

The Atlanta International Gift & Home Furnishings Market[®] Showrooms: January 10-17, 2017 Temporaries: January 11-15, 2017 Americas Mart Atlanta and The Atlanta International Area Rug Market® featuring the National Oriental Rug Show January 11-15, 2017

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AMERICASMART "DIAMONDS OF DESIGN" VIGNETTE EXHIBITION **CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF DESIGN INSPIRATION** Presented in Partnership with The "Coastal Living," "Southern Living" and "Sunset" Designer Network

ATLANTA – OCTOBER 24, 2016 – In celebration of its 60th consecutive winter show, AmericasMart[®] Atlanta marks its diamond anniversary with an assemblage of the most brilliant designers from coast to coast for its latest designer vignette gallery, Diamonds of Design. Presented in partnership with The "Southern Living," "Coastal Living" and "Sunset" Designer Network, whose members epitomize the highest standards of design talent across the three unique brands, Diamonds of Design premiers as the signature design event at **The Atlanta** International Gift and Home Furnishings Market[®], January 10-17, 2017.

Eight members of The Designer Network will use products sourced from AmericasMart showrooms and temporaries to create vignettes showcasing their favorite eras, decades, design icons or moments in time from the last 60 years. The designers include:

Joni Vanderslice and Shell Neely, J. Banks Design Group Lauren Liess, Lauren Liess & Co. Lauren DeLoach, Lauren DeLoach Interiors Anna Braund, Anna Braund Dana Wolter, Dana Wolter Interiors Meredith Ellis, Meredith Ellis Design Jenny Wolf, Jenny Wolf Interiors Betsey Mosby, Betsey Mosby Interiors

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Buildings 1 and 2. The exhibition is sponsored by AmericasMart showroom partners: Accent Décor, Castelle, CODARUS, Currey & Company, Jaipur Living, Oly, and Up Country Home. "For decades, the pages of 'Southern Living,' 'Coastal Living' and 'Sunset' have featured the best in home design, and today The Designer Network represents the most brilliant designers from coast to coast, highlighting design aesthetics seen across all of our publications," says Misty Chandler, marketing manager, Homes and Licensing, Time Inc. "We're thrilled to present the Diamonds of Design Vignette Exhibition with AmericasMart Atlanta, the definitive source of design inspiration and innovation for the last 60 years and decades to come."

The most dazzling event of the January 2017 Market, the **Diamond Party**, will take place Friday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in the Vignette Gallery. All Market attendees are invited to toast the designers, view their vignettes, and celebrate six decades of design inspiration at AmericasMart.

"AmericasMart has been the catalyst for design trends for 60 years," says Dave Savula, executive vice president, AmericasMart Home, Gift and Apparel Showroom Leasing. "The Diamonds of Design vignette exhibition showcases our leadership and innovation within the design industry by celebrating the past while looking forward to the future."

The Diamonds of Design Vignette Gallery is located in Building 1, Floor 14, space 14-D-9, with additional vignettes in the lobbies of Buildings 1 and 2. It will be available for viewing throughout Market, and will continue to be on display until June 2017.

For more information about Diamonds of Design, visit

<u>www.AmericasMart.com/DiamondsOfDesign</u> and follow **#DiamondsOfDesign** on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. For additional information about January Market programming, visit <u>www.AmericasMart.com/January</u>.

ABOUT AMERICASMART

AmericasMart Atlanta is the nation's only global wholesale marketplace housing the world's single-largest collection of home, gift, area rug and apparel merchandise. The largest of AmericasMart's 16 annual Markets and shows, The Atlanta International Gift & Home Furnishings Market and The Atlanta International Area Rug Market in January and July are the ignition switch for global retailing with buyers from every U.S. state and as many as 70 countries discovering product in more than 1,500 showrooms and more than 3,000 temporary exhibiting companies. <u>ICON HONORS</u>, the home and gift industry's most celebrated recognition program, is produced and staged annually by AmericasMart.

Located in downtown Atlanta, the AmericasMart complex contains more than seven million square feet of space. It's a huge global stage on which manufacturers, designers and sales representatives unveil new lines, launch new designs and introduce new categories – all for the benefit of buyers seeking all that is fresh and first in the home, rug, gift and apparel arenas. For more information, please visit <u>www.AmericasMart.com</u>.