

2008 Resume

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Qualifications

Skilled hands are my most valuable attribute. The desire to provide a needed service coupled with a love for people and an interest in their lives makes my work meaningful and cherished.

For 31 years I have gathered experience and expertise in the field of massage, esthetics, pedicures, manicures and other day spa services.

I am passionate about kind touch, sustainability, equality and tolerance.

Hire me to serve you!

Work History

2007 to present

Katja's AllenDaySpa LLC, Allen, Michigan

Owner/Operator of Full Service Day Spa.

Taking my business home has been a dream come true. Having my daughters, my clients, my garden, spinning wheel and kitchen all right here is truly wonderful. It makes it easier to be me and share all there is.

2002 to 2007

Katja LLC, Hillsdale, Michigan at **Therapeutic Massage, Treesa Weaver & Associates**

Owner, Day Spa Service Provider, Pedicures, massages, facials, manicures, fango packs, depilation, lash and brow tinting are the services provided by me and taught to my apprentice/daughter, Liese.

1998 to 2002

A Touch Of The Ritz/Mane Street, Hillsdale, Michigan

Day Spa Service Provider, Massages, facials and pedicures were my main services requested there.

1996 to 1998

Peaceful Waters, Hillsdale, Michigan

In this beautiful spa overlooking Lake Baw Beese I was able to utilize all spa services and trained further to also do herbal wraps, underwater massage and vichy shower treatments.

1987 to 1989

Skilled Hands, Austin, Texas

In my licensed salon I performed facials, manicures, pedicures, massages, make-up, depilation, consultations and sales.

1985 to 1987

Skilled Hands on the road, Austin, Texas

Meeting the needs of my growing family, I massaged clients in their homes with an ever increasing number of requests to again provide other services as well.

1983 to 1985

Ingeborg's Continental Skin Care, Austin, Texas

Facials, manicures, pedicures, waxing, lash- and brow tinting and massages were my chief responsibilities.

1980 to 1982

Jutta Beck Skin Care, San Antonio, Texas

I performed all services in the skin care field including acne facials, and gathered in-depth knowledge in working with and recommending Dr. Babor Cosmetics.

1979 to 1980

Kosmetik-Institut Anneliese Kütthe, Korbach, Germany

Facials were my main responsibility.

1977 to 1979

Massage Institut Albrecht, Treysa, Germany

I operated a two chair facial salon, fully responsible for all treatments and cosmetic sales.

Education

1976 to 1977

Apprenticeship

Massage Institut Albrecht, Treysa, Germany

Under the guidance of trained professionals I first learned the basics of facial treatments and massage.

School

1975

Middle School Diploma from public school in Treysa, Germany

1976

Vocational School, Stadt Allendorf, Germany

1977

Skin Care Specialist School, Ursula Rasch, Kassel, Germany

The areas of instruction at this school included:

Anatomy	Physiology	Chemistry	Product Science
Skin Analysis	Facials	Manicures	Body Treatments
Pedicures	Make-up		

1981

High School Equivalency, Texas

1982

Universidad Nacional Autonoma De Mexico, San Antonio, Texas, spanish language courses

1983

Austin Community College, Austin , Texas

I completed courses in psychology, nutrition and cultural geography.

2005 to present

Jackson Community College, Le Tarte Center, Hillsdale, Michigan

I completed courses in counseling and women studies and am currently enrolled in computer science and business classes.

Diplomas, Workshops

- 1977 **Jean D'Arcel Cosmetics, Paris, France**, Product Knowledge
- Keimdiät, Trade School for Cosmetics, Hannover, Germany** Product Knowledge and Nutritional Counseling, Degree
- 1978 **Achmed Badawi, Düsseldorf, Germany**, Workshop with renowned make-up artist
- Covermark, Stiefel Laboratories, Hannover, Germany**, make-up workshop learning to camouflage hemangiomas
- 1980 **Christine Schrammek, Essen, Germany**, Workshop to study the methods and uses of biological peels in the treatment of scarring, discoloration and aging skin
- 1996 **Aveda/Frederic's Mid America Tour**, classes in make-up, reflexology, stress management and product knowledge
- 1998 **The Chicago School of Massage Therapy**, seminar on treatment protocols for overuse injuries: carpal tunnel syndrome and thumb tendonitis
- 1977 to present **Massage Therapists, Body Workers, Estheticians, Nail Technicians, ...** regular exchanges, private, one-on-one workshops

Licenses

- 1980 to 1989 Texas Facial Specialist License
Texas Manicurist License
- 1988 to 1989 Texas Registered Massage Therapist License
- 1996 to present Michigan Esthetician License
Michigan Manicurist License
- 2005 Michigan Cosmetology License to Apprentice my daughter
- 2000 to present Michigan Cosmetology Facility License

Languages

I am fluent in German and English and know a little Spanish

Volunteer Experience

- 1989 to present **Volunteer Work in Nursing Home, Jonesville, Michigan**
I mothered my five children full-time and took them with me to do professional pedicures and manicures for the elderly, a very gratifying aspect of my work. My visits to this nursing home continue to the present and are a major factor in my daughter, Liese, choosing this work in 2005.
- 1990 to present **Hillsdale Area Home Educators**
I help organize meetings and field trips and contribute to news letters in support of local home schooling.
- 1995 to 2000 **The Hillsdale Natural Grocery, Hillsdale, Michigan**
I acted as Board Member and then Director of the Steering Committee of a health food store co-op.
- 2001 to 2002 **Spinners Flock, Chelsea, Michigan**
Board Member in charge of yarn spinning equipment and beginner's circle
- 2005 to present **Domestic Harmony, women's shelter in Hillsdale, Michigan**
Hot line operator, resident assistance