



## MEET OUR EXPERTS

### Connie Beale

of Connie Beale, Inc., is an architectural and interior designer in Greenwich.

### Laurel Bern

is the designer behind Goldens Bridge-based Laurel Bern Interiors.

### Libby Cameron

of Libby Cameron LLC, is an interior designer based in Larchmont.

### Gregory Allan Cramer

has an interior design and decoration business based in New Rochelle.

### Stacy Higgins

owns SoHo East, a home décor store in Dobbs Ferry.

### Jan Johnsen

is a principal of Johnsen Landscapes & Pools, a landscape design and construction firm in Bedford Hills.

### Chris Madden

is the CEO of Port Chester-based Chris Madden Inc., the home design company.

### Mark Mariani

is the man behind Armonk's Mariani Gardens, the garden and home décor store.

### Lyn Peterson

is the president and creative director of Motif Designs in Mount Vernon.

### Dianne Wells

is the owner of Waccabuc-based Dianne Wells Interiors, LLC.

### Georgene Mongarella

is the president and CEO of The Color Schemer Ltd. in Scarsdale.

### Phyllis Harbinger

is principal at Design Concepts/Interiors LLC in Cortlandt Manor.

### Susan Marocco

is the president/owner of Bedford's Susan Marocco Interiors, Inc.

### Kaja Gam

is the principal of Kaja Gam Design, Inc. in Ossining



Harbor View and the Antique and Artisan Center because it's instant gratification. You buy it and you take it home. If you make something custom, it's six to eight weeks, minimum."

—Gregory Allan Cramer

### BRIGGS HOUSE ANTIQUES

566 E Boston Post Rd, Mamaroneck  
(914) 381-0650, [briggshouse.com](http://briggshouse.com)

"They were one of the original Westchester antiques dealers. Owner Lorraine's outstanding good taste and extensive international travel mean that you're getting a very educated and diverse offering of old items and reproductions. It's an eclectic and entertaining mix, all in a stand-alone shop in a historic bank building. It's not over the top price-wise. You're not getting gouged. She's been in it too long to gouge you." —Lyn Peterson

### 1STDIBS.COM

With its comprehensive collection of furniture from dealers in New York, Paris, London, Miami, Los Angeles, and beyond, spanning the eighteenth to twentieth centuries, this website is a "great way to peruse the markets," all from the comfort of your living-room couch. —Susan Marocco

### HARBOR VIEW CENTER FOR ANTIQUES

101 Jefferson St, Stamford, CT  
(203) 325-8070  
[harborviewantiques.com](http://harborviewantiques.com)

"They have a huge variety of furniture and accessories; it takes a while to go through it all. It can be exhausting but you can find pretty decent things. You could furnish an entire house in the Stamford antiques district, depending on what you're looking for." —Libby Cameron

### LILLIAN AUGUST

32 Knight St, Norwalk, CT  
(203) 847-1596, [lillianaugust.com](http://lillianaugust.com)

For "very nice case goods—non-upholstered furniture such as tables and chairs—artwork and

accessories," visit this family-owned home-furnishings store.

—Dianne Wells

### SUBURBAN RENEWAL

1 Main St, Hastings-on-Hudson  
(914) 478-9421

"A revolving selection of antiques at great prices, all on consignment." —Stacy Higgins

### YELLOW MONKEY

792 Rte 35, Cross River  
(914) 763-5848, [yellowmonkey.com](http://yellowmonkey.com)

"A wonderful store filled with country antiques from the eighteen-hundreds to the nineteen-hundreds, mostly from Europe." —Stacy Higgins

### CONTEMPORARY/MODERN

### DESIGN WITHIN REACH

Various locations in New York and two in Fairfield, CT; [dwr.com](http://dwr.com)

"A lot of this company's inventory is in the vein of Knoll furniture—nice things, interesting light fixtures." —Libby Cameron

### EB HOME

200 E Main St, Mount Kisco  
(914) 242-7278; [ebhome.com](http://ebhome.com)

"Step into this shop and you may feel like you want to move in. Modern furniture in a warm setting—a wonderful store."

—Stacy Higgins

### MAXINE SNIDER INC.

[maxinesniderinc.com](http://maxinesniderinc.com)

"One of my favorite transitional designers with a look to fifties Scandinavian modern, Art Deco, and Empire styles, in which clean lines and form were of an essence. Snider's furniture can blend into any eclectic mix and stand strong on its own. Maxine Snider's Annika tray table and Paris writing table are heirlooms-to-be."

—Kaja Gam

### FURNITURE BARGAINS

### ABC CARPET & HOME OUTLET

1055 Bronx River Ave, Bronx, NY  
(718) 842-8772, [abchome.com](http://abchome.com)

From selecting a sumptuous sofa to trawling for a top-notch tiler, navigating the home-décor market can be daunting indeed. So we asked the area's top design gurus for a peek into their Rolodexes. The result? The best home design resources from Westchester to the web.

## FURNITURE

### ALL STYLES

#### 📍 C&C AUCTION GALLERY

20 North Ave, Larchmont  
(914) 833-8336; [ccauctiongallery.com](http://ccauctiongallery.com)  
"This gallery is a hit-or-miss mix but has great finds and great prices. I found three very nice De Angelis upholstered armchairs and bought them all for eighteen-hundred dollars, versus seven-thousand dollars-plus for each new—and they barely had been used. They're good about sending out postcards to let you know about preview dates."

—Libby Cameron

#### 📍 1STDIBS.COM

"They have just about anything you can imagine, and at very good prices. Every day they put new things on their website, from junk to good furniture. You have to be brave enough to really trust your eye without touching it and feeling it. There are some great light fixtures, interesting chairs in fun shapes, and nice upholstered chairs."

—Libby Cameron

#### 📍 GUILD ANTIQUES

384 Greenwich Ave, Greenwich, CT  
(203) 869-0828; [guildantiques.com](http://guildantiques.com)  
"They're an English antiques shop, more traditional, and they have pretty things: pretty tables, very pretty wooden pieces, and some reproductions."

—Libby Cameron

#### 📍 RINFRET HOME & GARDEN

354 Greenwich Ave, Greenwich, CT  
(203) 622-0000; [rinfretltd.com](http://rinfretltd.com)  
"Recently, I needed a few great accessories and pieces to refresh and restyle my home. A trip to Rinfret provided just what I needed. Cindy Rinfret's decorative pieces work so beautifully in my one-hundred-year-old carriage house."

—Chris Madden

#### 📍 SAFAVIEH HOME FURNISHINGS

120 S Central Ave, Hartsdale  
(914) 681-6000; [safaviehome.com](http://safaviehome.com)  
"Great for case goods, upholstery, and accessory items."

—Dianne Wells

#### 📍 STICKLEY, AUDI & CO.

50 Tarrytown Rd, White Plains  
(914) 948-6333; [stickleyaudi.com](http://stickleyaudi.com)  
This Westchester outpost of the Mission furniture giant boasts a "beautiful open-plan showroom flooded with natural light, and a good basement sale section filled with bargains," largely year-round.

—Lyn Peterson

### ANTIQUE

#### 📍 THE ANTIQUE AND ARTISAN CENTER

69 Jefferson St, Stamford, CT  
(203) 327-6022; [stamfordantiques.com](http://stamfordantiques.com)  
"I love buying antiques at

#### 📍 CRATE & BARREL

The Westchester, 125 Westchester Ave, White Plains  
914-682-0900; [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)

“Generally, I use to-the-trade resources in **New York City**, but, on occasion, I have found some **terrific pieces** at Crate & Barrel to fill in the blanks on certain **projects**. Crate & Barrel has a fabulous **floor mirror**—over scale in various finishes—that really looks **outstanding** and expands **the space of a room**.”

—Phyllis Harbinger

### UHW

535 Hope St, Stamford, CT  
(203) 348-5371  
unitedhousewrecking.com

A 36,500-square-foot emporium of architectural gems (mantels, stained glass, newel posts) salvaged from old homes, antiques, and new and reproduction furniture. "I discovered this great place while doing an *Oprah* segment as her design correspondent and we showed on-air how to select an unusual headboard. This was just the place to find them!" —Chris Madden

### TRADITIONAL

#### DREXEL HERITAGE

130 S Central Ave, Hartsdale  
(914) 684-0001; drexelheritage.com

"I have found some interesting occasional pieces here, including a small hand-painted and silver-leafed side table in the chinoiserie style."

—Phyllis Harbinger

#### KNOCK ON WOOD ANTIQUES

355 Post Rd, Darien, CT  
(203) 655-9031

knock-on-wood-antiques.com

"This shop sells mostly fine furniture, and some Swedish pieces. They have reproduction stuff as well—chairs and tables. If you need a big pine table or coffee table, they'll have it."

—Libby Cameron

#### LILLIAN AUGUST

32 Knight St, Norwalk, CT  
(203) 847-1596; lillianaugust.com

"I am not a big fan of traditional furniture, but this store has the most interesting mix. It's not like Ethan Allen-traditional. It's more refined. They have European furniture. It's not really frilly—just clean, traditional pieces." —Stacy Higgins

#### WILLIAMS-SONOMA HOME

wshome.com  
This is a high-end Pottery Barn catalog with a wide range of fabrics. "These are high-end, sophisticated furnishings, all beautifully coordinated and very nice-looking." —Laurel Bern



### EXPO DESIGN CENTER

8 Joyce Rd, New Rochelle, (914) 637-5600, expo.com

“If you are **on a budget** or need something in stock, try The **Home Depot Expo** in New Rochelle. It's been a **lifesaver** when we need something **quick**.”

—Phyllis Harbinger

## MARBLE, TILE & GRANITE

#### CERAMIC DESIGN LTD.

26 Bruce Park Ave, Greenwich, CT  
(203) 869-8800  
ceramicdesignltd.com

"This shop has a nice variety of glass tiles—plus a really interesting, very practical selection of natural materials, stone, marble, and granite. When you don't want something so complicated it makes your eyes spin, this is the place. They have straightforward mosaic materials in pretty stones and colors."

—Connie Beale

#### COUNTRY FLOORS, INC.

12 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich CT, (203) 862-9900  
countryfloors.com

"This shop has wonderful hand-painted tiles for kitchen backsplashes."

—Susan Marocco

#### EASTERN STONE FABRICATORS

52 Cottage St, Port Chester  
(914) 937-2100  
26 Valley Pl, Larchmont  
(914) 637-3600, easternstoneny.com

"They're just nice to deal with—a small shop but very accommodating."

—Libby Cameron

#### EUROSTYLE MARBLE & GRANITE INC.

203 N Highland Ave, Ossining  
(914) 941-3778  
eurostylegranite.com

"They have expanded to two additional showrooms in Putnam and Dutchess Counties and have a nice selection of slabs with a very quick turnaround from template to installation."

—Phyllis Harbinger

#### MARBLE AMERICA

517 5th Ave, New Rochelle  
(914) 632-3110  
309 N Bedford Rd, Mount Kisco,  
(914) 242-0484  
marbleamerica.net

"Nicole Sirchia is just a great, always-available salesperson. She's on top of it. She moves with the speed of a multi-tasking mother, firing on all pistons. It's good quality work, too."

—Lyn Peterson

#### MILLENNIUM STONE

1 Mill St, Port Chester  
(914) 939-0990  
millenniumstoneltd.com

"Fabricator Jim Spader brings artistry to the installation of stone. Nobody sees the way a stone will lay out better than he does. He has an artistic eye and will maximize the markings and movement of your stone. If there's a freckle, he'll figure out where you'll put your Cusinart to hide it. He's a rare combination of technical ability and artistry."

—Lyn Peterson

#### RYE RIDGE TILE HOME COLLECTIONS

520 N Main St, Port Chester  
(914) 939-1100

"They let you go into the stone yard to select your own marble slab for a project. It's so fun to see all of those cuts of stone and think, 'This could be my next vanity!'" —Chris Madden

#### SAM'S CERAMIC & STONE, INC.

307 Central Ave, White Plains  
(914) 328-3030

"Sam's has a wide array of tiles, granite, and marble to choose

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**ARTISTIC TILE**

5 Tarrytown Rd, White Plains, 914-422-0041, [artistictile.com](http://artistictile.com)

Artistic Tile is a **landmark** in Westchester County. They have the most **sophisticated blend** of modern and **traditional tiles** and always showcase the newest trends in their **lovely showroom** in White Plains.

—Phyllis Harbinger



from. The shop will often send you to look at the entire slab of granite or marble to see the actual color and veining.”

—Georgene Mongarella

**TERRA TILE & MARBLE**

525 N State Rd, Briarcliff Manor  
(914) 923-4295

terratileandmarble.com

“Terra Tile’s tile-design people are wonderful; extraordinarily helpful. They provide drawings and sketches showing how the tiles will lay out.” —Jan Johnsen

**WESTCHESTER TILE & MARBLE**

170 Brook St, Scarsdale  
(914) 725-4355, westchestertile.com

“I love the folks at Westchester Tile & Marble. They have something for every budget and their customer service and lead times are terrific.” —Phyllis Harbinger

What Are Some of Your  
**FAVORITE**  
SOURCES  
and for What?

For outdoor awnings, **GREGORY SAHAGIAN & SON INC.**, 18 N Central Ave, Hartsdale, (914) 949-9877, gssawning.com. “I called Greg and he came over, measured and delivered a beautiful awning for our back patio in record time—and gave my house the same awnings as the Ritz in Paris!”

—Chris Madden

**PIER 1**, for candles and small artifacts like mirrors and tables, abstract metal art, “and wonderful candlesticks, little animal figurines, and accessories.”

—Georgene Mongarella

“I go to **MELITA’S** in Ossining (127 Main St, 914-923-0351) for eclectic finds in both furniture, tabletop and accessories. There is always something new and her prices are terrific.”

—Kaja Garn

“**MICHAEL GOLIA, BMJ DESIGN**, New Rochelle, (914) 299-4230, for custom glass mirrors and shower doors. He’s wonderful. He always shows up on time and does what he says he’s going to do.”

—Gregory Allan Cramer



**FINE ART**

**BACKSTREET GALLERY & FRAMING**

43 Lawton St, New Rochelle  
(914) 636-1166

backstreetgallery.com

“Ivar Hyden does elegant, fabulous, custom framing at great prices. Anybody can be a framer, but if a framer is also an artist, which he is, you bring something else to the framing table. If you want a frame to match your home or your personality, then you go to Ivar.”

—Gregory Allan Cramer

**J. POCKER & SON**

65 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville  
(914) 337-7100, jpocker.com

“They frame as well as sell prints.” —Libby Cameron

**KENISE BARNES FINE ART**

1955 Palmer Ave, Larchmont  
(914) 834-8077, kbfa.com

“The gallery exhibits a contemporary, rotating selection. I bought a Tricia Wright piece for my home here.” —Stacy Higgins

**MOUNT KISCO FRAME SHOP**

255 N Bedford Rd, Mount Kisco  
(914) 666-3344

mountkiscoframeshop.com

They do “a superb job with their framing, and they have such a large selection of merchandise from which to choose. They are always on time and very easy to work with.” —Dianne Wells

**TROWBRIDGE GALLERY**

trowbridgegallery.com

“They have a good selection with great frame options.”

—Dianne Wells



**DECORATIVE OBJECTS**

**COCOBOLO INC.**

37 Maple Ave, Armonk  
(914) 273-4485, cocoboloarmonk.com

“They have a little bit of everything: candlesticks, footstools, ottomans, candles, picture frames, scented soaps, decor-

What do you think is the  
**Number One Color**

(other than white) that’s a forever: a perennial favorite from the past that’s still great now and will never go out of style?

“Green—rejuvenating, restorative green—makes us feel better. Time passes faster, or it seems to, in a green room. And green, because it’s composed of a warm—yellow—and a cool—blue—color, is a good neighbor to all other colors.”

—Lyn Peterson

“Gold tones. They keep the environment in a warm hue—and that’s always very good for the psyche.”

—Georgene Mongarella

“There are certain shades of yellows and gold that always look outstanding. And certain taupes are favorites of mine. They complement most colors. Variations of taupe always look warm and rich.”

—Dianne Wells

“Champagne and black.”

—Chris Madden

“That lovely shade of lobster bisque—a coraly melon color.”

—Libby Cameron

“Lacquer red. I’ve never seen it go out of fashion, whether a whole room is done in it or just an accent on a table. It’s a color that always works.”

—Connie Beale

“Blue is the easiest color to live with. People like to deal with an easy color.”

—Gregory Allan Cramer



ative wastebaskets, magazine holders. They have a great selection and that’s hard to find without going into Manhattan or using a catalog. And they’re reasonably priced. Rarely do I walk into a place where I see everything I like. This is one of those places.” —Dianne Wells

**GLOBAL GATHERINGS**

156 S Central Ave, Hartsdale  
(914) 683-1833

It’s actually a store and a restaurant, with a similarly global menu. Everything that you eat with and on is for sale, from the plates to the chairs to the tables. It offers “an eclectic mix of objets d’art, several with an Eastern influence, from lamps to Buddhas.”

—Stacy Higgins

**HORCHOW**

horchow.com

“It’s a very cool catalog for

traditional and unusual accents, furnishings, linens, lighting, and decorative artwork. And the nice thing about companies like this is that if you really don’t like something, they’ll take it back.” —Laurel Bern

**VALERY’S**

1 Big Shop Lane, Ridgefield, CT  
(203) 431-4759

“Valery’s designs all my silk floral arrangements. Valery is amazing, incredibly talented and skilled, and easy to work with. She has wonderful decorative and accessory items, enjoys a great reputation, and is always eager to please her clients.”

—Dianne Wells

**WISTERIA**

wisteria.com

“They have old things, new things, and whimsical things, as well as rugs and furniture. It’s a great catalog.” —Libby Cameron