



19th Annual  
**ARTS**  
AWARDS

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**And The Winners Are.....  
19th ARTS Awards Winners Named**

**Dallas, TX - January 19, 2008 --- Southern Lighting Gallery** was presented the 19th ARTS Award for the **East/Atlantic Lighting Showroom Category** on Saturday, January 19, 2008. The award is given yearly by the Accessories Resource Team (ART) and the Dallas Market Center at a gala event.

The ARTS Awards program, held during the Dallas January Super Market Week each year, is the only international program recognizing excellence in retailing, manufacturing, product design and sales representation of decorative home accessories. Through this program, retailers, manufacturers and sales representatives are recognized by their peers for excellence in the development of product, retail merchandising and sales representation of decorative home accessories.

Finalist companies and individuals are required to submit a presentation for judging during November by a panel of five industry related judges. BDO Seidman, the official accounting firm of the ARTS Awards, was responsible for vote tabulation.

**Southern Lighting Gallery** received the ARTS Awards trophy and is entitled to use the winner logo in all printed material.

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### **About the ARTS Awards**

The ARTS Awards is the premiere awards program dedicated to the home decorative accessories industry. 26 categories exist under the headings Manufacturer, Retailer, Product Designer, Sales Representative, Rising Star, Academy of Achievement and Hall of Fame. Manufacturers and the Rising Star award are nominated by retailers, sales representatives, designers, suppliers, consultants and other industry officials. Sales representatives are nominated by manufacturers, retailers and other industry officials. Product designers are nominated by all. The Academy of Achievement and Hall of Fame awards are selected by the judging committee. Companies that have won the ARTS Awards five or more times will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Members are: Distinctive Designs International Inc., Fine Art Lamps, Montage, Palecek, Natural Decorations Inc., Robb & Stucky and Schonbeck Worldwide.

### **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 Web site is available at [www.accessoriesresourceteam.org](http://www.accessoriesresourceteam.org).

### **About Dallas Market Center**

Founded in 1957, Dallas Market Center is the world's largest wholesale merchandise resource. Within its marketplace of nearly seven 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 84 countries, Dallas Market Center offers hundreds of events and seminars geared toward helping retailers expand business and increase profits. As a result, more than \$7.5 billion in estimated wholesale transactions are conducted annually within the Dallas Market Center complex. Dallas Market Center's Web site is available at [www.dallasmarketcenter.com](http://www.dallasmarketcenter.com).

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