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Precious fabric up for grabs at textiles exchange

Mercedes-Benz Brisbane Fashion Festival + QUT

Money might buy love, happiness and the new season Louis Vuitton, but it won't buy the bolts of collectible textiles hidden away in Brisbane closets.

An exclusive fabric swap will give Brisbane's hoarders of beautiful textiles the chance to uncover new and unusual fabrics on Thursday 28 August at Queensland University of Technology's Kelvin Grove campus.

In conjunction with the 2008 Mercedes-Benz Brisbane Fashion Festival and presented by QUT, FabricSwap is a specialist fabric trade event for collectors of fine fabric to exchange their wares.

Material is exchanged for buttons which are then used to 'purchase' other material, with one metre of fabric equal to one button.

Organisers are looking for unique, collectible, antique or unusual fabrics – the sort of thing you can't find in stores, according to QUT Creative Projects Assistant Courtney Coombs.

"The sheer delight of finding that sought after, one-off piece of fabric will offset any concerns about donating some of your own favourite textiles," Ms Coombs said.

"It's such a niche event that you'll be safe in the knowledge your pieces will be going to a good home!" she said.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to Youngcare.

A first for Brisbane, FabricSwap builds on the success of QUT's popular 'Swap' events where participants exchanged clothing and accessories.

FabricSwap is also part of the successful Fashion Talks @ QUT series. For more information please visit www.ciprecinct.qut.com/whats happening.



FabricSwap

Thursday 28 August, 4-5pm
Tickets \$6.50 through QTIX

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