

The VALLEY NEWS

Stylist Jackie Gauthier brings trends and traditions to A Cut Above in Sultan

Who knew peacock-colored hair could look so professional?

One would expect the startling tint more likely to grace the head of a punk-rock loving teenager, but blended into the bangs of Jackie Gauthier, the newest stylist at A Cut Above Salon, it seems no more radical than would a bright scarf or a fun pair of earrings.

Color is but one of the many creative skills Gauthier brings to her new post at A Cut Above.

For most of her 20+ years as a stylist, Gauthier has worked in urban salons, but the Sultan resident recently decided to bring her work closer to home.

"My husband and I came here three years ago because we do youth ministry at Sultan First Baptist," she said. "I had been working at a spa in Everett. It was a long commute. I decided to build my clientele here."

That gives both and men and women a new stylist to try in Sultan, one versed both in trendy, edgy styles and very traditional styles. Gauthier stays current on modern styles and trends, but she also was an apprentice in a barber shop for a while in addition to her education at Crown Beauty School.

"I was the flat-top contest queen," said the vivacious Gauthier, sweeping up Wednesday after neatly trimming the hair of a Sultan man who laughed on the way out that he was likely to have better luck with the ladies following his new cut.

Gauthier never stopped seeking education once she finished school; she continued to study with a very well-known stylist for a decade.

"I apprenticed with a big-name guy, Lonnie Ford," she said. "He owned Hairborne. That was a great experience for me, he taught me a lot."

After many years of training and study, Gauthier is skilled and very experienced at foils, cuts for both men and women, color, highlights, permanents, and waxing.

Today Gauthier gives her main specialty as color, and her own color is perhaps the best possible testament to her skill.

Her light blond, short cut is

grounded by warm brown undertones, perfectly suited to her skin tone, and the rich, vibrant streak of peacock blue that graces her bangs, muted by a fringe of brown, dramatically sets off her blue eyes.

"I love color. I just want to color away," she said. "I want to be creative."

Taking into account a client's face shape, skin tone, eye color and other features is important in recommending a style that will complement each client, said Gauthier.

"A lot of people come in and say, I want something completely different, and I can do that," she said. "I can tell by the shape of the face, eyes, nose, what's going to look good. But I always make sure they are comfortable with it first."

It's also very important to consider the lifestyle of each client, she said.

"I want to give people a style they can go home and not have to 'do,' that will just fall into place," she said. "We're not putting orange juice cans in our hair to curl it any more. People don't have time for that any more. They want to look good and they have to look good, but they also don't have a lot of time."

Moving her business from Everett to Sultan has turned out to be more rewarding than she could have imagined, said Gauthier.

"I absolutely love working with the community," she said. "I never realized how fun it is to get to know all the people, who belongs to who, who works with who, all the relationships."

She also has been busy identifying products that work well for her Sultan clients, and is a big fan of Monroe-made Loma products, as well as a new product by Malibu that is specifically designed for people with hard



JACKIE GAUTHIER of Sultan specializes in hair color, but excels in many other areas, from barbering to perms and waxing. The stylist has trained with top modern stylists as well as old-school barbers and has recently moved her Everett practice to Sultan.

PHOTO BY DAN ARMSTRONG

water.

"I've never seen so much well-water hair in my life," she said. "All those minerals make hair a lot harder to manage."

She proffered a bottle of deliciously-scented Malibu conditioner.

"This will make hair a lot softer, a lot easier to manage," she said.

And Gauthier has been unable to resist giving the salon itself a little makeover, since coming to the salon, she, with the help of her husband, has reupholstered chairs with a more modern look, freshened up the paint on the walls with a fun new color, and added new window treatments to give the place a lightly more urban feel.

Gauthier's main goal is to make each client look in the mirror at the end of the cut and feel really good about what he or she sees.

"That's the funnest," she said. "I love the way it looks when it's done. You go, 'Wow, look at that! I love that.'"

Jackie is available at A Cut Above at 509 Main St. in Sultan Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (360) 793-2155.



The Penny Pincher

BY DONNA MURPHY, COLUMNIST

When I was a young mom raising my fantastic kids, Diane and Brian, I was an "Eco Mom," using cloth diapers with a diaper pail in the bath tub (yuk!). I still can't stand the smell of ammonia. Nevertheless, Diane and Brian were prone to diaper rash and I had a couple of remedies: Bag Balm is a treatment for cow's udders and can be purchased at your local feed store. The cost is very reasonable and it works great! Another idea is to mix a quarter-cup of petroleum jelly with one tablespoon of corn starch. This makes a creamy paste similar to the expensive commercial products and works great on your baby's tender bottom. By the way, Diane is now eight months pregnant with my first grand daughter, Ashlyn Josephine Wood!

Did you know you can make your own high-quality baby wipes? Yup. Take a serrated knife and cut a roll of paper towels horizontally so you have two short rolls. Put one in a plastic container. Mix two cups of hot water, two tablespoons of mineral oil, and two tablespoons of aloe vera juice (purchased in the health food section). Pour the mixture over the paper towels and allow it to be absorbed. Pull out the cardboard core from the center. To use, pull a towel from the roll and tear off. This doesn't have to be just for baby wipes either. You can use these wipes when you go camping or picnicking, for cleaning sticky hands and anything else.

Shoe Goo rocks for saving kid's shoes. If the sole is separating, use Shoe Goo! My kids never got new shoes until Shoe Goo just couldn't hold them together anymore!

I'm so bummed that I didn't learn this tip until my kids were grown and my life slowed down.. My friend, Ginger Scott, formerly from Gold Bar, taught me how to get a skillet clean with "stuck-on, even burned-on food." Pour a dollop of liquid dishwashing detergent in the skillet, fill it 3/4 with water and put it on the stove burner, set on simmer. Oh my gosh, I scrubbed those skillets until my knuckles nearly bled for years, but no more! That soapy water simmering for about 30 minutes lifts all of the stuck-on or burned-on food and all you have to do is scrape it off with a spatula! It's a miracle! Thanks, Ging!

Do you have a whiteboard with shadows? Those whiteboard cleaners are expensive. Use WD-40 to clean dry-erase markings from your whiteboard. It works great and leaves no dry-

erase "ghosts."

Try a cheap power cleaner: rubbing alcohol. Mix rubbing alcohol and water 50/50 in a spray bottle to make a powerful all-purpose cleaner. It leaves no streaks and kills germs. Be careful on painted surfaces, though; it may damage them.

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Remember to give me your name and where you live so I can use it in the column.

So you want to be a logger



FIRST TIME Spar Pole climber, Pete Mentele, of Seattle, right, gets a last minute equipment check and pointers from logging class instructor Don Jones, of Sultan, an instructor at Sultan's annual Logging Classes. PHOTO BY JIM SCOLMAN

"I've never done this and I want to give it a shot just for fun," said Mentele.

"Lean in and throw the flip line out," said logging class instructor Don Jones, of Sultan, an instructor at Sultan's annual Logging Classes, and soon Mentele was on his way up the tall log.

Recently the Sultan Shindig committee, which organizes Sultna's annual celebration of its heritage, especially logging, began offering lumberjack classes to the public as a way to offer folks the logger experience in a fun and safe setting.

Get buggy in the Shindig Children's Parade

This year, kids are encouraging to march in bug costumes at the Shindig Children's Parade on Saturday, July 11 at 10 a.m. Face painting and costumes will be available before the parade. For more information, call August Kummerfeldt at (360) 793-4953.

Get ready for Shindig parade reroutes

The Sultan Summer Shindig parade will be on Saturday, July 11th. Staging and lineup will be on 8th & Main Streets beginning at around 8:30 a.m. The parade is usually over around 1:00 p.m. when Main Street from U.S. 2 to 6th Street will re-open. Access into and out of the city will be on 3rd Street. For more information, please call the Sky Valley Chamber at (360) 793-0983.

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