



Who's Who in
Dry Cleaning
Martin Dlugatz

Lady Macbeth isn't the only one determined to get out those damned spots.

So is Martin Dlugatz, the third generation owner of Gilman's Cleaners in Middletown.

Folks from Orange County—and as far away as Hawaii—trust Gilman's to make those pesky stains disappear, or to perk up a wedding gown, or refurbish a fur.

Even the No. 1 dry cleaner in New York City sends up the occasional stained garment it can't quite crack.

Gilman's 13,000-square-foot facility also features the largest storage space between Orange County and Manhattan.

"People consider us the Rolls-Royce of cleaners," says Dlugatz, who has a degree in finance and has taken chemistry courses.

Now, while dry cleaners across the nation are starting to think of ways to wean themselves from dangerous chemicals, Gilman's has always been green.

"We've used the same environmentally friendly solvent since our doors opened in 1925," says community-minded Dlugatz, a former president of the Middletown school board. "It's safe for fabrics and it's safe for people."