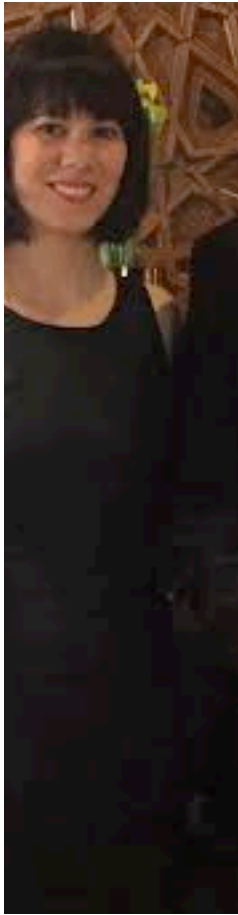


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## Ruggiero Shows His Sunbrella Collections to New England! *New fabrics and furniture to present to local design firms and retailers.*

Once again designer Joe Ruggiero boarded his “star ship” to travel to : Hartford, Old Saybrook Connecticut, Newport Rhode Island and historic Boston, Massachusetts to present his **Sunbrella** Collections for **Miles Talbott** and New Introductions from the **April High Point Furniture Market**; including the New wood pieces for **Gat Creek**. *“Performance fabrics for interior spaces is one of the most underutilized design secrets,”* Ruggiero mentioned in his presentations. *“The technology behind Sunbrella fabrics has increased tenfold in the last decade, resulting in textiles that are soft*

*and artistically woven, while still carrying the performance qualities that the brand has become famous for.”* Traveling with Ruggiero were Marcia Blake, representing Sunbrella and Bob Metsch, Sales Representative for Miles Talbott and the MT Company. *(Photo Top Right, standing)* Nancy B. Zwiener & Richard L. Ott Principals of **Design Source, Connecticut** and Management. *(photo top left)* Katie Hooper of **Cabot House Interiors, Warwick, Rhode Island**. Katie’s event was held at the Castle Hill Inn in Newport. *(pictured bottom left)* Seated with Joe is Victoria Vandamm, Interior

Designer attending the event at **The Shops at Saybrook Country Barn, Old Saybrook, Connecticut**. The final stop was in Boston at **The Commonwealth Hotel**. For more than 15 years, Ruggiero has been traveling the country giving presentations to fellow designers. Ruggiero continues his passion for **Sunbrella** performance fabrics for interior spaces—a design trend that is beginning to amass interest from those looking for the best in both design and performance. *“These Presentations give me the opportunity to present the latest of my fabric designs.”*

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