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New and noteworthy happenings in the Connecticut design business



THE MERIT-AWARD-WINNING DARIEN PROJECT BY ARTEMIS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

► The Connecticut chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects recently held its annual competition to honor the most talented landscape architects within the state's borders. Beauty is, of course, a characteristic of the winning projects, but the program looks deeper, seeking landscapes that encourage engagement while protecting natural resources and addressing environmental concerns. This year, **Artemis Landscape**

Architects swept the residential category, taking home an Honor Award for an environmentally sustainable beachfront landscape in Fairfield and a Merit Award for a series of seaside terraces at a Darien home. *Bridgeport, (203) 683-1808, artemisla.com*

► Happy thirty-fifth to **Wright Building Company**. Over the past three and a half decades, Chris Wright and his team

have built more than 100 houses across Fairfield County and New York's Westchester County, earning a reputation for fine craftsmanship and for standing at the forefront of emerging technologies and materials for building homes that are sensitive to the environment. *Norwalk, (203) 227-4134, wrightbuildingcompany.com*



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► It may be fashionable to work from home, but interior designer **Terri Ricci** is bucking that trend. After eight years



RICCI

of working out of her home, she is excited to commute to her new design studio in Norwalk's up-and-coming Wall Street Design District. She and her team



SCHWARTZ DESIGN SHOWROOM



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KEMPER GUNN HOUSE

► For those who can't get enough of hunting for beautiful things for the home, a whole new batch of shops and showrooms awaits. **Schwartz Design Showroom** has expanded from its Metuchen, New Jersey, base, opening a second location in Stamford. The to-the-trade showroom offers furniture, accessories, and fabrics from 150 high-end manufacturers. In Greenwich, **Oomph** has opened a showroom for both designers and the public, offering design advice and consultation. The shop plans

to hold several events, from art exhibits to talks by industry insiders. Fans of **Serena & Lily** will be delighted to know the stylish duo plan to open their newest shop in the restored Kemper Gunn house in Westport. The 1880s Queen Anne-style house will make a lovely backdrop for the fresh, colorful home furnishings the company is known for. *Stamford, (203) 817-0433, schwartzdesignshowroom.com; Greenwich, (203) 856-0541, oomphonline.com; Westport, (203) 518-8068, serenaandlily.com*

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love their airy, loft-like new space, where the decor reflects Ricci's own style of warmth, sophistication, and layered simplicity. The studio shares its building with Polart Group, a luxury renovation firm owned by Wesley Armatowski, who just happens to be Ricci's husband. *Norwalk, (203) 642-3202, terriricci.com*

► Peter Sciarretta, CEO of **Hemingway Construction**, is stepping out for a good cause. Sciarretta is lacing up his dancing shoes to help Curtain Call, a nonprofit theater company based in Stamford, raise funds through its ninth annual Dancing With The Stars event. This year, the May 14 event, where Sciarretta



SCIARRETTA AND SEGOVIA

will cut a rug in a freestyle hip-hop routine with professional dancer Jennifer Segovia, is sponsored by **Ring's End**, the high-end building-supply company with several locations in Fairfield County. *Greenwich, (203) 625-0566, hemingwayconstruction.com; (800) 390-1000, ringsend.com*

► **Nukitchens** didn't become a go-to place for kitchen design in Connecticut by resting on its laurels. Joseph Najmy



and his crew are always searching out the latest and best products. The company's newest venture is its partnership with Poggenpohl, the German firm known for its custom-crafted

luxury kitchens. Poggenpohl is showcased with its own design studio within the Nukitchens showroom. With this new addition to its product line, Najmy says, Nukitchens represents virtually every design option, "from value-based traditional styles to the high-end, unique, contemporary." *South Norwalk, (203) 831-9000, nukitchens.com* •

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