

# Marilyn Rose celebrates a milestone

## *Reflections on a twenty-five year career in interior design*

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**A**s a designer whose work has graced, among other places, the Tri-state area and Florida, Marilyn Rose recently shared her thoughts as she reached the twenty-five year mark in her distinguished career.

According to Ms. Rose, "It's been an exciting ride, and I'm very grateful - especially to my clients. They've made it possible for me to spend the past twenty-five years doing work I love. Beyond that, many of my clients and professional associates have become my personal friends. I couldn't ask for more."

Marilyn Rose opened her first studio in Cold Spring Harbor and later moved to her present location in Locust Valley, where she also has a shop featuring unique furniture and accessories. Ms. Rose explained, "Opening each studio was a major step - an exciting time of growth. I look back on those times fondly."

**Throughout her career, Ms. Rose has found that communication is an important key to enduring success. "I've learned a great deal from listening to my clients and potential clients. For example, they've helped me realize that some people assume that I'd**



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**be too expensive to work with or that I only do large, formal projects. I've had to work to dispel such myths because, in truth, I'm no more expensive than any other qualified interior designer and throughout my career, I've always done projects of all sizes, types and styles."**

Ms. Rose pointed out that, to offer further flexibility and accessibility to clients, she has established her Options program and Accessories ala Carte.

Ms. Rose also expressed how important being able to respond to changing times has

been for her. "Starting out years ago, I couldn't have even imagined that I would one day launch a website - which has now become an important aspect of our business. As we move forward, we will continue to adapt to changing times and lifestyles. For example, in recent years, I've worked with an increasing number of young clients who, in contrast to the ever-faster pace of life, want to establish very relaxed and family-friendly environments in their homes. I expect that trend to continue in the future," she said.

Believing that her work must be a reflection of clients' needs, desires and tastes - coupled with her own professional vision and skills - Marilyn Rose has collaborated with her clients to successfully create comfortable, attractive and individually tailored environments.

In looking back on the past twenty-five years, Ms. Rose said she had one thought in mind - the desire to express her gratitude to all of her clients, "Thank you for your support and loyalty all these years - I look forward to working with you for a long time to come." ■