

# Salon Uptown Offers “Everything In Hair” In A Stylish Setting

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For Salon Uptown owner Robin Kamlani, the dream of one day opening her own salon became a reality last spring with a simple drive down West Wayne Street.

“It was really weird because I’d never driven down Wayne Street before,” she said.

But, as she continued down the road, she came across a vacant building for sale, which formerly housed the Uptown Salon.

Just like that, Kamlani pictured herself there.

“I had a vision,” she said, “that it would look totally different than it did.”

And indeed it does.

After completely renovating the building both inside and out, Kamlani opened for business this past November.

Along with the four staff members who rent booths at the Salon Uptown, Kamlani specializes in “everything in hair.”

Everything, that is, “except goof it up,” according to Salon Uptown stylist Tom Peeples.

Formerly the owner of The Greenhouse Salon on Airport Highway, Peeples struck up a friendship with Kamlani when she rented a booth at his salon for 25 years.

Bridget Johnson and



**The Salon Uptown’s stylists include (from left) owner Robin Kamlani, Tom Peeples, Annette Mason, Bridget Johnson and Chris Schnabel. Walk-ins are welcome at the salon, which is located at 115 W. Wayne St. in uptown Maumee.**

Annette Mason were longtime employees at The Greenhouse for 13 years and 15 years, respectively, where they formed a sort of workplace “family” with Peeples and Kamlani.

After life took all of the employees in different directions for several years, they’ve recently reunited at Maumee’s Salon Uptown.

And this time, the family has added a “son” in Chris Schnabel, who happens to be the salon’s youngest employee.

But don’t let his youth fool you.

With three years of experience at Sylvania’s Reve Salon and technique training from Vidal Sassoon, Bumble and Jacques

Dessange under his belt, Schnabel is able to offer his clients a wealth of knowledge when it comes to cutting and coloring their hair.

According to Kamlani, the similarity that all of the employees share is exactly what makes the Salon Uptown so different.

“We have a unique warmth,” she explained.

“Really, all of us are the kind of people who go the extra mile to please.”

So far, that warm, quaint feeling that the Salon Uptown offers has led to a wonderful response from all of its customers.

With a color palette of black and taupe, the salon could be described as stylish, yet comfortable.

As Schnabel explained, walking into the Salon Uptown doesn’t bring about the feelings of walking into a “typical” salon.

“My clients have said they like it because it’s not intimidating,” he said. “You don’t feel like you have to dress up just to come in.”

Although walk-ins are welcome, the employees of the Salon Uptown encourage calling ahead if a particular stylist is desired, especially because they are all in charge of booking their own appointments.

Now that her salon is up and running, Kamlani is crediting her late husband Jay for encouraging her to make the dream a reality.

“Her late husband really inspired her,” Peeples explained. “He always wanted her to have her own salon.”

Located at 115 W. Wayne, Kamlani and the rest of the staff have found Maumee to be an “encouraging” place for a new business.

“Everyone has been very nice and exceptionally friendly,” Kamlani said. “You can really tell that people are working to make the town nice.”

To schedule an appointment at the Salon Uptown, call (419) 887-1677.

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