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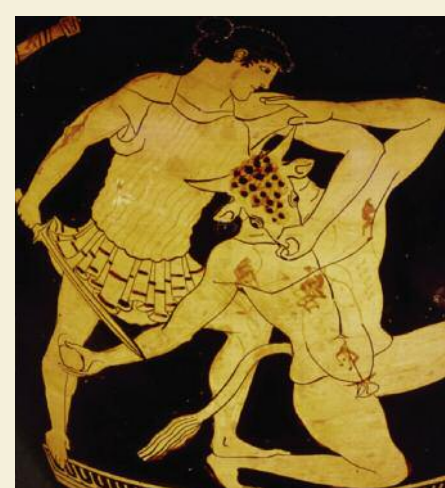
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BEDTIME STORIES

great beast was running amok. Androgeus accepted Aegeus's request, went and found the bull, and was promptly gored to death. In vengeance, his father king Minos sailed against Athens with a great fleet, subdued the city, and demanded a tribute of seven youths and seven maidens every nine years. These he sent into the Labyrinth to be devoured by the Minotaur.

When the third group of fourteen young Athenians were being selected as tribute, Theseus, the son of King Aegeus, volunteered to be one of the seven youths. When he arrived at Crete he was spied by Ariadne, daughter of King Minos, who instantly fell in love with him. She therefore sought advice from the inventor Daedalus on how to save him. Ariadne went to Theseus before he was inserted into the Labyrinth and gave him a ball of thread to unwind as he entered. By following this he would be able to find his way back out again. (In Middle English a 'clue' was a ball of thread and from the role of the thread in this story we get the modern meaning of the word, i.e. evidence that helps solve or reveal something).

Theseus found his way into the heart of the Labyrinth and managed to overpower the lonely, crazed Minotaur. He then followed his thread back out and sailed away with Ariadne — not before putting holes in the hulls of Minos's ships to prevent pursuit. For unclear reasons Theseus abandoned Ariadne on the island of Dia.



THESEUS FIGHTING THE MINOTAUR (DETAIL) ATTIC RED FIGURE STAMNOS, ATTRIBUTED TO THE KLEOPHRADES PAINTER, C. 490 BC, BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON

She was not alone for long though before the god Dionysus passed by, took a shine to her, and married her! Theseus' own journey home ended in tragedy. He had promised his father, King Aegeus, that he would set a white sail (rather than black) if he had survived the Minotaur and was therefore safely aboard the ship. Presumably in his excitement at returning home he forgot to set the white sail and Aegeus in grief threw himself from the cliffs to his death. Hence the Aegean Sea bears his name to this day. In a final twist to the story, Theseus ended up marrying Ariadne's sister, Phaedra. This union also had a tragic ending. But that is another story ... ■



Barbara is delighted to be back, in her newly renovated shop. Call in and see the beautiful new range of Homewares, Kitchenware and gifts galore. Barbara's exclusive Children's wear and toys will please any child. There is a lovely selection of womens jewellery, scarves and bags in stock, as well as gifts with an Australian theme — which are ideal for sending to friends overseas. All your favourite decorations, cards and Christmas goodies can be found in Barbara's Country Workbox, so call in and say hello.



PART OF THE OPENING AFTERNOON BIG MOB.

It began with boots ...

Yolande Norris kicks the story along

Motorcycle boots, cowboy boots, work boots too — dusty and well worn — kicking out from long skirts and floral dresses. Saloon is for playfulness, not status. A wink and a challenge to weary notions of what a girl should wear. Coz around these parts, we're watering the garden and feeding the chooks, chopping the firewood and chasing the dog before rushing to make school drop-off. Rebellious but practical, beautiful but workable; looking fabulous no matter what, to bring magic to the mundane.

If the Saloons of old were for prospectors, trappers, and cowboys, then Saloon is for the wise, the wild, the work-hardy. Inspired by the women who were, they make for the women who are.

For the muses and the matriarchs, the artists and entrepreneurs, the divas and daydreamers ...

Saloon Design House is a collaboration between renowned dressmaker Dena Pezzano and style visionary Jane Magnus. Their venture celebrates what they love about life in Braidwood — the fresh air, the freedom, the women of the town's past and present.

Their debut summer range of dresses, skirts and accessories are all made in-house by the duo, using the finest Italian cottons combined with timeless Liberty of London prints and vintage remnants. Though luxe, the pieces are washable and endlessly wearable, being about lifestyle and longevity, rather than the grind of the fashion mill.

Born of a shared love for cowboy boots, and drawing inspiration from counter-culture across the decades, the look of Saloon is femininity with a feminist edge — or 'liberated prairie'. That is, these are clothes made for getting stuff done, and looking fabulous while doing it.

Saloon Design House is at 139 Wallace Street, Braidwood and is open from Thursday to Sunday. ■



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