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THERE'S NO TIME TO LAMENT THE PASSING OF HAZY, lazy summer days: The fall calendar is already filled. Starting September 22 and running through November, *Design New England* presents "Real Solutions for the Home" (Page 120), our series of design salons. Each offers an opportunity to meet designers, architects, and builders, ask them questions, and learn about topics from green design to kitchen renovations, all in an informal setting (with refreshments!).

Design Boston 2011 is October 4–6 at the Boston Design Center. This annual to-the-trade event always creates a buzz as designers and architects visit showrooms, discover new products, and discuss the trends for 2012. On October 20, after a two-year hiatus, the Ellis Boston Antiques Show returns, slightly renamed (Pages 125 and 128), with a preview gala at the Cyclorama in the South End. The show runs through the 23rd and benefits Ellis Memorial & Eldredge House, which has been caring for children, disabled adults, and families since 1885. Looking back, we kicked off the summer season with a Solstice Party on June 21 held at Galerie d'Orsay on Newbury Street in Boston in partnership with F. H. Perry Builder and benefiting Friends of the Children-Boston, a local mentoring organization. And who can forget the Roaring '20s vibe at *The Great Gatsby* party for new members of the International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA) New England chapter.

This, our 30th issue, marks five years of *Design New England*. We are grateful for the support of our readers and advertisers, who are the lifeblood of any magazine. Our July 2011 Reader Survey confirms you are finding great reading, ideas, and inspiration in our pages. This has been our mission, and it is satisfying to hear that we are accomplishing it for you.



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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE Antiques Show celebrated its 55th year of showcasing "fresh-to-the-market" pieces this August.



JENNIFER ROBINSON, in Colonial garb, Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton, and Henry Sharpe Lynn Jr. at the Newport Antiques Show preview gala.



SURROUNDED BY ART at Boston's Galerie d'Orsay, guests toasted the Summer Solstice and the work of Friends of the Children-Boston.



AT IFDA'S NEW members party: Bob Ernst, FBN Construction (left); Vivian Robins, V Design Services; Ray Bachard, 60nobscott furnishings.