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Parkways Foundation Garden Party: Maybe you're a young mom who has developed a near-daily appreciation of Chicago's parks. Or you're a hat enthusiast looking for a fabulous venue where feathered/flowered/fruited finery is de rigueur. The philanthropic partner of the Chicago Park District, the Parkways Foundation, hosts its premier fundraiser Sept. 10 at Grant Park, celebrating the unveiling of the Tiffany & Co. Foundation Celebration Garden and the Buckingham Fountain Restoration Project. Tours of the Tiffany garden—the south rose garden—start at 10:30 a.m.; reception starts at 11 a.m. and lunch is at noon, with guests' hats an unofficial but assured part of the entertainment. Proceeds will benefit the fountain's restoration, as well as launch a scholarship program to send children to camps in the parks. Tickets are \$225. Call 312-742-4816 or go to



Part of the fun at the Parkways Foundation Garden Party comes from the fabulous hats on view.

parkways.org/events.aspx.

54th Annual Gold Coast Fashion Award Show: If you scoff at either fashion or long lunches as the province of the idle rich, you

haven't been to the Gold Coast Fashion Award Show, which combines both to support Children's Memorial Hospital. On Wednesday at the Hilton Chicago, guests will be treated not only to a fancy feast but also a fast-paced fash-

ion show, all the more titillating because of the "Project Runway-like" element. At the show's conclusion, guests will vote on the emerging designer they liked the best, and the winner is announced before the last dessert fork rests. The event typically opens with emotional testimonials from families who found hope at Children's Memorial in their most desperate hours. This year's show, benefiting the Division of Pediatric Surgery, will include store-sponsored fashion segments by Michael Kors, Chalk Boutique, J. Mendel, Neiman Marcus, Saks 5th Avenue and more. Competing designers include Ina Soitani, Romona Keveza, Angel Chang, Robert Rodriguez and Thuy. Last year's winner, Norman Ambrose, will open the show with his fall collection. Cocktails start at 11 a.m., lunch at noon; show at 1 p.m. 720 S. Michigan Ave. Tickets are \$150. Call 773-880-8106 or visit childrensmemorial.org/fashionshow.

—Wendy Donahue

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