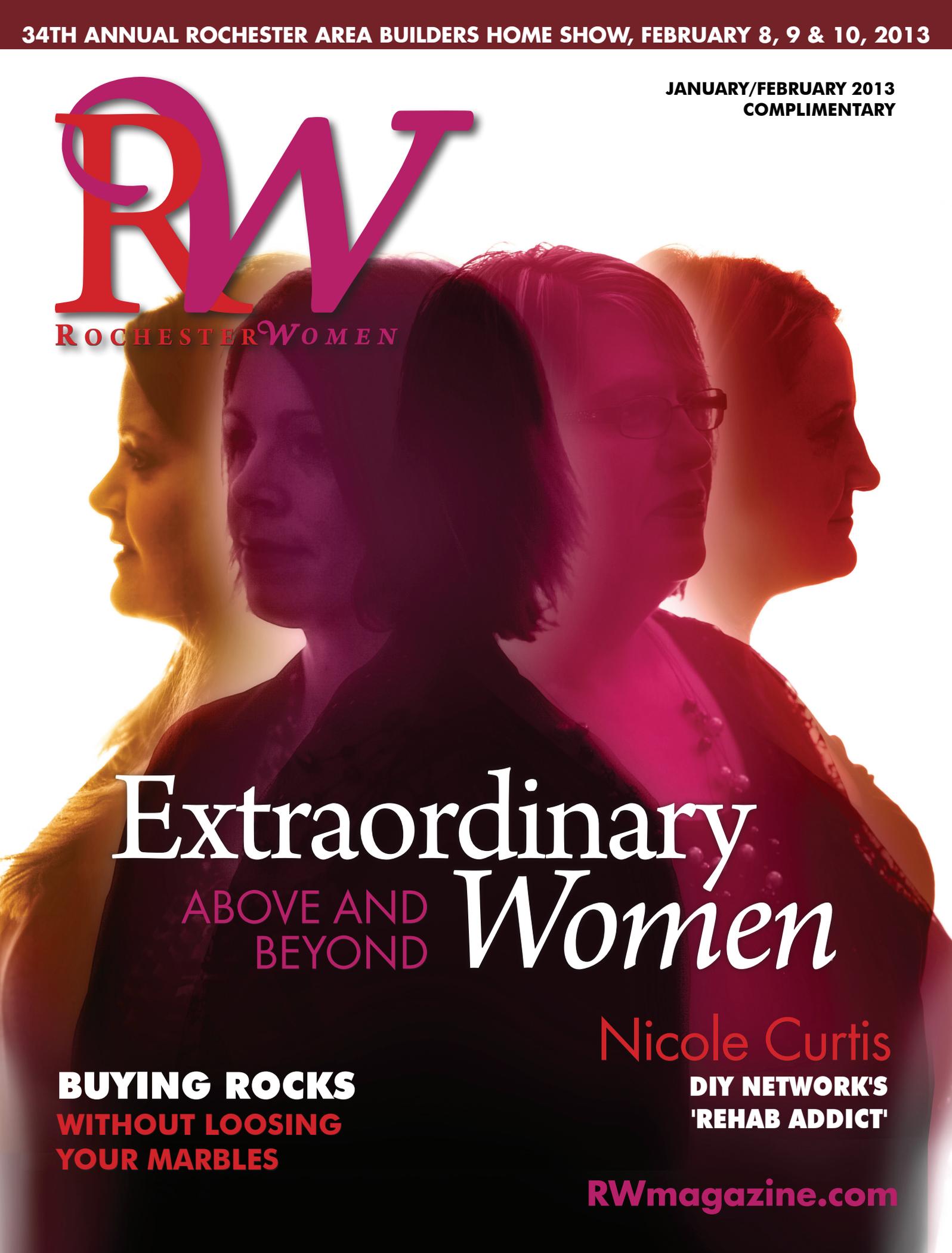


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Kathy Johnson,
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FOUR ROCHESTER WOMEN WHO PUT THE "EXTRA" IN EXTRAORDINARY

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When we called Kathy Johnson, this year's Extraordinary Businesswoman award winner, and told her she had won an Extraordinary Rochester Women Award, she replied with disbelief, "Seriously?" It was a common reaction among this year's winners whom we are proud to introduce.

Danielle Nikolai,
Extraordinary Volunteer

Wendy R. Reynolds,
Extraordinary Caregiver

Lori Miller-Beach,
Extraordinary Overall



Kathy Johnson

Extraordinary Businesswoman

Our family moved here in May 2012 and in our research in moving to Rochester we found Kathy's business, Rochester Greeters.

I immediately contacted her to find out about Rochester. Kathy not only called me back, but once we arrived, she came to my house and sat on my floor (because our furniture had not arrived yet).

She brought a wealth of information, along with a wholehearted and welcoming spirit. She is so knowledgeable about the community of Rochester and was able to answer all of my hundreds of questions with kindness and warmth. She made me feel at ease and helped me navigate the new community we would now be a part of.

Her kindness and information did not stop at that initial meeting. She continues to be a wealth of knowledge about Rochester and has always given more than a little extra to help me out. I'm sure that she welcomes all newcomers with as much warmth and kindness as she has for us.

She recently launched Rochester Newcomers, a club for people and families to connect and meet other folks who have recently moved to Rochester. There are fun gatherings, and it is so nice to know we are not alone in figuring out a new community. We could not have asked for a better welcoming to Rochester than Kathy Johnson and her information and business.

— *Laura Quest*

Former client of Rochester Greeters, Kathy's business



"Kathy recognizes that how people are welcomed into Rochester makes a difference on whether they stay. Rochester is a community that has a constant influx of people moving in and out. Kathy is such a good example of being a host and proving that Rochester is a great place to be. She puts 'Minnesota Nice' to work in the right way."

— ERWA Judge