As a locally grown, locally owned company, SRQ Media Group pays tribute to our community's visionary local businesses and the people behind them who work hard to create economic opportunities every day on the Gulf Coast of Florida.



"We feel fortunate to be able to encourage and motivate our artists to explore their passions and talents. In turn, they inspire us, our team and the local community." - NIKKI AND MONTANA



## **530 BURNS GALLERY**

A FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS, 530 BURNS GALLERY OPENED ITS DOORS IN 2009 to provide a platform for artists and jewelry designers to exhibit their work and connect with collectors and the art community. 530 Burns curates a unique group of 45 talented, contemporary regional and national artists. The gallery space is reminiscent of a well-appointed home—including large and comfy leather chairs, hardwood floors and a fireplace. Operating the gallery as a mother-daughter partnership, Nikki Sedacca and Montana Taplinger have a mutual and deep appreciation for art and fashion in multiple mediums. With a family background in the arts, Nikki has made her living pursuing her passion in both textiles and art jewelry design for the past 30 years. Montana brings her communications, marketing and business administration skills as a graduate of the University of Florida's prestigious College of Journalism and Communications.

Knowledgeable and talented gallery staff makes each trip to 530 Burns informative and exciting. They gladly offer individual design consultations in clients' homes and deliver and install chosen pieces upon request. Robert Day's expert eye for design, Laveda Kesling's experience as a gemologist, Molly Lindberg's BA in Art History, and Annette Ng's accounting and finance expertise complement each other to form an inspiring team. 530 Burns Gallery makes art accessible and the community more beautiful. By providing real art for real people, the gallery supports local artists and gives them a venue to continue exploring their talents and passions.





"In our store, they learn that they can have direct impact on a life halfway around the world through their shopping dollars." - PRESIDENT SANDY RAMSEY

### **ARTISANS' WORLD MARKETPLACE**

ARTISANS' WORLD MARKETPLACE PROVIDES A CONCRETE WAY TO RESPOND TO THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS of poverty, hunger and the environment. They encourage and welcome you to experience the unique art and positive change being made in the world. By serving as a not-for-profit retail outlet for fairly traded goods from around the globe, Artisans' World Marketplace seeks to provide increased self-employment for low-income artisans worldwide, raise the public's awareness of and concern for economic justice for the poor and impoverished parts of the world, support sustainable economic development that protects our earth and environment and provide funding for projects which create jobs or provide job training for low-income disadvantaged persons.

Since opening in 1996 and becoming members of the Fair Trade Federation, the team behind Artisans' World Marketplace has served the needs of the world through earthquake relief for India through SERRV International, the purchase of anti-snake venom for victims in the Ecuadorian jungles through One World Projects, the purchase of school supplies for children in Haiti through Dwelling, LLC, help with the purchase of needed equipment for The Enterprising Kitchen, support in the New York and Pennsylvania post-9/11 relief effort, scholarship for young girls in Nepal, support to help with artisan programs and education through SERRV International and scholarship money for a single mom in Guatemala to be able to send her blind child to school. "Many people wish to make a difference in the world," says AWM President Sandy Ramsey. "In our store, they learn that they can have direct impact on a life halfway around the world through their shopping dollars."

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#### **BANK OF ENGLAND MORTGAGE**

"Our employees have always been family to us and that has without a doubt allowed us to grow into what we are today."

—Area Manager Oday Marogi.

BANK OF ENGLAND MORTGAGE TAKES PRIDE IN BEING THERE WHEN BORROWERS NEED THEM, DAY AND NIGHT. Their mission is to deliver total value to customers, with competitive prices, hassle-free service, extensive product knowledge and a friendly helpful attitude. Bank of England Mortgage offers the strengths of a strong capital base, a solid and committed business plan and experienced management along with the assurance of a successful track record. "BOE Mortgage provides a mortgage service unlike any other in Southwest Florida by processing and underwriting your mortgage loan in-house, locally and by people who live in the same community," says Area Manager Dustin Meshberger.

Since their doors opened in 1898 in England, Arkansas, the Bank of England has been providing down home service. Along with powerful nationwide mortgage loans, they offer clients peace of mind knowing they are working with a credible national mortgage banker. Their success is due primarily to the talent of their people and access to hundreds of mortgage products at the industry's best pricing. Their management team has a combined 150 years of mortgage experience and is actively involved as members and board members on local, state and national mortgage broker and banker associations. Building on that foundation, they have grown to a company of approximately 1,000 employees with branches in 93 locations and 39 states. "Our employees have always been family to us and that has without a doubt allowed us to grow into what we are today," says Area Manager Oday Marogi.







"I believe in the Golden Rule, and that the patient is the most important person in our dental office. I strive to provide friendly, high-quality patient care in a comfortable setting. By involving patients in their treatment plans, we can work together as a team to achieve optimal oral health."

-ALLISON KONICK, DMD

# **BAYVIEW DENTAL ASSOCIATES: ALLISON KONICK, DMD**

**DR. ALLISON KONICK IS A COMPASSIONATE DENTIST WHO TAKES PRIDE IN HELPING OTHERS THROUGH DENTISTRY** and will provide you with the highest level of care at BayView Dental Associates. She grew up in the small town of Metuchen, New Jersey, and attended Villanova University in Pennsylvania where she earned dual degrees in Biology and Hispanic Studies. After earning her DMD at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, she has been practicing as a dentist in the Sarasota/Bradenton area for the past five years. Her goal is to offer a "small town" feeling in her practice.

Leading the BayView Dental Associates Bee Ridge office, Dr. Konick believes in comprehensive dentistry and personalized care tailored to each patient's unique needs and goals. She is certified in Invisalign and her practice focuses on restoring a patient's smile combining optimal oral health, functionality and aesthetics. Dr. Konick and her team use the latest technologies, including digital radiography and intraoral digital imaging to include her patients in their treatment planning. Dr. Konick is a member of the American Dental Association, the Florida Dental Association, West Coast Florida Dental Association and the Sarasota County Dental Association. She and her husband D.J. are the proud parents of Scarlett and Kenna. Living the Florida lifestyle, her family enjoys spending time at the beach and attending local events. Dr. Konick looks forward to meeting you at your next visit and is committed to working with you and your families to achieve and maintain excellent oral health.



# **BOCA KITCHEN, BAR & MARKET**

PARTNERING WITH LOCAL SUPPLIERS AND PURVEYORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IS WHAT DIFFERENTIATES BOCA KITCHEN, BAR & MARKET ("BOCA"), with an ever-changing seasonal menu that is complemented by daily specials that are concocted at the discretion of the talented chefs. Showcasing high-quality local products within their dishes is a win-win for both Boca and the local community; just a few of their local partners are Cest La Vie (bread, croissants), Annaliada's Gourmet Foods (Blood Mary mix), 221BC Kombucha, A Savory Palate (oils, vinegars) Pepperonata Pasta, Dakin Dairy Farms, SaraFresh Juice and Big Top Brewery beers.

Guests can stay up-to-date with Boca's current local farmers and partners by reading the chalkboards in the restaurant and by flipping through the Local Dirt publication found on each table, highlighting current local farms and partners and how their products are incorporated in Boca's dishes. From a cocktail perspective, Boca goes to great lengths to provide an exclusive craft cocktail program that is overseen by their award-winning mixologists at Ciro's Speakeasy and Supper Club in Tampa, and a daily drink special created using only the freshest of ingredients.

Boca strives to deliver the complete dining experience to each diner, starting with a warm welcome from the hosts and continuing with a detailed explanation of the "Boca way" from your server. That leads to the delivery of high-quality food from our chefs and attention to detail from the managers who lead the team. Simply put, people make Boca what it is. The Boca team looks forward to developing new relationships with various local organizations to help make a difference to the local community.

**BOCA KITCHEN, BAR & MARKET** 

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"Preventative health measures can positively influence one's life and community." — DIANNE GLASS

# YAMUNA® BODY ROLLING METHOD BY DIANNE GLASS

OVER 25 YEARS AGO, DIANNE GLASS WAS AMAZED BY THE INCREDIBLE AND UNIQUE BENEFITS OF THE YAMUNA® BODY ROLLING METHOD and is now thrilled to share it with Sarasota's health-conscious community. Body Rolling teaches you lifelong solutions to strengthen, align and relieve pain in every part of your body from your feet to your face. It empowers you to self-treat your own stress, inflexibility and discomfort while toning and lengthening. After a rolling session, many visibly stand taller with effortlessly better posture. "This method can empower self-healing and offer pain relief and wellbeing," says Glass. "Preventative health measures can positively influence one's life and community."

The proprietary method and kit of balls offer the tools to safely work on yourself anytime, anywhere. You can problem-solve and self-heal to feel better in your body at any fitness level. Dive in and experience it for yourself. Join one of Glass' local classes or workshops to learn the technique, then, practice on-the-go with her online videos. Take the experience deeper in the upcoming Costa Rica Body Rolling Retreat in September 2017. Stay tuned for more offerings, release and fun in the local community. See you on the ball.

#### YAMUNA® BODY ROLLING METHOD BY DIANNE GLASS

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## **CS&L CPAS**

CS&L CPAS ATTRIBUTES ITS 60+ YEARS OF SUSTAINED SUCCESS TO DELIVERING THE HIGHEST-QUALITY SERVICE. This service level can only be achieved by fully understanding each client's unique needs and creating an exceptional solution just for them. The firm is also passionate about recruiting and developing the best accounting professionals in the Southwest Florida region. By proactively addressing the changing landscape of the labor market, CS&L CPAs seizes opportunities to implement technology that enables innovation and flexibility around how the team delivers services, all while cognizant of the work/life balance of priorities. Enthusiasm and dedication are characteristics that all CS&L employees exhibit, whether working to solve a complex client challenge or volunteering their time and talent to assist local organizations. CS&L CPAs upholds the firm's philanthropic legacy through leadership and service to our community. Through generosity of time, money and the passion to serve, CS&L employees are making the region a great place to live and thrive.

CS&L CPAs is sustaining on the path of a locally-owned, non-commodity approach to their business profile. CS&L CPAs' team manages this all while meeting the changing demands and challenges of their clients, their talent and their role as good corporate citizens. Proud sponsor of the Spirit of Manatee Awards, SB2: Regional Symposia and the SRQ Women in Business Initiative and Hear Me Roar Annual Leadership and Awards Luncheon.





### **COPENHAGEN IMPORTS**

**COPENHAGEN IMPORTS WAS FOUNDED BY MIKAEL AND KAREN HANSEN OVER 33 YEARS AGO,** which Mikael says makes them "equivalent to one of Sarasota's 'originals." Not a chain store, Copenhagen Imports focuses on providing local clients a unique, one-of-a-kind shopping experience. Their essence, although originally Scandinavian Modern, has evolved over the years, now sourcing from world markets and the across the United States to be able to bring a beautiful mixture of classic mid-century but also modern European pieces from Italy, Germany and many other regions. They also feature selected American-made pieces that often reflect a touch of Frank Lloyd Wright or the popular American Craftsman style.

The core staff has been with Copenhagen Imports on average between 15 and 33 years and includes professional designers who attend many factory workshops and seminars to enhance clients' buying experience. "Innovative, environmentally sensitive design and exceptional quality are our passions," says Mikael. Copenhagen Imports also supports organizations such as the Woman's Exchange and the Resurrection House with annual giving campaigns.

Copenhagen Imports has consistently been awarded Best Dealer status by many of its key partners such as BDI, Ekornes Stressless of Norway, Copeland Furniture of Vermont and Mobican of Quebec to name a few. But more than being passionate about their unique products, the team at Copenhagen Imports is and has always been passionate about their clients.

"I have always enjoyed what I have been doing all these years and expect to continue doing so for as long as I can."

-Bob Elmes, Owner



CREATIVE KITCHEN AND BATHS OWNER BOB ELMES has been in the trade for over 45 years, bringing together his experience as a licensed contractor working for the Housing Authority in Philadelphia to Sarasota, siting the Gulf Coast as his home since 1996. Since then, Creative Kitchen and Baths has become one of the most sought-after and wellrespected remodeling companies in the Sarasota area. "I have always enjoyed what I have been doing all these years and expect to continue doing so for as long as I can," says Elmes. As a licensed State Certified General Contractor since 1998, Creative Kitchen and Baths has offered to its clients a full-service remodeling opportunity, specializing in kitchen, bath and complete condo/home renovations. The company offers a cost-estimated budget for all stages of a renovation for clients to approve as well as a two-year warranty for all completed work.

A staple in the local business community for 20 years, Elmes has been able to help long-time employees become State Certified General Contractors themselves, people he now contracts with today. By working with the same sources for materials and subcontracting work, Creative Kitchen and Baths is able to keep prices very competitive with the competition. Elmes credits his success to the continued support of the local community; "I want to thank Sarasota and Longboat Key residents for all the continuing years of trust and patronage," he says.



#### **CREATIVE KITCHENS & BATHS BY BOB ELMES**

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# **GIRL SCOUTS OF GULFCOAST FLORIDA**

**AS A CHARTERED COUNCIL OF GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA,** Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida is part of the largest girl-serving leadership organization in the world. Their professionally developed program curriculum, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, is set apart from other youth development programs by its unique program model, incorporating the three Girl Scout Processes: Girl-Led, Learning by Doing and Cooperative Learning. Girl Scouting has always been synonymous with community service; it's a fundamental component of the leadership development model, providing skill-building experiences that support girls in giving back to their communities.

Girl Scouting is often associated with the "three C's:" cookies, camping and crafts. All three are alive and well in Girl Scouting today, but with a contemporary twist. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is more than just a fundraiser. It is a financial literacy curriculum designed to help girls learn five skills essential to leadership, success and life: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics. Camping and outdoor programs help engage girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering, art/design and math) as well as environmental stewardship. This year, they are celebrating a milestone anniversary: 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies. Girls were entrepreneurs going as far back as 1917. Everything encompassed in Girl Scouting is designed to help girls achieve personal success now and in the future. In the end, it's all about building the skills girls need to be leaders—in schools and communities, businesses and government, science and research or whichever life journeys they choose.





"Great marketing communications informs, inspires and initiates action"

-JOSEPH GRANO

#### **NEXT-MARK**

FOUNDED IN 2005 WITH A BAREBONES STAFF BUT ALL THE SKILLS REQUIRED, Next-Mark has since built a marketing solutions firm that is unmatched in the greater Sarasota in terms of breadth of clientele worldwide and deep relationships with these market leaders. Some of the world's biggest names in healthcare, retail, hospitality, real estate, technology and more depend on Next-Mark to keep them ahead of the competition—and true to their brand. Their leadership team of professionals includes an eclectic blend of youthful and seasoned talent, united by their commitment to Next-Mark clients' marketing, creative strategy and communications needs. Perhaps even more importantly, Next-Mark has assembled a team that works together, as a cohesive unit, to provide a seamless client experience and marketing that delivers results.

Next-Mark's ongoing growth has presented employment opportunities to local strategic marketers, digital developers and graphic designers, along with a preference toward local vendors and contractors to produce quality content for clients. In 2010, Next-Mark moved their offices to the heart of Sarasota's downtown in order to become an even bigger part of this burgeoning commercial community. The location in this wonderful city has encouraged Next-Mark clients—some from as far away as the Netherlands—to meet here on Sarasota's beautiful "turf." v



#### **NEXT-MARK**

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### **PGT CUSTOM WINDOWS + DOORS**

PGT WAS FOUNDED ON FIVE CORE VALUES THAT HIGHLIGHT A COMMITMENT to their employees, dealers, community and consumers. For over 35 years, the team has shared an unwavering dedication to these core values by manufacturing high-quality windows and doors with integrity, supporting families and customers and giving back to the community. The products they build protect homeowners on many levels—by keeping severe weather from entering homes, reducing energy costs, increasing the value of homes and deterring intruders.

As one of the area's largest employers, PGT feels a responsibility to provide quality career opportunities to local residents. In addition to offering competitive wages, PGT encourages team members to continuously improve their skills and education. The people at PGT are always looking for ways to improve their products, make processes more efficient and push the company to be the best it can be. On a more personal level, PGT team members truly embrace the core values of community and family. In 2016, employees contributed thousands of dollars to 15 different local charities or fundraisers, in addition to volunteering their time at various philanthropic events. PGT is also involved with charitable organizations such as Loveland Center, Children First, Boys & Girls Clubs and the Child Protection Center, and the company works with local schools and educators to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) career paths for students through programs such as Manufacturing Day, Innovation Station and the Florida House.

There are many companies that manufacture windows and doors. But the people at PGT strive to do more than that. They strive to make outstanding windows and doors, and to provide a level of service that is above and beyond the competition.



#### **PGT CUSTOM WINDOWS + DOORS**

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"We truly pride ourselves on having the very best customer service possible. From start to finish, our team works tirelessly to make sure every customer has an amazing, friendly and educated experience."

-John Murse, Owner



## **RUGS AS ART**

# RUGS AS ART OFFERS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE RUG BUYING EXPERIENCES IN THE UNITED STATES,

with an in-store stocked inventory that consists of more than 4,000 rugs from all over the world, making them one of the largest area rug stores in the nation. From indoor-outdoor patio rugs to fine works of art, Rugs As Art has a rug for every room and a price for every pocketbook. Offerings also include a great selection of unique furniture, art, pillows, accessories, and carpeting, as well as custom rugs to fit any individual desire.

When prospective buyers ask the Rugs As Art team to quote and compare pricing, they inevitably are pleased to find that Rugs As Art's everyday prices are always significantly lower. This is just one of the reasons they have so many satisfied customers who come back time and time again. "We truly pride ourselves on having the very best customer service possible," says Owner John Murse. "From start to finish, our team works tirelessly to make sure every customer has an amazing, friendly and educated experience." The awards Rugs As Art has received serve as a testament to this from the Chamber of Commerce Insignia Award for Best Customer Service to Best Rug Store in America from Americas Mart and the Oriental Rug Importers Association among others.

For the past 30 years, the Rugs As Art team has been active in supporting local charity organizations and nonprofits, all of which make the community a better place to live. In 2016, Rugs As Art supported Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics of Florida, Boys & Girls Clubs, the Humane Society, Girls Inc., Selby Gardens, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Junior League of Sarasota, Tiny Hands Foundation, Bay Haven School of Basics Plus, VYC Charitable Foundation and the Scleroderma Foundation.



**RUGS AS ART** 

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-DIRECTOR OF MARKETING JACLYN REBEL



## **SIGNZOO**

SIGNZOO NOT ONLY CREATES NEW BRANDS, BUT BRINGS THEM TO LIFE, bringing together the aspects of both a creative agency and a graphics manufacturer. "We have the unique ability to visualize a company's look and feel and translate that to what is essentially mobile billboards running 24/7 throughout the client's service area," says SignZoo Director of Marketing Jaclyn Rebel. "There's no better investment of marketing dollars." SignZoo is proud to work some of the highest profile companies in Sarasota and Bradenton, and their services have contributed to the success of those businesses. "It's a great source of pride that we're able to boost business and therefore economic opportunity throughout the community," says Rebel. In addition to working closely with many local charities and nonprofits, SignZoo hand-selects team members and invests time into the training needed to enable their installation technicians to be the best in the trade. Many of the Zoo team were born and raised in the Sarasota area, making benefiting the local community a key initiative for the company every year.

While the past years have seen national growth for the company, SignZoo's favorite projects still originate here in Sarasota and Bradenton, taking pride in working with local companies, getting to know the owners and management teams and developing or refreshing their brands. "It's amazing to see the raise in public awareness, and see their company profile rise," says Rebel. "Our clients are always enthusiastic about the response our work garners, and our team never gets tired of hearing the success stories!"



#### **SIR SPEEDY SARASOTA**

SIR SPEEDY SARASOTA, OWNED BY SISTERS EILEEN ROSENZWEIG AND JACKIE SANDERSON, is an independent franchise founded in 1981 and is the third-highest volume Sir Speedy nationally. With 25 employees and a 7,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility in central Sarasota, Sir Speedy keeps their production housed on-site, giving them full control over the quality and speed of customers' jobs. Sir Speedy Sarasota's success can be attributed to their ability to quickly adapt and change with technology and the needs of customers. Over the years, they have consciously transformed from a traditional quick-printing company to a digital print, sign and marketing company. The in-house production includes digital, offset and sign printing, graphic design and mailing services. The goal is to be a one-stop shop for customers' print, sign and marketing needs. With a reputation and reliability second to none, Sir Speedy has a loyal, long-term customer base. The Sir Speedy team has vast experience, specifically in implementing web-to-print solutions for multi-location organizations. They are experts in helping companies organize their printed materials, ensuring their brand consistency and controlled costs. Sir Speedy's customer service culture is pervasive, and employees are empowered to do whatever it takes to get the job done and meet every customer's needs.



#### **SIR SPEEDY**

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Stofft Cooney impacts the community not only by enhancing the local streetscapes, but is also actively involved with multiple charities. Special Olympics, Trailblazer Academy, Easter Seals and the Cancer Alliance are just a few that we support." - JOHN COONEY



#### STOFFT COONEY ARCHITECTS

REGARDLESS OF STYLE, STOFFT COONEY'S PHILOSOPHY IS TO CREATE DISTINCTIVE, EXEMPLARY AND TIMELESS RESIDENCES WITH MODERN-DAY AMENITIES. The addition of tropical architectural details that are unique to Stofft Cooney's designs, harmonious with the Southwest Florida lifestyle is what makes them truly a one-of-a-kind firm. Both John Cooney and Randall Stofft believe in working with their clients personally to fulfill their specific lifestyle needs. No matter the scope of the project, John Cooney and his team are committed to "creating, classical pieces of architecture regardless of style." His designs specialize in creating a home that compliments one's lifestyle and will be enjoyed for many generations. Stofft Cooney Architects pride themselves on the wide array of projects ranging from intimate residences to substantial estates with a scope of work that encompasses all genres. This approach reveals influences from the most emulated and diverse styles throughout history. These styles include: West Indies, Mediterranean, Bermuda, Modern and Contemporary, Classical Tropical and Old Florida Revisionist.

"Stofft Cooney impacts the community not only by enhancing the local streetscapes, but is also actively involved with multiple charities," says Cooney. "Special Olympics, Trailblazer Academy, Easter Seals and the Cancer Alliance are just a few that we support." The addition of a third office based in Downtown Sarasota, brings its share of dramatic commercial and high-end residential waterfront projects to fruition. "Although we're a mid-sized firm, we run our office as a small boutique," says Cooney. The firm also has the luxury of exposure to both East and West Coast current trends and influences within the architectural field. "We enjoy the small projects," says Cooney, "but we're more than happy to tackle some of the largest most complex residences in the world." Most importantly, the Stofft Cooney team makes up a growing family that lives, works and enjoys Southwest Florida.