

# Nanette's Boutique settling into Sugar Grove

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Caption

Nanette Elliott-Michalec (third from left) cuts the ribbon for her shop, Nanette's Boutique, with (from left) Sugar Grove Trustee Rick Montalto, Trustee Mari Johnson, Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce President Jackie Link, chamber Director Steve Ekker, Ms. Illinois Belleza Latina Crystal Cavey and Linda Wander. Nanette's is located at 50 Cross St. in Sugar Grove.

SUGAR GROVE – Those interested in a shopping experience that offers the elegance of Michigan Avenue with the feel of Mayberry can now find it in Sugar Grove.

Nanette's Boutique opened at 50 Cross St. earlier this spring. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on April 27.

The boutique isn't new, as owner Nanette Elliott-Michalec relocated from Yorkville.

"We were in an old vintage home and decided to move closer to the expressway," she said. "A lot of our customers come from Hinsdale, Willowbrook and the Downers Grove area, and all the way from Arlington Heights and Des Plaines, so if they want to get something here, they can now get here much easier."

What truly sets the business apart from other shopping options is that it is a boutique, offering unique, fashionable clothes and accessories that one likely won't find elsewhere.

"We carry a lot of different brands, but when the items are gone, they're gone," she said. "If you see a top here and there are only a few pieces left, and you like it, you'll want to get it because the next time you come back it's probably going to be gone."

Elliott-Michalec handpicks everything in the boutique, so if it doesn't meet her approval, it's not going to be for sale.

"I can't see something on Amazon and think that this is something we've got to have," she said. "I have to see it, touch it and try it on first, especially with the jewelry we've brought in here."

One thing Elliott-Michalec certainly had to do was bring the actual location of the boutique up-to-date. She's added several different types of light fixtures, which provide a charming ambience.

"It felt like a dentist office in the '70s when I first came in here," she said. "It was industrial a little bit, so we've taken away that strip mall feel. I think we've added a little elegance. There's a sense of peace to come in here. I feel like people come here and shop and chat, and I'll go out of my way to help them find stuff."

An example is a customer who dropped in minutes before the ribbon-cutting ceremony took place to pick up an item. She had previously fallen in love with a dress, but Elliott-Michalec only had it in a small size. Elliott-Michalec did a little digging around and was able to find a larger size and meet the need of her customer.

"That's one of the reasons why I like doing this," she said. "We want to make our customers, our clients, happy."

The boutique has a diverse array of clothing for both sexes, as well as jewelry, baby items and a lot of gift ideas, which Elliott-Michalec hopes to offer in Sugar Grove for awhile.

“I’m happy to be here in Sugar Grove, and I feel I’ve been embraced,” she said. “I’m thrilled to have a great location here. Now all my clients in Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles and Sugar Grove don’t have to drive to Oak Brook. They can find something unique here.”