

Dear Friends,

No doubt many of you have heard about our merging with the three fine stores owned by the Mitchell family on the east coast. Let me start by saying, the soul of Wilkes Bashford is not going to change. I will be here to assure the same level of personal service and unmatched merchandise quality that the store has been known for since 1966.

Mitchells is the largest privately owned specialty retailer in the United States. Founded in Westport, Connecticut in 1958, the company has expanded into other communities. Richards of Greenwich, Connecticut and Marshs of Huntington, New York are prime examples of their ability to merge with and enhance locally based retailers of high quality. Like Wilkes Bashford, the Mitchell family places the highest priority on combining the best merchandise with exceptional customer service. Our professional and friendly staff will continue to serve you with the same level of excellence that you have come to expect. I greatly appreciate the loyalty and warm support that you have always provided us.

Please visit us soon and let us share with you the exciting things that are taking place in our San Francisco and Palo Alto stores.

Warm regards,

Wilkes Bashford