

The Winter Show Returns, Michele Varian Moves to Brooklyn, and More News This Week

Here's what you need to know

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The Terminal Warehouse building will undergo a major revitalization by CookFox. Photo: Courtesy of COOKFOX

The New York design world is always busy. Keeping up to date on all the news can be tough, which is why we're here to give you the New York news roundup, a one-stop shop for everything you need to know.

Events

The Winter Show Returns to the Upper East Side

Back for another year, the Winter Show debuted in the Park Avenue Armory on the Upper East Side last Friday, and remains open through February 2. The show brings together 72 of the top dealers and designers in the trade to support the East Side House Settlement, a community-based organization for New York. This Thursday, the design fair will also host the annual Young Collectors Night, featuring creative direction from Luke Edward Hall.

"Being a young dealer, I am very excited about my first young collectors night at the Winter Show. The show has so much to offer for young collectors," exhibitor Taylor Thistlethwaite tells AD PRO. "Just by walking the floor, you have the opportunity to see the best of the best and actually interact with the pieces."

NY Now to Return to Javits Center Next Week

The NY Now trade show is returning to the Javits Center from February 1 to 5. The show will feature dozens of exhibitors showcasing the latest waves in home technology, design, and more. Carson Kressley and Thom Filicia will also deliver the keynote address on Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. Tickets and additional information is available through the NY Now [website](#).

Carol Egan's New Work Is Shown at the Elizabeth Collective

Last week, [Benoist F. Drut](#) of Maison Gerard welcomed guests to the Elizabeth Collective, located at 10 West 56th Street in Manhattan, to showcase Carol Egan's new collection of digitally enhanced pieces, crafted from ancient materials like fabric, wood, and bronze. The collection remains on view through Wednesday in the landmarked mansion.

Party of the Week

Fort Makers Unveils "Puffy" Installation

"Puffy," a full room of padded canvas, was the talk of the town last week. [Fort Makers](#) founder Nana Spears welcomed guests to the concept store and gallery space at 38 Orchard Street in Chinatown last Wednesday. The installation was organized and created by Spears, along with Fort Makers cofounders Naomi Clark and Noah Spencer.

Openings

Michele Varian Shop Opens in Brooklyn

After closing the doors of her longtime SoHo location, [designer](#) Michele Varian has opened a store in Brooklyn at 400 Atlantic Avenue. Her eclectic range of home accessories, jewelry, and furniture are all on display in the new shop. The move comes after increased rents made her Howard Street boutique no longer viable to maintain.

"It's disappointing to me that it's no longer sustainable to operate a design retail business in the neighborhood I live in," Varian said in a statement. "But the character of SoHo has changed radically since I opened my shop in 2001."

International Center for Photography Opens in Lower East Side

The new International Center for Photography museum is now open at 79 Essex Street. Designed by Gensler, the Lower East Side museum rejoins the school and gallery in a combined 40,000-square-foot setting, and act as an engaging community space for students, ICP members, and museum goers alike.

Preservation

Landmarks Commission Approves Terminal Warehouse Revitalization

Last week, the Landmarks Preservation Commission approved L&L Holdings' plans to revitalize the historic Tunnel Warehouse building on 11th Avenue in West Chelsea. In collaboration with architecture firm [CookFox](#), L&L and Normandy Real Estate Partners will be reinventing much of the building while preserving the historic façade. As a result of the massive endeavor, some of the building's tenants are leaving, including the 1stdibs gallery.