

What's in My Closet

For BARBARA DEYO, her boots are made for walkin' — and stylin'

Barbara Deyo has built her career on looking good. As a makeup artist for 18 years, a public relations maven for six and, most recently, co-owner of Touch Spa in Birmingham, Deyo is known throughout metro Detroit as a full-service image-maker with her own distinct sense of style.

Having polished the faces of "a ton of celebrities," such as Tom Brokaw, Ethan Hawke, Dennis Quaid and Kate Bosworth on various press junkets, Deyo says her

work for television has been "fun." Now she enjoys a notable clientele of area socialites who have gravitated to her.

"I always try to be feminine, but with a funky edge to it," says Deyo of her fashion sense, noting that she rarely wears popular designers (Tahari is an exception because of the fit) and instead seeks one-of-a-kind tops and skirts at independent stores.

Her favorite fashion purchase was a few years ago at Dragonfly in Ferndale. Deyo, scheduled to be a presenter at the Detroit Music Awards, realized shortly before showtime — and after stores had closed — that she had "nothing to wear." Dragonfly bailed her out.

"Heather [the owner] just gave me the keys to the store. I got one of my favorite outfits — a Pucci-esque halter and white pants. Every time I wear that, I feel really good in it, and surprisingly it's really different for me because it's not my normal style."

Deyo has a strong preference for boots. She confesses to being a "boot freak," with more in her closets ("an organized mess") than she can count. She also keeps her shopping priorities in line: "At the beginning of the season I'll go get my boots." She'll buy Enzo because they're comfortable, has a preference for tall and black, yet admits to a stash of colorful cowboy boots. — S. Howes



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Barbara Deyo in
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