

LADIES COSTUMES (1850 – 1890)

PROPER LADIES:

- Hair should be worn up
- Light make-up (no bright red lipstick or heavy eye shadows)
- Daytime apparel would have been:
 1. Hat or Bonnet
 2. High collars and long sleeves
 3. Skirts should clear ground not less than 2"
 4. Shawl, cape or mantel
 5. Appropriate shoes or ladies boots (no modern western boots)
 6. Accessories: Gloves, purse, hankie, fan, apron, parasol, basket, jewelry

NOTE: Many "Gunny Sack" dresses can be made-over to look period. If you check your web search for "frontier clothing" that can also be helpful. We have helpful links on the web site.

EVENING ATTIRE FOR PROPER LADIES:

- Hair should be worn up in curls or twists with trim (bows, ribbons, hats, etc.)
- Gowns may have lower neck lines and short sleeves (low neck and short sleeves were not worn as day wear)
- Gloves

SHADY LADIES (SALOON GIRLS)

- Hair should be worn up
- Light make-up
- Camisole and bloomers with opaque stockings
- Camisole and long skirt
- Feathers or hair ornaments

NOTE: After performances, by adding a shawl and hat, you can change a saloon girl outfit into a town's lady until the next performance. (Please, no "Hollywood" type "Floozy").

AVOID:

- Zippers or snaps that show
- 100% Polyester and plastic when possible
- Oversized hats

NEW MEMBERS: If you need help putting together a costume, one of the members will gladly help you with your costume.