

"Silicea – for me it was like a miracle."

Marianne Schneider lives in Leverkusen, where she is employed as a secretary with a major engineering company. She relates how her battle against lifeless and dull hair first began, and how she finally came out victorious after more than 40 years.

"Hello, my name is Marianne Schneider. I am 54 years old and have had hair problems as long as I can remember. At the age of 14 I started secretly using my mother's hair styling products to improve the appearance of those thin strands of hair hanging lifelessly from my head. Mostly the success was only short-lived, though.

I experimented at home with an endless array of shampoos, sprays, hair treatments, conditioners, and dietary supplements. And I spent enormous amounts of money in all kinds of hair dresser shops. But all those efforts were to no avail, for the result didn't last more than a few hours, at best. Then I looked into the mirror, frustrated to be faced once again with the same thin, limp strands of hair.

When I was 49 it got even worse: One day, I started shedding increasing amounts of hair. Not all of it, but there were always far too many hairs in the tub whenever I took a shower. I consulted doctors and had my hormone status analyzed. I went to see an alternative practitioner, tried Schuessler salts and subjected myself to a body detox therapy. I took iron and zinc supplements, stuffed myself with vitamins and siliceous earth products. None of which had any lasting effect. Sometimes a downy fluff started growing in some spots — only to be shed again soon afterwards.

Finally, I had my hair cut short and only ventured into public wearing a head scarf, because by now I had so little hair left that my bald scalp was clearly visible at the front. My friends pretended not to notice and told me it wasn't really that bad.

Still, I sometimes caught them casting surreptitious glances at my head. And those stares at the cash desk in the supermarket or at the cinema – sometimes it was simply unbearable.

Finally, at a friend's birthday party three years ago, I met a woman who took me aside at some point and asked: "You have a problem with your hair, right? Have you ever heard of silica?" "Yes, siliceous earth, that contains silica, doesn't it?" I replied. "No, I don't mean siliceous earth, but pure, mineral silica gel, which is more easily absorbed by your body", she explained, and told me her own tale of woe: "I had the same problem as you. I am 58 years old. Three years ago I suffered a lot of stress, both in my job and in my personal life – my husband left me for a younger woman, and the workload at the office was more than I could cope with. To top it all, I was losing increasing amounts of hair. It was my 32-year-old daughter who suggested that I try silica gel. Though she wasn't shedding hair, she had been under an emotional strain because of her thin hair until she started taking Original Silicea Balsam on a regular basis. My alternative practitioner also encouraged me to take this preparation. So I agreed and I don't regret it! It took three months for the silica gel to show results, but then the success was all the more remarkable. See for yourself - not a trace left of my hair shedding problem." And indeed: She had enviably full and shiny

At first I didn't pin much hope on the silica gel, having invested too much in my hair already in the past. But then, I had nothing to lose. So I went out to buy **Original Silicea Balsam** and started taking 15 millilitres daily. At first nothing happened. But as my friend had told me she had taken the product over several months, I persevered. And after about three or four months my hair actually did start to grow back. The new hairs were at first thin, but in time they became thicker and

the rest of my hair also felt much stronger. After about six months an acquaintance commented that my hair had a wonderful shine and that I looked healthy and content. That was when I finally ultimately realized that taking this product had been worthwhile. I had been waiting for decades for that kind of compliment and it wasn't to be the last — all that felt very, very good.

I have now been taking **Original Silicea Balsam** regularly for about three years — at first on a daily basis over a period of nine months. After that length of time, I had the beautiful hair I had been dreaming of all my life. Now all I need is a three-month silica gel treatment twice a year. I now wear my shoulder-length hair, strong and shiny, with pride. Also, my skin has become much firmer and elastic in those places where it tends to quickly become flabby in us women.

My friends now approach me without awkwardness and without taking that covert peep at my scalp. And my boss, too, is relieved. One day he took me aside and told me he had been worried about what impression my thinning hair might have on our customers. Of course, he was right. Our outward appearance creates a very specific impression, whether we like it or not.

My self-confidence and my zest for life have improved tremendously thanks to Original Silicea Balsam.

Today, I enjoy socializing with other people. My shyness has disappeared – though I am still frequently the object of surreptitious glances. And again it's because of my hair. But this time, I revel in those glances admiring my beautiful, healthy hair.

Whenever I meet acquaintances who have problems with their hair, I am only too happy to share my experience with that wonderful gel. Some of them have already seen an improvement, and some have already sent me thank you gifts."