

Hair experts talk about cuts and looks for fall

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



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We've talked about makeup and skin care for the fall and winter season. Now, let's discuss - it's what everyone notices immediately - hair.

Whether your hair is curly or straight, long or cropped, what you need to know is what's current in cuts, color, and products. To give you the most updated information about hair, I spoke to some of the area's leading hair stylists. Here is what a few of them had to say.

Jim Palazzolo's salon in Royal Oak:

"Overall shapes are strong, finished in a messy undone way. (We're also) returning to a healthier, shiny hair. Long hair is always in. And right now, razor-cutting is popular. This allows the hair to be styled with greater ease because of the weightlessness that is created by razor cuts. Texture then can be created with 'gunky,' gooey products, which allow you to flick the hair out," he said.

Jim also believes, "Rich strong brunettes and red-hot hair are the craze for now. ... Fall seems to bring out a person's sexiness. This season allows you to play with options. ... Hair is messy, sexy, and raw."

Debbie Miller at Red The Salon in Birmingham:

"Following the lines of this seasons clothes, hair has a strong architectural structure," she said.

To keep the look sharp, use of products is key. Try Aquage Up-Lifting foam to give fine hair fullness at the root and an overall boost. Bumble and Bumble Straight gel, on the other hand, smooths out even the curliest hair.

"The finish is the big story - hot rollers, Velcro rollers, crimped, waved or flat-ironed straight," said Miller. "Imagine volumizing treatments. ... Anyone who wrestles their hair into submission with an arsenal of products would benefit from this treatment."

Red The Salon offers such a service. It's called the Rene Furterer scalp manipulating treatment and it not only hydrates the scalp and hair follicle, but also removes years of color build-up, promoting full and healthy hair growth.

Big hair for fall
After talking to several area hair stylists about the cuts and styles that showed up on runways and the trends that seem to be gaining in popularity, I had to agree with one of them that "anything goes."

Nonetheless, here are a few trends to keep in mind and tips on achieving particular hair looks:

■ Pin-straight hair, all the rage this summer, is still big on the scene. Use a round brush to guide loose waves that frame the face into a slick do. To achieve hippie hair, air dry, then add styling wax.

■ Color is deep and rich. But, both blond chunky highlights and warm-toned, thin strands of highlights are big.

■ If you'd like to wear your hair up, the Laura Ingalls' hair on the television show "Little House on the Prairie" is the look. It's a peasant style of days-gone-by that has resurfaced with loopy curls and braids.

■ The season's hottest hair is cropped, fits the face and combines wispy bangs and jagged ends. Try face-framing layers to give shoulder-length locks a sexy edge.

■ Dreadlocks are hip, too. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to shave off shampoo to obtain a good, casual set of dreads. You can get the effect with a small, barrel curling iron and volumizing spray. Towel-dry hair and add spray, combing through to the roots for even distribution. Separate one section of hair at a time, some sections bigger than others, and twist each around the curling iron.

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Something for everybody

The young and old celebrate Halloween



Haunted castle: The Somerset Collection's gigantic holiday castle went up early this year with a few Halloween decorations due to the growing popularity of the holiday.

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Have a few extra pennies to spend? Why not splurge on some stuff designed to spook and scare children and adults alike?

Everybody else is. "Halloween has become such a big thing with, not only kids, but with adults," Somerset Collection General Manager Tom Bird said of the phenomenon. "Halloween used to be just a one-night holiday. I think it's becoming more of a family event."

Capitalizing on the interest, local retailers are peddling Halloween goods to celebrate the holiday like they never before. And, they're not selling just costumes.

From ghost-shaped pasta to artful Halloween greeting cards to microphone-wired skeletons, retailers have something for everybody.

Even business-to-business gifts come Halloween-themed.

Hoping to delight a client, Al Morris, an advertising representative based in Southfield, ordered a Halloween gift basket from Birmingham's Merchant of Vino.

"They will get this and love it," said Morris. "Decorating is a big thing today. With this, they instantly have something to decorate their house."

Priced at \$60, the gift heaps homemade cookies and candy, a set of bright orange twist candles and a bag of goblin pasta inside a handpainted, Halloween clay pot. Halloween greeting cards also have been selling well at Merchant of Vino, said Sue Feldman, the store's basket designer.

At Dapy, a novelty store at The Somerset Collection, not only are costumes selling out daily, but adults are buying toys, like "Talking Boris," a microphone-wired skull that lights up, speaks and moves its jaw on voice command, said Tim Shelly, the store's manager. "So many people are really getting into scaring their kids when they come to get candy, today. It's not just a holiday for kids, anymore."



Talking heads: Tim Shelly, manager at novelty store Dapy at The Somerset Collection, demonstrates how to work "Talking Boris."



Treats: Birmingham's Merchant of Vino packs Halloween treats, from candy to pasta, in holiday gift baskets.



Dress-up: Kristen Mamula and daughter Erin look at costumes at FAO Schwarz.

Local Halloween events

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield: Friendly haunted house through Oct. 31; Halloween party with puppet show, trick-or-treating and Halloween costume photos, 1 p.m. Oct. 31. Call (248) 353-4111.

English Gardens in West Bloomfield and Royal Oak: Kid's pumpkin decorating and best costume contest, 12:45 p.m. Oct. 30. Call (248) 280-9500 to reach Royal Oak store. Call (248) 851-7506 to contact West Bloomfield store.

Old Village in Plymouth: Monster Mash street dance, costume contests for kids and adults, music and refreshments, 6-10 p.m. Oct. 30. For information, call (734) 455-1279.

Oakland Mall in Troy: Trick-or-treating, Halloween costume photos with Frankenstein and Dracula, 4 p.m. Oct. 31. Call (248) 585-6000.

Livonia Mall in Livonia: Trick-or-treating and magic show, 3 p.m. Oct. 30. Call (734) 476-1166.

The Somerset Collection in Troy: Haunted Castle display in Somerset North through Oct. 31, musical storytelling and theater shows, 1 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday through Oct. 31. For more information, call mall's concierge desk at (248) 643-6360.

Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills: Trick-or-treating, 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 30. Call (248) 375-9451.

Annual Northland event to teach about safety

Safety, safety, safety.

That's the motto behind Northland Center's annual Partners in Safety event, slated 1-5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 23 at the Southfield mall.

The program pairs Northland Center's private police force with the City of Southfield's police and fire departments to educate children and parents about safety issues.

Topics to be addressed include safe bike use, making 911 calls, auto theft and even precautions to take on Halloween night.

The Southfield Fire Department will provide information about in-home safety procedures with demonstrations using a miniature home that simulates fires.

Northland's private police will create

child photograph and fingerprint records to parents who wish to obtain them. The records can be used to expedite access to information when children are lost or missing.

Also, a K-9 police dog unit will be on hand.

Partners in Safety, in its 8th year, seeks not only to educate, but also entertain. Outside the mall, for

instance, children and parents may tour one or many safety vehicles, including a fire truck, ambulance, police helicopter and Coast Guard boat.

Inside, children will be treated to face-painted clowns, music, games, a pretend rolling rally and giveaways. Also, Northland Center merchants will offer special discounts on the day of the event.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FUR DESIGNER APPEARANCE

Meet fur designer Zuki and view his fall collection at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, noon-4 p.m., Fur Salon, third floor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

CHARITY SHOPPING DAY

To commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month the Somerset Collection's Lix Claiborne store in Troy donates 10 percent of the day's sales to local domestic violence partners and sells limited edition products to benefit the organizations.

CAROL BIRNEY

Sake Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and Equine magazine host a special evening to benefit CATCH, Caring Athletes Team for Children's & Henry Ford hospitals. Cocktails, strolling supper, entertainment and informal modeling of the Men's

Fall 1999 Designer Clothing Caravan, 6:30-8 p.m., Men's Store, first floor. Tickets are \$60. Please reserve tickets by Oct. 18. Call (313) 876-9399.

PATRON PARTY FOR VARIETY

Schubert Jewellers, 3001 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy, hosts a patron party to benefit Variety - The Children's Charity. The event, which previews Variety's annual Lights, Camera, Auction event on Oct. 26, features the fine jewelry collections of Michael Bonanza and Stefan Hather. For more information or to order tickets, call (248) 255-5511.

COSMETICS GLOW-UP VISITS

Meet creator of Chantecaille cosmetics Sylvie Chantecaille at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cosmetics department, first floor.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

The Village Barn, 32760 Franklin Road in Franklin, hosts a show of Christopher Radko's glass holiday tree ornaments through Oct. 24, 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, call (248) 651-7877.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

BIDAL SHOW

Brides-To-Be Inc. presents a show of bridal wear and a panel of more than 100 wedding experts at the Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia, 12:30-4 p.m. Tickets are \$8. For additional information, call (810) 228-2700.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Ammons representatives offer one-on-one consultations and personal fittings of their prosthesis products at Jacobson's store through Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Intimate Apparel Department: Oct. 19 at the Birmingham store; Oct. 21 at the Laurel Park Place store in Livonia; and Oct. 22 at the Rochester Hills store.