

New and noteworthy happenings in the Connecticut design business



This pretty red barn only *looks* old. Actually it's Earthscapes Landscape Management & Development's brand-new studio and office building in Wilton. The eighteen-year-old company was careful to respect the aesthetics of the town, borrowing architectural clues from the area's antique barns and the historic Cannondale train station. Despite its old country-barn aesthetic, the new building incorporates all the most modern, state-of-art efficiencies.

New Canaan and Wilton, (203) 544-7500, www.escapesinc.com

You've heard of man caves, but Karp Associates has won a 2011 HOBI Award for an "adult cave." The New Canaan construction company earned Best Special Purpose Room accolades for transforming a couple's dark basement into a high-tech home theater and state-of-the-art wine cellar that both husband and wife love. Karp also took home an award for Best New Commercial Space (for Space NK Apothecary in New Canaan) and the Community Service Award for its renovations to the local YMCA. New Canaan, (203) 972-3366, www.karpassoc.com

In the corporate equivalent of the saying "two heads are better than one," Greenwich Contemporary Lighting and NuKitchens have formed a partnership that can only make the kitchen remodeling process easier than ever. The partnership offers expanded design resources and greater showroom space, including complete kitchen vignette lighting displays. Look for high-quality fixtures from Artemide, Foscarini, Bruck, Task Lighting, Fontana Arte, Tech Lighting, Willamette Lighting and the Modern Fan Company as well as extensive range of options including low voltage and LED lighting.

Norwalk, (203) 831-9000, www.nukitchens.com

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How best to celebrate a fortieth anniversary? For Thos. Moser, moving into a fifth decade means building more opportunity for people to get their hands on the company's beautiful hand-crafted furniture. This spring, the company opens its sixth and seventh new showrooms, in Philadelphia and a 2,150-square-foot one in Greenwich, to showcase its work, including Ellipse Living and Vintage, its two newest lines of furniture.

Greenwich, www.thosmoser.com

While you're waiting for your gardens to reach their full spring glory, take a walk through the 224 pages of gorgeous Connecticut gardens in *In The Garden*, a new book featuring the photography of Stacy Bass. Each of the eighteen chapters tells the story in words and pictures of a how an individual curator brought his or her vision of beauty to life, inspired by the lay of the land, a single blossom or a garden once glimpsed in a faraway place.

The book, due out in May, will be available in area bookstores.

www.stacybassphotography.com

Back in 1944, Winston Flowers began as a pushcart on Boston's Newbury Street. Today, the third generation of Winstons, brothers David and Ted, runs seven locations, including a brand-new one in the heart of Greenwich's vibrant shopping district—the company's first outside the Boston area. The 3,500-square-foot store offers the freshest flowers, of course, as well as custom floral design for the home and for weddings and other special events, signature gift baskets and garden design and installation.

Greenwich, (203) 622-4222, www.winstonflowers.com

