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**WINE SHOP, WINDOW COVERING STORE SLATED
FOR FIRST & MAIN MARKETPLACE**

*Wine Connexion to offer value-oriented wine experience for customers;
Distinctive Window Coverings & Designs boasts unique fixtures*

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass., Sept. 10, 2009 – An innovative wine shop billed as “an approachable wine cellar” and a longtime window coverings store are the two newest businesses to lease space at the newly revitalized First & Main Marketplace, NA Realty Group announced today.

The Wine Connexion, the brainchild of owners Sam and Tina Messina; and Distinctive Window Coverings & Designs, owned by Andover resident Benoit Thibault, are the newest tenants at the shopping center. Wine Connexion is expected to open in mid-October while Distinctive Window Coverings is scheduled to open by early October.

“We’re tremendously excited about opening the Wine Connexion,” said Tina Messina, a principal for NA Realty Group, which owns and operates First & Main. “We expect the store to become a premier shopping destination for thousands of people across Essex County and beyond.”

Tina Messina pointed out that the wine store, which will cover 4,800 square feet, ushers in a new store concept that will allow consumers to buy fine wines at affordable prices. By having an efficient heating and electrical system that reduces operational costs, offering an exclusive wine selection, and dealing with a select number of suppliers, the Messinas will be able to pass on significant savings to consumers.

The Wine Connexion will cater both to casual consumers and to customers who will travel long distances to make bulk purchases of wine, reasoning that there is significant value in purchasing large volumes. Sam Messina, Tina’s brother, is a wine expert who will ensure the store always has an assortment of wines at reasonable prices.

“We are the ultimate low-cost providers of fine wines,” said Messina. “Our more than 40 years’ experience in the wine and liquor industry combined with our keen knowledge of wines makes us the ideal destination for consumers.”

In addition to the Wine Connexion, Thibault of Distinctive Window Coverings & Designs is eager to open at the site. Thibault is relocating the business from Methuen, where it has been located for the past 21 years.

“First & Main Marketplace is very appealing for its modern appearance and its excellent location,” said Thibault. “I think this shopping center has cache and a smaller, boutique-type of atmosphere and will attract a lot of traffic and more exposure.”

The store offers a variety of hard treatments such as shades and mini-blinds and fabric treatments such as elegant drapes and stylish valances. Distinctive Windows also is one of the largest producers of sheer weave blinds in the region. Another company he owns, Precision Blinds of Methuen, makes the blinds to specifications and will supply the shop at First & Main.

Thibault noted that his company also made and installed all of the shades for St. Augustine Church in Andover. “We have quite a following throughout the area and expect that to increase with our new location,” said Thibault.

The Messinas spent nearly \$7 million on the newly constructed 52,000-square-foot shopping center, which was last overhauled in 1985. Earlier this summer, they kicked off an innovative “Local Launch” program to help potential new retailers seeking to open businesses at the site.

Entrepreneurs interested in leasing space at the shopping center can contact Andy Levy, director of brokerage services at the MEG Companies of Londonderry, N.H. Levy, who is the leasing agent for First & Main Marketplace, can be reached at andy@themegcompanies.com or 603-434-6700.

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