

THE ART OF PAIRING UPHOLSTERY AND RUGS

Robert Allen Long Island Showroom Hosts Cocktails and Conversation

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Long Island designers packed the Robert Allen showroom for an evening of networking and education.

With over 130 SKUs and a color palette comprised of Tea, Patina and Brass, Robert Allen's new Gilded Color Fabric Collection celebrates the range of techniques found in couture garment construction. Beaded embroidery, cut velvets, watercolor prints and more are rendered in patterns that draw from Art Nouveau and Jazz Age textile sources.

Designer Rugs and Carpet by Peykar in Syosset, NY has custom-designed a selection of rugs to coordinate with these fabrics. On October 26, ASID NY Metro celebrated this new partnership at the Robert Allen Group Showroom in Woodbury, NY.

Long Island designers mingled with ASID's NY Metro Chapter Board Members and the new Long Island liaison, Jackie Higgins of Beach Glass Interiors, who has taken over the position formerly held by Kim Hendrickson-Radovich, ASID NY Metro President-Elect.

In her opening remarks, Nina Belczynski, Showroom Manager at The Robert Allen Group, stressed the breadth of choices offered in this new textile collection. "We have a close relationship between our design team and our mills. No one else has those colors." The Gilded Collection's Tea color is the grown-up sister to 2016's Blush color. "That's our grown-up toasted almond shade—from a saturated tea stain to a bright glow of copper. It's a neutral that's equal part organic and luxurious," Belczynski said.

Robert Hakimi, Owner and Operating Manager of Designer Rugs and Carpet by Peykar, added "I really love Robert Allen and the inspiration they bring to color. I know designers love fabrics and I notice a lot of times you start with the fabric; so from the fabric came the inspiration for these rugs. We had [Robert Allen's] fabric mill dye the yarn for us to match." Most of the coordinating rugs are available in custom sizes. Best of all, according to Hakimi, the rug will be ready by the time the couch comes in.

ASID NY Metro President-Elect Kim Hendrickson-Radovich, principal of Kim Hendrickson-Radovich Interiors, remarked that selecting a rug can be an arduous task. "You want the project wrapped up in a timely manner. In this day and age our clients don't want to wait for anything. So I think this is just brilliant. If you know in advance, you can include the rug in your presentation with the fabric, and this rug will be ready for you at the same time the furniture is coming in. That will help you sell the job."

Radovich also said that she used to be terrified of mixing metals, but now she wears a gold bracelet and a silver cuff. "We're pushing the envelope in our design work too. We're mixing metals and it works." ■



Kim Hendrickson-Radovich, Jackie Higgins, Robert Hakimi and Nina Belczynski.



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