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Designers show off for Detroit Fashion Week

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Detroit Fashion Week is here! Most of the runway events start Thursday with the St. Pucchi fashion show at Asian Village and run through Saturday evening. The emphasis will be on fall/winter.

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The St. Pucchi show, a performance by Frequency 54 and a fashion industry after-party begin at 8 p.m. Thursday. Four more designer shows start at 8 p.m. Friday. Saturday features an accessory marketplace from 2-6 p.m. and six designer shows starting at 8 p.m.

For tickets, go to www.detroitfashionweek.com/fashionfriends.htm. They're \$70 for a three-day pass and \$20 for individual shows. All events take place at Asian Village, 521 Atwater in downtown Detroit. Details: 313-244-3066 or go to www.detroitfashionweek.com

ART: Escher show in Flint

M.C. Escher's intriguing images of staircases blending into one another and farmland tracts metamorphosing into black and white birds have long been fodder for posters worldwide.

On Saturday, the Flint Institute of Arts unveils more than 90 original works by the prolific 20th-Century artist. The exhibit runs through June 29.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students with ID, \$5 for seniors ages 55 and older and free for kids 12 and younger. It's free on Saturdays. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The Flint Institute of Arts is at 1120 E. Kearsley St. in Flint. Call

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POOL SHOW: Take the plunge in Novi

It may not be mild enough to jump into the backyard pool yet, but it's time to think about how to enhance that warm-weather dip. That's what the 13th Annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will help you do this weekend with its showcase of hot tubs, patio furniture, fiberglass pools and landscape displays at the Rock Financial Showplace.

The show runs 3-9:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at 46100 Grand River in Novi. Tickets are \$8 for those 14 and up, \$4 for kids 6-14 and free for kids 5 and younger. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. For more info or to buy tickets and get a \$1 off coupon, go to www.novipoolshow.com.

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