's. She has pursued the historic costuming hobby for thirty years and has taught many costuming workshops for the Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild (GBACG) and Costume College. Catherine served on the board of the Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild for 10 years as Newsletter Editor, Events Coordinator, and President.

You can register by mail, by email (info@lacismuseum.org), by phone, or in the museum shop.



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Please enroll me in **Victorian Dress Workshop w/ Catherine Scholar, Sat. Sep 21 & Oct 5, 2019, Fee \$175.00**

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Payment in full attached by check Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard) _____

Note: Class fee is not refundable or exchangeable unless class is cancelled Exp Date _____ Signature _____

REQUIRED PRE-CLASS PREPARATION AND MATERIALS LIST

PREPARATION: Wash and press all cotton or linen fabrics. Do not wash muslin for mock-up. Read all pattern instructions.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS (most items available at Lacis):

- Truly Victorian bodice or dress pattern of your choice (TV440 1859 Pagoda Bodice, TV442 1860s Ballgown Bodice, TV443 1861 Dress Bodice, TV446 1860s Dated Bodice, TV449 1861 Revere Bodice, TV453 1861 Raphael Evening Dress, TV456 1856 Gathered Dress).
 - 8 yards (MINIMUM) dress fabric: cotton, silk, wool, or reasonable modern facsimiles. You'll need more than 8 yards if you are tall, plus size, or want lots of ruffles and trim.
 - Thread to match all fabrics
 - 3 yards cotton lining: silesia, sateen, or broadcloth/quilter cotton. 1 yard extra for wide pagoda sleeves. 5 yards (or more) extra if you're lining your skirt (not usually necessary)
 - 2 yards cotton muslin for mock-up (or old sheets etc)
 - 5 yards small piping cord (recommend cotton crochet yarn)
 - 3 yards bone casing for ¼" bones (or you can make your own from lining fabric)
 - 3 yards German plastic boning, or purchase steel boning at Lacis during class
 - Closures: hook and eyes, hook and eye tape, buttons, or grommets (optional) and 3 yards ¼" ribbon for lacing
 - 5 yards ¾"-1" wool or cotton twill tape or petersham ribbon to match or blend with dress fabric
 - Sewing machine, with attachments including a piping or zipper foot, plus bobbins and extra needles.
 - Ruler
 - Fabric marking device /carbon paper and tracing wheel
 - Dressmaking pins
 - Pencil/pen
 - Measuring tape
 - Fabric scissors, paper scissors, and thread snips, plus craft scissors if using german plastic boning
 - Hand sewing needles, plus beeswax and thimble if desired
 - Underpinnings to be work with dress: corset, hoopskirt and/or petticoats, shoes (or at least shoes with similar heel height)
- Optional:
- Serger/overlocker
 - Truly Victorian skirt pattern TV240, TV 241, TV242, TV244, TV246.
 - Any desired trimming
 - 7 yards seam binding