

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual ARTS Awards Finalists Announced

DALLAS – Sept. 1, 2015 – Dallas Market Center and ART, the creative home furnishings network, today announced the 27th annual ARTS Awards finalists.

The ARTS Awards, presented each January during the Dallas Total Home & Gift Market, honors top manufacturers, retailers, designers and sales representatives. The 27th annual ARTS winners in 26 categories will be revealed during a gala event on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016.

“This year’s finalists exemplify the hard work and commitment that inspires the entire home furnishings community,” Cindy Morris, CEO of Dallas Market Center said. “We congratulate all the finalists and look forward to an exciting evening at the awards gala in January.”

“Every year we have the honor to recognize the abundant talent within our industry,” said Sharon Davis, executive director of ART. “We appreciate their passion for excellence, and we know the judges will have a very difficult task.”

The finalists each submit a streamlined digital presentation to a panel of distinguished judges. Digital submissions vary based on category and may consist of product development, marketing, merchandising or company differentiation examples. In November, the judges will convene in Dallas for two days to review each individual or company submission. Once all components of judging are complete, a designated accounting firm will tabulate and secure the scores until the winners are announced for the first time at the ARTS Awards gala.

The 26th annual ARTS Awards are sponsored by *enLIGHTenment*, FANDECK, *Gifts & Decorative Accessories*, *Giftware News*, *HFN*, *Home Accents Today*, *Home Fashion Forecast*, *Home & Textiles Today*, *Residential Lighting*, Sustainable Furnishings Council and Lyon Credit Services.

## 27<sup>th</sup> ARTS Awards Finalists

### Sales Representatives

#### East/Atlantic

Greg Lewis – jdouglas  
Kevin Gannon – Gannon Sales Agency  
Russ Jones – Ivystone Group

#### Midwest/Southwest

Joann Crawford – In-Detail  
Richard Alan – Richard Alan & Associates, LLC.  
Charlotte Urban – CODARUS

#### West

Andrea Combet – Art & Function  
Doug Gould – California Lighting Concepts  
Leslie Taglio – Taglio & Co.

### Product Designers

Ashley Childers – Emporium Home  
Dann Foley – Dann Foley Lifestyle  
Jason Phillips – Phillips Collection  
Ron McIntyre – Square Feathers  
Sandra Hernandez Yedor – Lili Alessandra

### Interior Designers

Aimee Miller, DTM Interiors  
Allison Paladino, Allison Paladino Interiors  
Erinn Valencich, Erinn V. Design Group  
Traci Connell, Traci Connell Interiors

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## International Retailers

Aaron Stewart Home – San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Design Lighting – Surrey, British Columbia, Canada  
Robinson Lighting – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada  
Station12 – Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

## Retailers

### Furniture Store

#### Single Store Location

24e Design Co. – Savannah, Ga.  
Donna's Home Furnishings – Conroe, Texas  
Palette & Parlor – Chapel Hill, N.C.

#### Multiple Store Location

Interior Illusions – West Hollywood, Calif.  
Louis Shanks – Austin, Texas  
The Arrangement – Dallas, Texas

### Home Accents Store

#### East/Atlantic

Outrageous Interiors – Suwanee, Ga.  
The Blue Octagon – Malvern, Pa.  
J Banks Design – Hilton Head Island, S.C.

#### Midwest/Southwest

Dwell Home Furnishings – Coralville, Iowa  
Leon & Lulu – Clawson, Mich.  
SummerHouse – Ridgeland, Miss.

#### West

Bella Casa – Portland, Ore.  
Urban Chic Home Furnishings – Las Vegas, Nev.  
Jonathons Coastal Living – Fountain Valley, Calif

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## **Lighting Showroom**

### East/Atlantic

Hermitage Lighting Gallery – Nashville, Tenn.

Pace Lighting Inc. – Savannah, Ga.

Progressive Lighting – Duluth, Ga.

### Midwest/Southwest

Hinsdale Lighting – Hinsdale, Ill.

Passion Lighting – Grapevine, Texas

The Collection on 5 – Minneapolis, Minn.

### West

Accent Lighting – Lake Oswego, Ore.

Illuminations – Tucson, Ariz.

## **Manufacturers**

### **Accent Furniture**

Gabby

Home Trends & Design

Noir

Selamat Design

### **Area Rugs**

Company C

Jaipur Rugs Inc.

Loloi Rugs

Safavieh

### **Home Accents**

GO Home Ltd.

Phillips Collection

Regina-Andrew Design

Uttermost

### **Home Textiles**

Lili Alessandra

Ryan Studio

Bella Notte Linens

Coral & Tusk

Pom Pom at Home

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## **Lighting Fixtures**

Currey & Company  
Fine Art Lamps  
Hubbardton Forge  
Visual Comfort & Co.

## **Outdoor Living**

Emissary  
Janus et Cie  
Palecek  
Seasonal Living  
Summer Classics

## **Lamps**

Couture Lamps  
Jamie Young Co.  
Light & Living  
Holtkoetter  
Robert Abbey

## **Tabletop**

Annieglass  
Arte Italica  
Beatriz Ball Collection  
Vietri Inc.

## **Wall Décor**

Art Addiction  
Leftbank Art  
Spicher and Company  
Wendover Art Group

Keep up-to-date on all ARTS Awards information by visiting  
[dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards](http://dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards)

### **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 85 countries, Dallas Market Center offers hundreds of events and seminars geared toward helping retailers expand business and increase profits. The Dallas Market Center website is available at [dallasmarketcenter.com](http://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 [dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards](http://dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards).

### **About the ARTS Awards**

The ARTS Awards is the premier international awards program dedicated to the home industry. Up to 27 categories exist under the headings Manufacturer, Retailer, Product Designer, Interior Designer, Sales Representative, Rising Star, Green and Academy of Achievement. Anyone in the industry can nominate including manufacturers, retailers, sales representatives, designers, suppliers, consultants and other industry officials. Academy of Achievement and Rising Star 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: Arteriors Home, BJ's Home Accents, C.S. Wo & Sons, Distinctive Designs International Inc., Feizy Rugs, Fine Art Lamps, Global Views, Montage, Natural Decorations Inc., Palecek, Paragon, Robb & Stucky and Schonbek Worldwide Lighting.

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