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**Please join us, an encourage a friend to come along!**

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Long term partners and fashionistas Georgia Derrico and Linda Sandridge hosted a marvelous reception March 16 to celebrate the arrival of spring collections in their retail store, Santangelo and Sandridge. Aside from anchor lines such as St. John , Pucci, and Vivian Westwood, Santangelo and Sandridge has a few new things is store for the upcoming season featuring the line of local celebrity designer Wendy Pepper, and even more surprises for fall. We caught up to Linda fresh from Italy to get the skinny on buying luxury goods and the amazing, Italian line Luciano Barbera. Whether you are day tripping or planning a shopping excursion, Santangelo and Sandridge is by far a worthy destination for cultivating your stylish side and indulging in the finest things in life; Quality and Fashion

Two weeks ago Georgia and I were in Milan to do the buying for the Fall/Winter season for Pucci and Livio di Simone; you will love these collections next fall.

We took a side trip to visit the Carlo Barbera mill which produces the fabrics for our Luciano Barbera collection. The Luciano Barbera line has been our hands down best seller at Santangelo & Sandridge and we have had the women's collection since the beginning. We wanted to see why it is so special and arranged to visit their mill outside of Biella.

The Carlo Barbera mill is about 20 kilometers up in the mountains from Biella, a several hundred year old city in the foothills of the Alps. Many of the great mills are in this immediate area around Biella including, Loro Piana, Ermenegildo Zegna and Cerruti.

Carlo Barbera bought the mill in 1950. It had been producing white flannel during the Great Gatsby era before the war. Because it had a pure mountain stream next to the mill, it was easy to produce white flannel (pure water is necessary).

After Carlo bought it became the diversified producer of luxury fabrics which it is today. Carlo is 94 years old and still comes to the office every afternoon. The mill produces fabrics which are used by Brioni, Chanel, Hermes, Jil Sander and other luxury goods producers.

Carlo's son Luciano now runs everything. He started the Luciano Barbera label in the 1970's which uses predominantly the fabrics from the Carlo Barbera mill.

Enrico Pincin gave us background and then a tour of the mill. He explained how the process began at the purchase of the merino wool in Australia. The fibers must be long and of the right texture. They only buy wool when the best product is available.



Pucci Style



Wendy Pepper



Georgia Derrico & Linda Sandridge

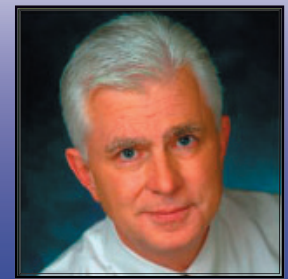
When the wool gets to Biella they spin it into yarn. After it is spun it is necessary to allow it to rejuvenate for three to twelve months. They store it in a humid cave like a wine cellar underneath the mill which has a natural spring which runs under the floor. Unlike any of the other mills except some very old ones in England they store the yarn in wooden and not plastic boxes. They believe that is better for the yarn because it allows the humidity to interact with the yarn naturally. Enrico is a wine connoisseur and he compares the use of the wooden boxes to French oak barrels for aging wine.

Eventually, the yarn is taken upstairs to be woven into fabric, dyed and finished. According to Enrico the process is "fifty per cent industry and fifty percent craft". The mill has modern computerized weaving machines and fifty year old machines for finishing the final product.

The next time you're in the store take a close look at the Luciano Barbera fabrics. You'll see why they go to so much trouble and will better appreciate the quality and feel of their wools and cashmeres.

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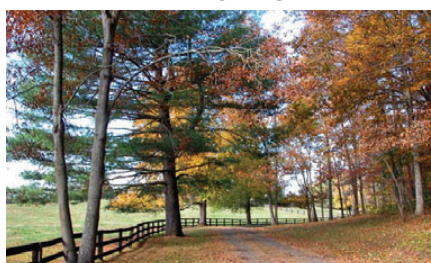
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### BOLINGTON FARM



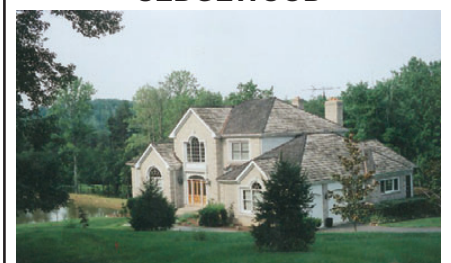
c.1740 on National Register •Beautiful renovation of 5 BR, 4 BA brick & log home on Milltown Creek •8 FPs •Tavern Room •Bank barn •9 Stalls •Fenced •Original Toll House •Perfect blend of historic beauty & modern convenience **\$1,350,000**

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