

# Business News

## The Red Shutters displays New York style with local values

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**WARWICK** - County Executive Ed Diana traveled to Warwick on Aug. 20, to join local officials for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new location, 28 Railroad Avenue, of Marina Case Alario's interior design business, The Red Shutters.

During the brief ceremony Diana praised Alario's valuable service to Orange County United Way among other organizations.

Founded in 1950, The Red Shutters is one of America's longest-lived interior design practices.

Chicago decorator Anna Bertolini founded the company and served as its chief designer for more than 20 years. In 1975, her son Michael Bertolini, whom many local residents know as curator for the Historical Society of the Town of Warwick, succeeded her. He moved the company, first to Manhattan and then to Warwick.

In 1999, Alario acquired the firm and became its third chief designer and owner. And last November she moved Red Shut-

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ters to its current location.

A native of Manhattan, Alario attended New York University and then received her masters degree in organizational communications from the State University at Albany. As her interest in design and decorating grew, she returned to New York City to study at the New York School of Interior Design.

Alario stated that her key principles for design include combining fine New York style with warm local values.

In addition to a wide array of sale items, numerous services and products offered by The Red Shutters include curtains, blinds, wallpaper, upholstery, reproduction furniture, antiques and color consults.

The Red Shutters also offers custom hand made furniture as well as name brands from Baker, Hickory Chair, Smith and Watson, Stanley Furniture, Southwood, Wood and Hogan among others.



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**Ribbon cutting at the Red Shutters: From left, Warwick Mayor Michael Newhard, Orange County Executive Ed Diana, owner/designer Marina Case Alario with her son Alex and Michael Johndrow, executive director of the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce.**

"People tell me this is their favorite store in town," said Alario. "I'm really excited."

The Red Shutters is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Wednesday through Sunday. For

additional information call 988-1840 or visit [www.TheRedShutters.com](http://www.TheRedShutters.com).