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above: In Barbara Sallick's latest book, stunning photographs of world-class kitchens, personal anecdotes and essays by renowned food experts await.



above: Barbara Sallick

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Now that we are all sequestered in our homes, we're being forced to reckon with the design and function of our kitchens like never before. Unwittingly, you're gaining knowledge you can act on: Are there any updates that could make a real difference in the space? Remember, the kitchen is the pivotal space for the family—a telephone room, study hall, media room, office and game room all rolled into one—not to mention a place to prepare meals.

I hope my book *The Perfect Kitchen* will help you think about the emotional experience you want to create in your own kitchen, and make it easy (and even fun) to get there, in a space that is truly your own.

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KITCHEN MATTERS

THE LATEST BOOK BY THE **WATERWORKS** CO-FOUNDER IS GUARANTEED TO INSPIRE

If you truly want to create the perfect kitchen, don't miss this new book by Barbara Sallick, an icon of American design for over four decades and the co-founder of Waterworks, the premier luxury kitchen and bath brand, and the company's senior vice president of design. In *The Perfect Kitchen* (Rizzoli New York; \$55), Sallick invites you to settle in and think about what's most important to you in your kitchen and the result you want to achieve. Key to any successful kitchen design is vision, and in her own inimitable way, Sallick sets you up for success.

It all starts with balancing the feeling you want to create in your kitchen with the

experience you want it to be. To help you get into that mindset, Sallick brings together photographs of world-class kitchens from notable interior designers and architects, along with personal anecdotes and essays by renowned food experts. Written in an engaging, informal tone, this book guarantees that when you walk into your final kitchen, you'll feel perfectly at home.

The Perfect Kitchen doesn't tell you how to negotiate with a contractor or what measurement your drawers should be—there are plenty of detailed books for that. Instead, it takes your mind on a journey of inspiration and emotion that's indispensable, and that no other book comes close to.

Seating Be-Stowed



Nordic-meets-California seating SHOWROOM opens in Westport

Former Wall Street lawyer-turned-serial entrepreneur Elissia Sigalow didn't set out to start STOWED, much less find a new way to make and ship furniture. After leaving the finance world to start and sell her own business, she was in the midst of slowing to an "almost pause" to focus on her family and their under-construction new home. Not finding ample readily available, well-made pieces from U.S. retailers that fit the Nordic-meets-California cool look she loved, Sigalow decided to source her own.

What happened next was an odyssey that led her around the world as she called on hundreds of suppliers and met with manufacturers to create the pieces she wanted. Before long, Sigalow had set up what she then realized was an entire supply chain for making and shipping furniture. Not only had she figured out a way to create the look she wanted in her own home, she'd also accidentally built the foundation for the business that became STOWED.

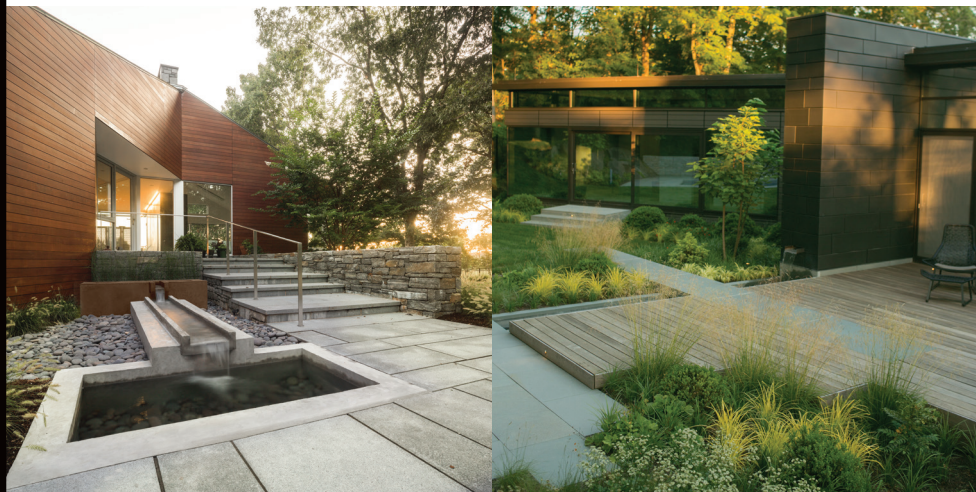
STOWED delivers seating that is casual but luxurious. The handmade furniture is a soothing backdrop for everyday life, and it fits seamlessly into your world as it evolves. Imbued with cool Nordic inspiration and an eye for versatility, dining chairs easily become accent seating, and stools graduate to side tables. Each handcrafted wooden and upholstered piece is designed and built to be just as loved in forty years as it is today.

Sigalow also saw an opportunity to tackle a pervasive, industry-wide challenge: the last-mile delivery problem. With a "try on" model of an ottoman (delivered for free), customers can shop without leaving home. Because STOWED's designer-quality products are light and easy to assemble, all orders are delivered via FedEx, which avoids in-home delivery and professional set-up. 170 Post Road West, Westport; 203-349-5867; stowedhome.com



AWARD WINNING

THREE **LOCAL LANDSCAPE FIRMS** ARE
RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE



above and below: The winning projects from Artemis Landscape Architects (above left); James Doyle Design Associates (above right); and Janice Parker Landscape Architects (below).

The Connecticut Chapter of the **American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA)** recently announced the winners of the 2020 Connecticut Professional Awards competition, recognizing excellence in landscape architectural design, planning and analysis, communication and research. Applicants must be a landscape architect or designer in Connecticut, and the entrant or project location must be based in Connecticut. CTASLA also included Student Awards this year for the first time, inviting eligible students to submit scholastic work for peer review.

The winners of the competition included those in the Landscape Architectural Design/Residential category. **Artemis Landscape Architects** from Sandy Hook won the Honor Award for its Coastal Contemporary Landscape project in Westport; **James Doyle Design Associates** in Greenwich won the Merit Award for its Greenwich Modern project in Greenwich; **Janice Parker Landscape Architects** in

Greenwich won the Merit Award for its Private Eden project in Redding; and Anne Penniman Associates in Essex won the Merit Award for its Re-envisioning a Hamptons Landscape project in Southampton, New York. For a full list of winners, visit ctasla.org.

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is the national professional association for landscape architects. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication and fellowship. To learn more about the Connecticut Chapter, visit ctasla.org.



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ART OF DESIGN

LARS BOLANDER OPENS A NEW RETAIL LOCATION IN **WESTPORT**



Acclaimed interior designer Lars Bolander has brought his signature eclectic elegance to Connecticut with a newly opened shop at 1300 Post Road East in Westport. The creative and artistic scene and varied cultural vibe of the town were an easy draw for Bolander, as was its proximity to New York City. The 2,600-square-foot space encapsulates the vision of accessible grandeur Bolander had for the shop and features both indoor and outdoor space.

The shop offers a mix of contemporary furniture, textiles and decorative accessories from all over the world; the melding of different arts is a signature of Bolander's work. Umbrellas from Bali, Thai elephant stands, Chinese lacquered pieces and rugs from Indonesia all sit in harmony among Austrian modern furniture, French columns and Italian paintings. A mix of 19th-century Scandinavian and other European antiques will also be featured alongside Swedish pieces, both Gustavian and modern. Bolander commissions various painters, printmakers and sculptors for works and offers custom designs.

While temporarily closed, the retail shop is available by phone at 203-292-6886 or email at chris@larsbolander.com. 1300 Post Road East, Westport; larsbolander.com

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Stephanie Rapp,
chair of PWB

Building Business

A professional women's council is making its mark

The **Professional Women in Building Council (PWB)**, within the **Home Builders and Remodelers Association (HBRA) of Fairfield County**, is dedicated to supporting the professional development of women within the home building industry. Its members include builders, architects, interior designers, stagers, building industry suppliers and support service providers such as financial lenders and marketing services.

Stephanie Rapp, the current chair of the PWB and principal of Stephanie Rapp Interiors, says the group's mission is to "offer its membership an edge through peer support, networking and professional development, as women in the building industry have specialized interests and unique challenges." Giving back to the community through charitable works and mentoring is also a current goal taking on an expanded role.



The current PWB board members

Beginning as a women's networking group in January 2018 with twenty-eight charter members, the PWB currently boasts seventy-two members and has been recognized by the HBRA nationally as the largest and fastest-growing PWB group in the country. Members have also gained benefits through project collaborations. Most recently, the 2019 *This Old House* Idea House in New Canaan built by Karp Associates, whose director of design and residential construction is PWB board

member Robin Carroll, showcased the use of innovative building materials and methods in constructing a modern home. To help accomplish this goal, ten additional PWB members collaborated on the project.

During the current pandemic crisis, the PWB continues to reach out to members through a dissemination of pertinent information as well as phone calls and emails, and provides value through remote presentations, networking sessions and organizing to reach out to those with immediate needs.

In addition to Rapp and Carroll, current board members include Emilia Ferri of Emilia Ferri Architecture + Design, Lisa Bancroft of Fairfield County Bank, Peggy Rubens-Duhl of Fresh Architect, Tarra Del Chiaro of Accurate Lock & Hardware, and Angela Legg of Go Live X. **To learn more about the HBRA and the PWB, visit buildfairfieldcounty.com.**

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