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23rd Annual ARTS Awards Finalists Announced

DALLAS – August 17, 2011 – Dallas Market Center, the world's most complete wholesale marketplace, and the Accessories Resource Team (ART), the trade association representing the decorative accessories industry, today announced the 23rd annual ARTS Awards finalists.

The ARTS Awards is the premier awards program for the home decorative accessories industry and is held each January during the Dallas Total Home & Gift Market (January 18 – 24, 2012). The awards will be presented during a gala event on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the ARTS Awards new location, the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

“Congratulations to all the ARTS Awards finalists,” said Bill Winsor, president and CEO, Dallas Market Center. “It is an honor each year to celebrate the industry’s finest manufacturers, retailers, product designers and sales reps.”

The finalists will submit a detailed portfolio to a panel of distinguished judges previously announced, including Martha Griffin, executive editor of *Design Guide*; Donna Moss, interior designer, retailer and star of HGTV’s “Donna Decorates Dallas”; Melanie Belew, interior designer and owner of Belew Design Studio; and Susan Inglis, producer, importer, sourcing agent and broker in the home furnishings, fashion and gift industries. The portfolios will consist of information including company history, philosophy, product development, marketing, merchandising and customer relations. In November, the panel of judges will convene in Dallas for two days to review each individual or company’s submission. Once judging is completed, a designated accounting firm will tabulate and secure the ballots until the winners are announced in January.

The 23rd annual ARTS Awards are sponsored by *Contract Lighting, Gifts & Decorative Accessories, HFN, Home Accents Today, Home Fashion Forecast, Home Lighting & Accessories, Overcoffee, Residential Lighting* and the Sustainable Furnishings Council. For additional information regarding the ARTS Awards, please contact Lindsey Villarreal at 214 – 655 – 7654 or lillarreal@mcmcmail.com.

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23rd ARTS Awards Finalists

Manufacturers

Accent Furniture

Baker – Washington, District of Columbia
GuildMaster, Inc. – Springfield, Mo.
Ibolili – Greensboro, N.C.
Phillips Collection – High Point, N.C.
Stein World – Memphis, Tenn.

Area Rugs

Jaipur Rugs, Inc. – Norcross, Ga.
Safavieh – Port Washington, N.Y.
Surya, Inc. – Calhoun, Ga.

Decorative Accessories

A&B Home – Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Creative Co-Op – Memphis, Tenn.
PORT 68 – Chicago, Ill.
Sterling Industries – Nesquehoning, Pa.

Home Textiles

Home Treasures – Houston, Texas
Lacefield Designs – Smyrna, Ga.
Pom Pom at Home – Hollywood, Calif.
Textillery Weavers – Bloomington, Ind.

Lighting Fixtures

Corbett Lighting – City of Industry, Calif.
Hinkley Lighting, Inc. – Cleveland, Ohio
Hubbardton Forge – Castleton, Vt.
Kichler Lighting – Independence, Ohio
Schonbek® – Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Outdoor Living

Antonini Outdoor North America, LLC – McKinney, Texas
Emissary Trading Company – Atlanta, Ga.
Foreside Home & Garden – Vacaville, Calif.
Loloi Rugs – Dallas, Texas

Permanent Floral

American Best – Garland, Texas
Artistry in Silk – Lawrenceville, Ga.
Direct Export Company, Inc. – Dallas, Texas
NDI – Brewton, Ala.
The Ivy Guild, Inc. – Laguna Hills, Calif.

Portable Lamps

Barbara Cosgrove Lamps – N. Kansas City, Mo.
Currey & Company – Atlanta, Ga.
Sonneman A Way of Light – Larchmont, N.Y.
The Bradburn Company – Atlanta, Ga.
Worlds Away – Memphis, Tenn.

Tabletop

Beatriz Ball Collection – Harvey, La.
Chalkboard China – Dallas, Texas
TAG, Ltd. – Chicago, Ill.
The GG Collection – Olathe, Kan.
Vagabond House – Sierra Madre, Calif.

Wall Décor

John Richard – Greenwood, Miss.
Leftbank Art – Santa Fe Springs, Calif.
Propac Images – Albertville, Ala.
Stylecraft Home Collection – Southaven, Miss.
Wendover Art Group – Clearwater, Fla.

Sales Representatives

National/Key Accounts

Anne Jarboe – jdouglas
Heather Steeley – Taylors on Ten
Joshua J. McDowell – JM Group/Restoration Hardware

East/Atlantic

Jennifer Jackson – jdouglas
Robin Clarke – Southern Accessories Today
Sue Kinard – Fine Art Lamps

Midwest/Southwest

Cindy Rogers – CSR Associates
Derek Ricketts – CODARUS
Richard Alan – Richard Alan & Associates, LLC

West

Angie Zabritski – Homestyle
Michelle Korthuis – Elements in Décor
Mickey Lang – California Marketing Associates

Product Designers

J. Michael Sandel – GuildMaster, Inc.
Jason Phillips – Phillips Collection
Luca Rossi – Antonini Outdoor North America, LLC
Randal Weeks – Aidan Gray Home, Inc.
Tom Caldwell – Currey & Company

International Retailers

Casa Palacio – Mexico City, Mexico
Design Lighting – Surrey, British Columbia, Canada
Luminaires & Cie, Inc. – Laval, Quebec, Canada
Spectro Lighting Group, SRL – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Vaughan Electrical Supply Co., Ltd. – Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada

Rising Star Retailers

Colorado Villa Décor – Parker, Colo.
Melissa Jeffrey Home – Boerne, Texas
The Mercantile – Atlanta, Ga.

Retailers

Furniture Store

Laurie’s Home Furnishings – Tomball, Texas
Seaside Home – Coronado, Calif.
The Arrangement Distinctive Interiors – Dallas, Texas

Home Accent Store

East/Atlantic

G&G Interiors – Knoxville, Tenn.
The French Basket – Florence, Ala.
The Miller House – Stephens City, Va.

Midwest/Southwest

Charley & Bella’s – Marshall, Texas
MECOX – Dallas, Texas
Rustic Hutch – Fort Wayne, Ind.

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West

Bella Casa – Portland, Ore.
Gardenology – Encinitas, Calif.
Jak Home, LLC – San Francisco, Calif.

Lighting Showroom

East/Atlantic

Cleveland Lighting – Lyndhurst, Ohio
Elements – Distinctive Lighting & Home Furnishings – Carle Place, N.Y.
Southern Lighting Gallery, Inc. – Augusta, Ga.

Midwest/Southwest

Lighting by Fox – Glenview, Ill.
Passion Lighting – Grapevine, Texas
Southern Lights – Burnsville, Minn.

West

Hacienda Lighting – Scottsdale, Ariz.
Light Bulbs, Etc./Lightstyles – Costa Mesa, Calif.
Valley Light Gallery – Scottsdale, Ariz.

About Dallas Market Center

Founded in 1957, Dallas Market Center is the world's most complete wholesale marketplace. Within its marketplace of more than five million square feet, retailers from around the globe source products ranging from home furnishings, gifts, decorative accessories and lighting to textiles, fashion accessories and men's, western, women's and children's apparel. With more than 50 markets each year attended by more than 200,000 retail buyers from all 50 states and 78 countries, Dallas Market Center offers hundreds of events and seminars geared toward helping retailers expand business and increase profits. As a result, more than \$8 billion in estimated wholesale transactions are conducted annually within the Dallas Market Center complex. The Dallas Market Center website is available at www.dallasmarketcenter.com.

About the Accessories Resource Team

The Accessories Resource Team (ART) is the association representing accessory manufacturers, retailers, representatives and other industry individuals and companies interested in promoting the decorative home accessories industry. The association's goal is to enhance the market position of decorative home accessories. Each year ART sponsors programs such as the ART conference, regional educational seminars and the ARTS Awards. The Accessories Resource Team website is available at www.accessoriesresourceteam.org.

About the ARTS Awards

The ARTS Awards is the premiere awards program dedicated to the home decorative accessories industry. Twenty six categories exist under the headings Manufacturer, Retailer, Product Designer, Sales Representative, Rising Star, Green Design and Academy of Achievement. Anyone in the industry can nominate including manufacturers, retailers, sales representatives, designers, suppliers, consultants and other industry officials. The Academy of Achievement honoree is selected by the ARTS Awards committee each year. Companies that have won the ARTS Awards five times are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame members are: BJ's Home Accents, C.S. Wo & Sons, Distinctive Designs International Inc., Feizy Rugs, Fine Art Lamps, Global Views, Montaaage, Natural Decorations Inc. (NDI), Palecek, Paragon, Robb & Stucky and Schonbek Worldwide Lighting.

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