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in brief

Shankle Named General Manager At Showplace, Hamilton Properties

Lisa Shankle has been named General Manager for Showplace, Showplace West and Hamilton Properties in High Point.

Shankle, who has over 30 years in the industry, came to the Showplace properties in 2006 from Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. She was most recently the Leasing and Property Manager for Hamilton Properties which includes 200, 320 and 330 North Hamilton in High Point.

Boutique Design Relocates To Javits North

Boutique Media Group and GLM, LLC have announced a relocation of hospitality interiors fair Boutique Design New York (BDNY). Originally slated for the Javits Center Level 4 Galleria, BDNY will now be located directly adjacent to the International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show (IH/M&RS) in the new Javits Center North.

The first annual BDNY takes place November 14-15, correlating with the IH/M&RS, November 13-16. BDNY will offer such exhibitors as American Leather, Bose, Donghia, Ellington Fans, Electric Mirror, Fabric Innovations, Global Allies, Kravet, Lefroy Brooks, Thomasville/Drexel Heritage, and Tuuci. For more information, visit www.boutiquedesignnewyork.com.

New Governors Join WithIt Board

WithIt, the women's leadership development network serving the home and furnishings industries, has announced two additions to its Board of Governors: Jason Phillips, vice president and creative director of The Phillips Collection and founder and

president of Jason Phillips Design; and Y. Jerry Cohen, founding member and partner of New York law firm Cohen, Tauber, Spievack & Wagner PC. Phillips and Cohen join the WithIt Board of Governors advisory team, which is comprised of industry leaders who represent several business disciplines and levels of leadership.

ASFD Accepting Pinnacle Awards Submissions

The American Society of Furniture Designers (ASFD) is accepting submissions for the 2010 Pinnacle Design Achievement Awards competition, honoring excellence in design. The deadline for Pinnacle entries is June 1.

Detailed Pinnacle entry categories, eligibility criteria and entry requirements, including entry and payment forms, are available at www.asfd.com/pinnacleawards/downloads. The Pinnacle Award Winners will be presented during the Fall High Point Market on Monday, October 18, at the 15th Annual Pinnacle Awards banquet to be held at the IHFC Ballroom.

New Collections Coming To Milwaukee Design Collection

Dedicated to bringing lifestyle retailers and the Midwest's interior design trade the latest products in the marketplace, the Milwaukee Design Collection (www.milwaukeeedesigncollection.com) is preparing to unveil a host of new products and collections.

Already considered a prime resource for coveted lines, the Milwaukee Design Collection has added the drapery hardware, tassel and trim line **Brimar** to its lineup. Additionally, the MDC has partnered with four fabric collections, including: **Robert Allen** — fabrics, upholstered goods, drapery

Four Hands Acquires Architects And Heroes

Austin, Texas-based Four Hands continues to expand its selection of home furnishing brands, announcing the acquisition of lighting company, Architects and Heroes (A&H).

A&H, a leading designer of counter balanced pulley lights, is the third brand expansion for Four Hands during the last 12 months. The company launched bina from renown eco-conscious designer Thomas Bina in October 2009 as well as the Boulevard brand of designer custom and in-stock upholstery in April 2009. Four Hands continues to offer its brand of lifestyle home furnishings and is the exclusive distributor of the furniture company Old Java.

A&H was founded in 2002 by owner and designer Palmer Earley, who joins Four Hands to develop and expand the company's lighting market. Earley's company, also based in Austin, has shown the lighting brand for the last several years in the Four Hands High Point, Atlanta and Las Vegas showrooms. A&H offers more than 130 selections in its product line.

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