

# Hot hairstyles

## The many ways of Mario and Max

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Those cold winter winds may be brewing outside, but temperatures sure did escalate when one of the area's top hairstyling teams gathered for a private hair show.

The talented staff of the Mario Max Salon in Farmington Hills presented their versions of holiday and spring hair designs at Detroit's Whitney restaurant.

"Having been in the business for 25 years, I get tremendous enjoyment from providing an artistic environment for all the young and fresh talent that surrounds us," said co-owner of the salon, Max Rieger.

"I feel we grow by learning from each other, and just one look anywhere in the working environment can and has been created," he said.

Rieger's model was his wife, Sheri, sporting a carefree style, which he created by using only his fingers.

"There isn't just one look anymore," he said. "For every length there is numerous looks."

RIEGER's partner, Mario Blitoni, said there's a big change in hair for the holidays as well as for the 1989 season.

"For those who choose to wear their hair long, it can be pulled back into a small, tight chignon," he said. "For the short look, the cut is more important than ever to maintain a soft appearance."

Blitoni forecasts a lot of "layering" while "big and voluminous" looks are definitely last year's trends.

"Women today don't want to spend a lot of time on their hair," he said. "All of my clients tell me the first thing they want is a style that is easy to take care of."

Blitoni's model showed off an unusual style that used hair rollers as an ornament wrapped tightly at the crown of a ponytail.

One of the salon's premier stylist is Renee Blouin, who has studied with Sassoon and Sebastian.

"I've been a stylist for about 22 years," she said. "I believe in staying updated on the most current cutting and styling techniques."

She chose to emphasize her classic look by using fingerwaves in the show on her model Alyssa.

"I feel that women are coming back to the more romantic and feminine styles," she said. "This type of look will never be outdated."

DAVID MARTZOLFF, a hairdresser for more than 20 years, says he likes to work as if he were in the future.

"I like to see hair fashion as a mixture of both fun and fantasy," he said.

True to his words, his model sported an unusual ponytail that was divided into several pieces, wrapped into crepe paper, to give it a look of fantasy, fun and maybe even the future.

Known for her unusual use and expertise in hair extensions, hairdresser Irene Onickel has been in the business for four years.

"I trained under Simon Forbes of Ancient Salon in London last year to learn more about the process," she said. "The hair business is constantly

changing and is a very exciting world to be in."

Her model provided a simple, yet elegant look that could be worn "while riding a horse in the country or when dressed for a formal evening out," she said.

One of the more interesting styles was created by hairdresser Todd Skog who took a 1940s approach. His model Sabrina brought back the Age of Aquarius with her short cropped black style and heavy eye make-up.

In addition to the many unusual hairstyles being modeled, fashionable clothing was provided by Cocktails, a new boutique in the Crosswinds Mall in Orchard Lake.

Highly sophisticated evening gowns adorned with sequins, rhinestones and other baubles complimented the hairstyles.

According to Rieger, 45, the salon now in its seventh year with 24 hairdressers, continues to grow, maintain up-to-date, maintain up-to-date styles and as always "caters to the customer."



A bit of Audrey Hepburn, by stylist Rochelle Aptkarian



Only Max Rieger's fingers were used to create this care-free style.



Crepe paper was used for this style by David Martzoff



The Shirley Temple curls come from stylist Jeri Bartolota



A wiglet helped create this style by Kennico Hoffman



Designed strictly for the '80s by Debbie Turowski

## Swimmer comes home with 6 medals

Winning medals for swimming is not something new for Carl Thornburg, but the six he brought back home to Farmington Hills from Brisbane, Australia, were very special.

Thornburg, 76, helped the U.S.A. team win the World Masters Championship during EXPO-88 in Brisbane and gathered up three silver and three bronze medals for himself swimming against "the best in

the world," he said.

Thornburg's boyhood dream was to swim in the Olympics. But that was at a time subsidies for the athletes ran from little to none, and during the depression years he said he was grateful to be working as a clown diver in dare-devil shows.

He's been swimming and diving competitively ever since he was a teenager and realized his dream-come-true when he was selected

last summer as one of 100 in his age bracket to represent the United States in the world's largest international swim meet.

Thornburg's specialty is the butterfly stroke. His personal wins came from competition in the 100, 200, and 400 individual medleys.

The USA team broke 20 world records and won all told 82 gold, 48 silver and 52 bronze medals in the meet.

Thornburg works out every day in Farmington YMCA, close to his home in Detroit Baptist Manor during the summers, and every day in the Clearwater YMCA, close to his home in Florida during the winters.

He has amassed well over 300 awards in the past 10 years, 20 of them gold medals.

He says the trophies and the medals motivate him to stay in shape.

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A brunch for patrons will be

served at noon. The brunch is \$100 per person, which includes admission to the jubilee. General admission to the jubilee is \$25.

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