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ARTS Awards Academy of Achievement Announced

DALLAS – July 10, 2013 – Dallas Market Center today announced that the original founders of ART, the creative home furnishings network, will receive the Academy of Achievement award at the 25th annual International ARTS Awards. The founders include Gil Bailie, Eric Bauer, Ralph Chancey, Henry Goldman and Harvey Hollingsworth.

“To commemorate 25 years of the awards program and 28 years of the ART organization, we’re proud to honor the visionaries who gave a voice to the home furnishings industry,” said Bill Winsor, president and CEO, Dallas Market Center. “The founders made an instrumental contribution to the industry and we applaud and thank them.”

The ARTS Awards, presented each January during the Dallas Total Home & Gift Market, recognizes top manufacturers, retailers, product designers and sales representatives from across the world in 26 different categories. The 25th annual ARTS winners will be revealed during a gala event on Saturday, January 18, 2014. The Academy of Achievement honor is awarded each year to recognize companies and/or individuals that have made significant contributions to the industry.

The honorees are: Gil Bailie, primary founder and inaugural president of ART; Eric Bauer, founder, former treasurer, president and chairman of the association’s first education committee; Ralph Chancey, former chairman of the ARTS Awards and Dallas Market Center liaison; Henry Goldman, founder and former treasurer for more than 10 years; and Harvey Hollingsworth, founder and past president.

The 25th annual ARTS Awards are sponsored by *enLIGHTenment, Gifts & Decorative Accessories, Giftware News, HFN, Home Accents Today, Home Fashion Forecast, Residential Lighting* and the Sustainable Furnishings Council.

For additional information regarding the ARTS Awards, please contact Lindsey Villarreal at lvillarreal@mcmcmail.com.

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 www.dallasmarketcenter.com.

About ART

ART is the creative home furnishings network representing manufacturers, retailers, representatives and other individuals and companies interested in promoting and enhancing the market position of the home furnishings industry. Each year ART sponsors programs such as the ART conference, regional educational seminars, the ART card and the ARTS Awards. The ART website is available at <http://www.accessoriesresourceteam.org/>.

About the ARTS Awards

The ARTS Awards is the premier awards program dedicated to the home industry. Up to 27 categories exist under the headings Manufacturer, Retailer, Product Designer, Sales Representative, Rising Star, Green, Academy of Achievement and Visionary. Anyone in the industry can nominate including manufacturers, retailers, sales representatives, designers, suppliers, consultants and other industry officials. Academy of Achievement, Rising Star and Visionary honorees are selected by an ARTS Awards committee each year. Companies that have won an ARTS Award 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, Montaage, Natural Decorations Inc., Palecek, Paragon, Robb & Stucky and Schonbek Worldwide Lighting.

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