



fashionRip

This site is part of a collaborative arts installation project constructed in 7 chapters to communicate on multiple levels. Combining recyCouture, video, music, photography, collage, painting, writing, etc. it supports connective concepts by being the very thing that it is about. We hope to inspire desire for sustainable lifestyles, co-operative economics and social justice by reinforcing the positive returns of an evolved viewpoint.

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Friday, August 14, 2009

moving on to Fair Trade



Beautiful Soul website - a new look is on the way

[Blumeadows](#) is about to finish a cd and since he is interested in doing the soundtrack for the Fair Trade chapter -the "Water Rip" is on hold. Collaboration works best with flexible plans and a double "release" can optimize both of our projects.

I became better acquainted with the Fair vs Free (to exploit) Trade issues while i was in London. Check out the [Ethical Fashion Forum](#) for more on this topic.

I met 2 women in London that had gone to Africa on grants to help create small business works. Both stories were plus and minus. Both started out with a clothing model and both ended up walking into a situation that had either lost it's machines or it's lease. The solution became jewelry from local sources that one of the women had to scout out herself. The other woman ended up with jewelry also, however she made an antique kimono source connection that is behind her newest collection that will be going into London Fashion Week shows September 19th -26th. Yay for sustainable spirit! and watch for ["Beautiful Soul"](#).

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Saturday, July 4, 2009

Eco Design Fair



Nicola (*Beautiful Soul*) and Jaime



People Tree Fair Trade at the Eco Design Fair



Sums and me

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Why it Matters

What's the matter with more and more fashion choices?

It sounds good, we love to be able to pick the perfect outfit. You wear it once or twice and thenwhat was the real cost here?

Your time to shop and the money spent, not so muchgo a little deeper and consider the fiber source, the dyes and chemicals used, the health toll on the workers, the energy to run the machines, the transporting toxins...and now it just takes up closet space. But so what? It's been going on for-almost-ever and you didn't make the rules. You will recycle it after all, give it to charity or your sister. This is more transportation and more release of those greenhouse gases. We are using a lot of our energy and this planet to make and then to dump trash; where polyester rags will molder for eons in landfills, as it takes more steps in the breakdown cycle that nourishes the life of this planet. Actually the toxic residue gets back to haunt us much faster. Ironic, no?

Go to the *So Whats the Point* blog in February for the numbers.

It All connects - it's all One

Extinctions ...So What

Life evolves, some species survive some don't. We like to allude to Darwin's "*natural selection*" or Herbert Spencer's "*survival of the fittest*" because we are so good at reproducing and taking over this planet. The fact that we are wiping out the food chain by destroying habitat, fouling air and water and generally behaving like arrogant, tinkering idiotswe are wising up to the idea that we too, are dependent on these resources. We too, are physically



Sums and Mathew



show shot



Manon Flener

an organic species and we really don't know what little extinction will be the start of the chain reaction that collapses the structure that we too, are dependent on.

Is this the risk we are willing to take for a pair of plastic shoes?

About Me



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I'm the former owner of Zootsuit Custom Apparel, now working on an eco-politico fiber, multi-media, multiple medium and collaborative art installation project. When we redefine fashion to meet our needs and desires in a manner that won't jeopardize our true needs, we will find a bit of what we are really looking for. The exploitative nature of the current model is but a remnant of the past and it is time to move beyond the madness. I will be teaching more classes in Recycouture and basic sewing starting in July '09. Check the Teachstreet link above for current information. thanks for the visit!

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party after the Eco Fair party, thanks to N & J

London was fabulous. I am posting photos of the wonderful group brought together by Nicola of **Beautiful Soul** (website will be up soon) and Jaime to make this stay one of the highlights of my life! I will write more later, but have to get an article to the Ballard News Tribune.

If you are new to this blog please go to the links on the left and see the **Ardisallyn** photos of the video shoot as well as the Flickr slideshow on the **Posers** link. If you click on the photo a caption appears and this will help you get an idea of the first chapter of **fashionRIP "the Species on the Verge"**

I am going to have to get a blog for this "new to the site thing" as my cards are now global wanderers and this blog is a scrolling journal affair. When **the Verge** premieres a proper website will be necessary but til then the money goes elsewhere. Gallery, showing space suggestions are wanted as the original venue didn't get their grant..... thank you. (please respond as all ideas are welcome...go to the **Teachstreet** link to contact me)

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