

I am Orange County

Joseph Matta

Occupation: President of Masterwork Home

Age: 58

Goshen

How Long I've Lived in Orange County:

54 years.

What I Like Most About Orange County
and What Keeps Me Here:

Relationships. The ability to get to know so many different, interesting and caring people and have an impact.

Best Advice I Ever Received:

Always give more than you promise.

A Key Event in My Life:

A serious cycling accident on Sept. 11, 2005, taught me to slow down and enjoy my life and the people in it more.

Latest Accomplishment:

Completing the restoration and adaptive reuse of the Residences at Blackburne Farm (former Ottaway Headquarters), and winning the 2011 Builders Association of the Hudson Valley Pinnacle Awards for both "Historic Residential Renovation of the Year" and "Residential Addition/Alteration of the Year."

One Thing I Want to Do
While I Am Still Able:

Cycle across America.

Best Foreign Place
I Have Ever Visited:

South Africa. Tremendous natural landscapes, wildlife. The warmth and spirit of the people.

One Thing People Don't
Know About Me:

In the 1970s, I restored and installed several period rooms in the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

