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alk through the door of Hands and Tans, Etc. for an unusually pleasurable experience. Life size palm trees and lush tropical plants instantly transport you to an exotic location where elephants, lions, and even a leopard bench transform this corner of Longmont into a pampering paradise of personal care services. Choose any combination of manicure, pedicure, facial, microdermabrasion, or tanning session. You may decide on the whole works, with a full body massage in the amazing pedicure chairs. You can easily melt into their gentle contours as your tensions flow out and away. Whatever your decision, each of these procedures are expertly performed by a certified technician who will discuss with you what you hope to achieve and which of their offerings will best suit you.

For Janet Vandello, owning and operating Hands and Tans, Etc. fits her like a hand in a glove. She always liked using her creative skills to make people look their best and feel good about themselves. She started out as a makeup artist, then owned her own cleaning service. When one of her clients ran a nail business out of her home, Janet became intrigued. She continued in her business, but enrolled in cosmetology school. Eventually she built up her experience working in a couple of salons, including her mom's salon. It was a natural for her to buy the shop four years ago when her mother was ready to retire.

A true entrepreneur, she delights in the details of running it, from doing the books, to setting up schedules, and serving her clients. With over 13 years in the business, Janet still loves what she's doing. The constant stream of clients and the daily repartee with her employees pulls it all together for this lady who revels in meeting and talking to people. There is immense satisfaction in seeing them leave her shop invigorated and refreshed.

Janet admits, "I'm a 'people person' big time. Here at the salon I meet lots of different people. It is always interesting, and I have a great group of technicians."

Her enthusiasm for customer service draws high caliber nail technicians who develop strong work ethics under her tutelage. Maintaining excellence in safety and sanitation is her top priority and has earned her salon high marks from the Colorado Health Department. Ever conscientious, she makes sure the bulbs in both stand-up and lay down beds are changed frequently, and customers are advised how to avoid skin damage. Sometimes people want to start off at 20 minutes their first session. Janet, who herself was once blistered by an inattentive tanning salon ensures that won't happen in her establishment. "We help our clients relax and take good care of their skin by closely monitoring gradually increased exposure."

In light of the recent reports by CBS4 Denver News on the ill affects poor standards in salons can cause customers, Janet is proud of her salon's attention to this critical health factor. They use only the highest quality cleaning products and adhere strictly to a daily sanitization procedure which is thorough and documented. She maintains, "Our clients' safety and satisfaction is our first priority." First priority indeed; their routine maintenance easily exceeds the standards set by the State Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure.

Janet's licensed nail technicians are additionally certified by the Association of Electric File Manufacturers. The AEFM™ is a non-profit educational organization that sets the industry standard for safe electric file use, client protection, and disinfection procedures during professional nail services.

Hands and Tans staff offers professional advice to help clients decide from among the numerous choices available. Durable acrylic and fiberglass nails, which require rebasing every two weeks are popular, along with silk and gel wraps, which may be a good choice for persons who have allergic reactions to nail care products. Gels are nearly odorless, an added bonus to their flexibility, durability, and natural appearance. The choice of which material to use and the particular type of manicure that will work best for the client depends on several factors, such as daily routine and occupation, hobbies, body chemistry and nail type. You will find a technique that enables you to have healthy nails that are lovely and durable. Also provided are many options in nail art in a wide variety of designs, colors, and holiday motifs including gemstones. Any one will make a lovely manicure even more eye-catching.

## JANET VANDELLO OF HANDS AND TANS, ETC.

By Maryjo Faith Morgan



Seated in center is Owner, Janet Vandello and her happy crew Kelly, Jackie, Tina, Angel and Karen

of fine wrinkles and more supple, smoother skin, sometimes after their first treatment. It can also reduce acne, chicken pox, and superficial scars. The overall health of the skin is improved through microdermabrasion, ultimately giving your face a healthy-looking glow and fresh appearance.

Clients who come back time and again often compliment the quality of the work done at Hands and Tans, the sparkling cleanliness of their shop, and the amazing atmosphere created by this group of talented individuals. Janet sees each appointment as an opportunity to give their best to their customers. "For our clients — it's their hour. It's all about them. It's their time to talk about whatever they want."

The technicians are willing listeners, and might share an opinion or two. Some clients look at it as almost bi-weekly therapy. Certainly the animated banter among clients and staff make Hands and Tans a good place to be. Janet said it depends on the mood of the day, but sometimes they are all singing to the oldies and rock and roll or humming along with Elvis.

The easy camaraderie comes naturally in the carefree and friendly ambience of this shop located at 1600 Hover Rd., Suite D3, next door to Ladies Workout Express. To schedule an appointment for your bliss call (303) 678-0825.

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