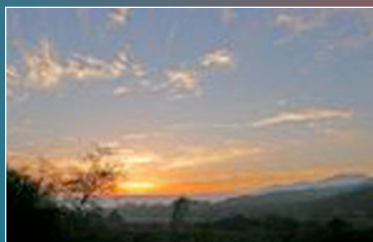


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### FEATURED INTERVIEW FOR THE MONTH: *Gloria Jean Jones*

#### **Debuting New 'Gloria Jean' Lingerie Line & November Events**

*An Interview with Gloria Jean Jones, Designer/Owner of  
Around the Corner / Plush Surroundings & Around the Corner Too*

*by Reynold Akison*

“Our customers enjoy the one-on-one attention they receive in our stores, and all the beautiful things we offer in our galleries. We showcase many one-of-a-kind items,” said Gloria Jean Jones, owner of Around the Corner/Plush Surroundings at 105 Montgomery Street, Ojai, (just a few steps off Ojai Avenue - 805-640-8844) and Around the Corner Too on the downtown Arcade at 310 E. Ojai Avenue. Both stores are open 7-days-a-week from 10AM – 5:30PM.



*Gloria Jean Jones, Designer/Owner of Around the Corner/Plush Surroundings and Around the Corner Too, launches new 'Gloria Jean' line of lingerie.*

#### **FEATURING FURNISHINGS, ART, CLOTHING, LINGERIE AND INTERIOR DESIGN**

Around the Corner/Plush Surroundings and Around the Corner Too feature furniture, upholstery, slipcovers, bedspreads, window treatments, clothing, lingerie, jewelry and art – “to grace your walls.”

“We also sell Asian and some European antiques,” Gloria said, “As well as antique

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### CITY OF OJAI STATISTICS THROUGH MAY 2009

**Transient Occupancy Tax**  
**\$171,380**

(for August '09 rec'd. in Sept. '09)  
(36% decrease over August 2008)

**\$858,029** total TOT to date for 2009  
(50% decrease over same period in '08  
52% decrease over same period in '07)

**Sales Tax Revenue**  
**\$310,691**

sales tax received Jan. 1, '09 - Mar. 31, '09  
(equal to same period in 2007)

**\$1,121,983**  
total sales tax for 2008  
(10% decrease over same period in 2007)



### CHAMBER STATISTICS OCTOBER 2009

<b>Website Visits:</b>	<b>October</b>	-	<b>45,580</b>
<b>Website Hits:</b>	<b>October</b>	-	<b>411,239</b>
<b>Page Views:</b>	<b>October</b>	-	<b>133,534</b>

#### 2009 CHAMBER WEBSITE STATISTICS

**Website Visits: 398,667 | Website Hits: 5,357,924**  
**Website Page Views: 1,620,137**



## NOVEMBER CALENDER

**WEDNESDAY**  
**4, 11, 18, 25**

**EVENING Business Referral Group**  
6:00-7:30 pm • Villa Giuseppe Ctr.  
2464 E. Ojai Ave. • 805.207.3447

**TUESDAY**  
**10, 17, 24**

**Morning Business Referral Group**  
@ Eggs 'N Things 7:15a

**TUESDAY**  
**10, 24**

**City Council Meeting • 7:30pm**  
Council Chambers @ City Hall

**THURSDAY, 19**

**Chamber Mixer**  
@ Old Creek Ranch Winery  
10024 Old Creek Road, Oak View  
5:30 to 7:00 pm • 646-8126

**THURSDAY, 26**

**THANKSGIVING...**  
*Give Thanks and take the day off*

## DECEMBER PREVIEW

**TUESDAY, 7, 8**

**Morning Business Referral Group**  
@ Eggs 'N Things 7:15a

**WEDNESDAY, 2**

**EVENING Business Referral Group**  
6:00-7:30 pm • Villa Giuseppe Ctr.  
2464 E. Ojai Ave. • 805.207.3447

**WEDNESDAY, 9**

**Chamber Christmas Mixer**  
@ Ojai Valley Women's Club  
5:30 to 7:00 pm • 646-8126

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oriental rugs, custom designed lamps, silk pillows and bedding and wearable art. We represent local and international artists – painters, sculptors, potters, and jewelry makers.”

Both stores often feature in-store discounts. Ojai Valley Chamber members receive a 10% Member-to-Member discount, so bring your discount card.

**NOVEMBER EVENTS: “BACK YARD SALE”, BOOK SIGNING AND FASHION SHOW**

“The Village Merchants Association and downtown merchants are organizing a “Back Yard Sale” on Saturday, November 7th. Merchants will offer discounts on all merchandise in the open-air display area behind the Arcade.”

“On November 7th Around the Corner Too (Arcade location) will be hosting a book signing at 6PM for our store manager Maureen McGrath’s new book, “Spunky’s Special Friend”, a children’s book that includes a stuffed animal named Spunky.

“On Friday, November 13th we’ll be hosting a fashion show of wearable art

and lingerie at Around the Corner (Montgomery Street location). Hors d’oeuvres and wine will be served at 6:15PM and the hour-long fashion show will start at 7PM.

“The Arcade Merchants are also sponsoring an ‘Arcade Merchants Window Decorating Contest’ that kicks off with the Ojai Musical Festival’s ‘Ojai Home Look-In’, Saturday, November 21. The contest runs through December 13th.

“Shoppers can vote for the best window. Voters can win prizes donated by the participating merchants, and merchants will receive publicity and bragging rights.

“We’re also planning an Arts Festival in 2010.”

### FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN & MERCHANDISING GRADUATE

Gloria Jean Jones graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in Los Angeles. She has spent over 40 years creating custom designed and fitted garments using her own designs, specializing in bridal wear.

After receiving many requests from her clients, Gloria branched out into interior design. “It was a natural extension of the fashions I was designing,” she said. “A part of me always wanted to design home interiors.”



*Around the Corner Too, located in the Arcade features mostly clothing, lingerie, jewelry and art*





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Now Gloria is using her considerable talents to design a line of lingerie.

### AROUND THE CORNER TOO SHOWCASES "GLORIA JEAN" LINGERIE

"Before Christmas Around the Corner Too will transition into a showcase for lingerie and accessories. We'll offer my personal lingerie designs and my own lingerie label - 'Gloria Jean.' Accessories will include jewelry, purses, belts, boudoir slippers and shoes. I'm also working on a website where I'll sell my lingerie and other items."

### "MY EXCELLENT STAFF SETS MY STORES APART"

"Around the Corner and Around the Corner Too are service oriented stores," Gloria added. "I believe the quality of the people working at the Around the Corner stores helps to set my stores apart. Jennifer Sage manages the Montgomery Street store, and she's also a designer. Angela Weston is our Sales Consultant at that store."

"Maureen McGrath manages the Around the Corner Too store, and Crystal Peaks is our Sales Consultant."

### Fast In-House Fabrication & Lay-Away System

"At Around the Corner stores we can work within any budget, doing so has always been part of our approach. We also have a lay-away system."

"No one else offers their own in-house fabrication. First we create our interior designs, and then we do the sewing and upholstery or slipcovers right here in the Valley. We can get most fabrics overnight, so our turnaround is often 3-4 days if the fabric is available."

### "THERE'S NO REASON TO LEAVE THE OJAI VALLEY TO SHOP"

"Local residents can find unique gifts and items for their home throughout the Ojai Valley,"

community, people should be encouraged to come to Ojai to shop for the unique, one-of-a-kind furnishings and art made here."

### "A Place to Find Beautiful Things"

"People will find beautiful things in our stores. We've tried to create stores that people want to come back to again and again. We've found that our customers like to share the experience they have in our stores with their friends."

Around the Corner Art Gallery and Plush Surroundings Home Interiors at 105 Montgomery Street and Around the Corner Too at 310 E. Ojai Avenue are open from 10:00AM to 5:30PM, 7 days-a-week.

You must see their wide-range of furnishings, local and international art, jewelry, wearable art, lingerie and antiques, and have a look through their extensive fabric catalogs. Store Phone: 805-640-8844; Design Studio: 805-646-3636. Email Gloria Jones at [Aroundthecorner1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Aroundthecorner1@sbcglobal.net).

Please support Ojai Valley Chamber member businesses and non-profits. Buy your goods and services and make charitable contributions to Ojai Chamber members located throughout the Ojai Valley. And before you shop a Chamber member business, be sure to check the Ojai Chamber website at [www.OjaiChamber.org](http://www.OjaiChamber.org) to find out if you can earn a Member-to-Member discount.

*Want to let local residents and the online world know what's new about your business? Do it in writing! I'm offering a 25% complimentary Chamber Member Discount. Free estimates. Call Reynold Akison at 805-640-7956.*



*Around the Corner & Co. features located on S. Montgomery features mostly furniture, upholstery, bedspreads, clothing and art*



Gloria said, "I'd like people in Ojai to start asking, 'What can we buy in Ojai?'"

"I think local residents will discover that they can find lots of things they want and need right here in Ojai. I would hope they will make an effort to find out what's available in the Ojai Valley by visiting all our local stores."

"Because the Ojai Valley is an artistic