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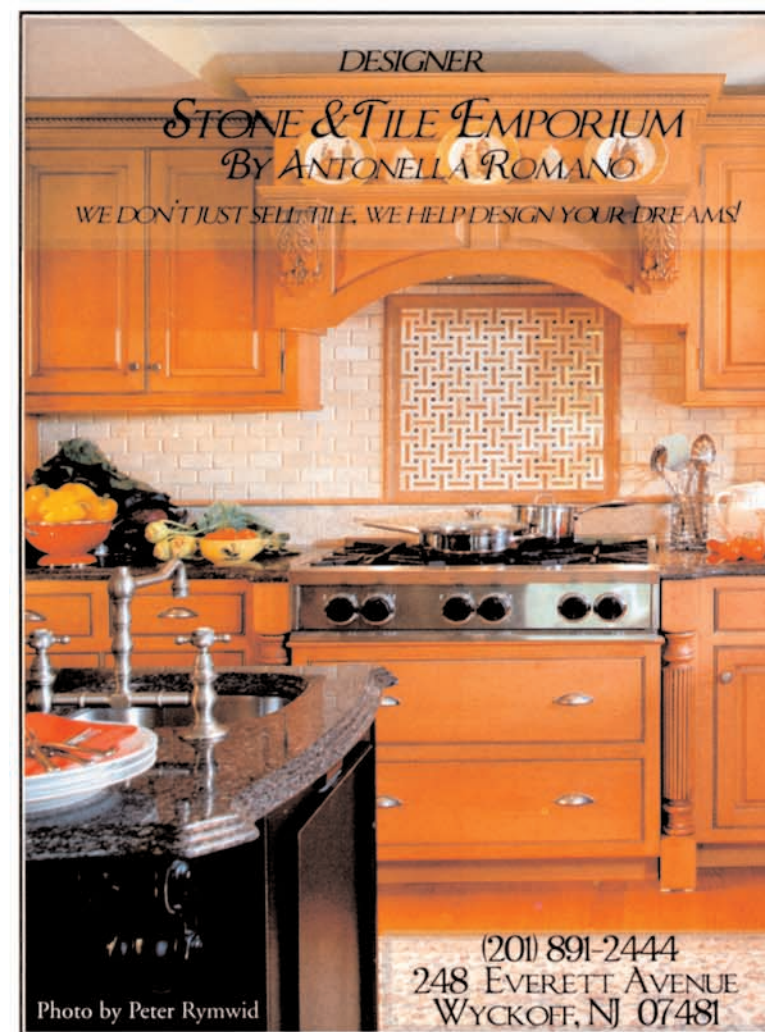
The creativity behind the 2006 Designer Showhouse of New Jersey

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More than 20 professionals pool their talents to create a masterpiece in interior design and landscaping for a modern-day mansion in Saddle River. Turn the page to discover the diverse experience and inspiration of these seasoned professionals. ►



## STONE & TILE EMPORIUM

By ANTONELLA ROMANO

It's no surprise to know that Antonella Romano's new showroom in Wyckoff has been an overnight success with homeowners, builders and architects. For more than 20 years, Antonella has been serving her clients with professional, knowledgeable, and personalized service. She has a B.A. in Interior Design.

When working with her clients, Antonella offers free Cad drawings, and at home consultations when available.

Antonella has worked on numerous commercial and residential projects, as well as many celebrity homes.

Also, for many years now she has been writing articles on tile and stone for the magazine, *Kitchens*, by professional designers. Her most recent article will be published in the new October issue.

Stone & Tile Emporium is located at 248 Everett Avenue in Wyckoff.

For more information, call (201) 891-2444.

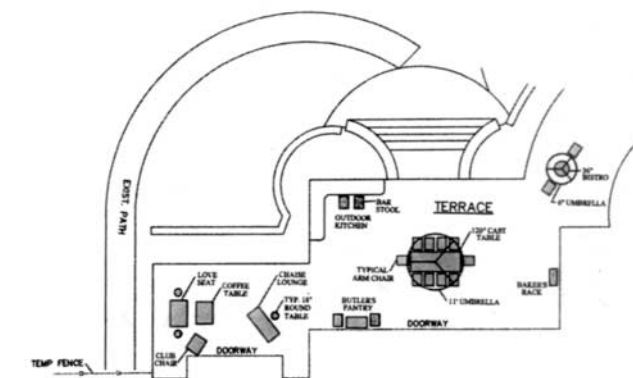


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### ROBIN NOWICKI

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THE OUTDOOR PATIO



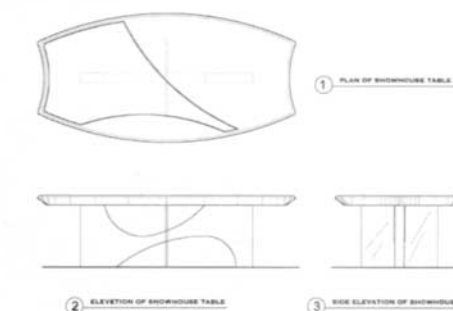
After working for more than a decade as a Wall Street Portfolio Manager, Robin Nowicki decided to start her own business, Robin's Nest Home and Patio, LLC. "I wanted to spend more time with my two young children and pursue a creative career," she recalls. Inspired by her mother, who was an interior designer, Robin became a sales representative for several furniture manufacturers. One of her customers asked if she sold patio furniture. Initially, Robin dismissed the request, but realized it was an opportunity to capitalize on an untouched area of the business.

Robin's Nest Home and Patio was created in 1998 to fill a void in the specialized niche of outdoor furnishings. Robin expanded the idea to include personalized consultations on all decisions relating to outdoor spaces. "I personally visit a client's home, discuss their outdoor lifestyle and select furniture and fabrics based on their needs," she says. Robin will collaborate with a client's landscape architect, interior designer or landscape contractor to facilitate coordination of the outdoor space.

Robin's Nest carries lines such as Cast Classics, Woodard, Lane Venture, Tucci and Winston by Brown Jordan, Intl. In addition to residential clients, her services are available to restaurants, nursing homes, and adult communities.

### DIANE PAPARO

DIANE PAPARO ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK CITY  
THE KITCHEN



Diane Paparo majored in Fine Arts at Keystone College in Pennsylvania and Interior Design at Syracuse University. Twenty-five years ago she began her career at a major architectural firm that specialized in large corporate projects. "I designed offices for Revlon, IBM, IT&T and Grumman Aerospace," recalls Paparo.

In 1982, she established Diane Paparo Associates. "My primary interest was in commercial spaces until the CEOs of major companies began approaching me to design their personal residences," she says. Currently, half her residential clientele is located in New Jersey. She recently completed a penthouse apartment at Manhattan's Beacon Court and a large home in Aspen.

The successful business is currently expanding into the realm of product design. Diane Paparo Studio was launched in 2005, and includes a full range of to-the-trade furniture and a collection of bed linens, towels and tabletop accessories sold through the Casa del Bianco shop on Lexington Avenue.