

# Pace Lighting

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## **PACE LIGHTING ANNOUNCED AS FINALIST FOR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARTS AWARD**

DALLAS – September 20, 2013 – Dallas Market Center and ART – the creative home furnishings network, today announced the 25th annual ARTS Awards finalists in the “Retailers” category, which includes Pace Lighting in the East/Atlantic division for Lighting Showroom. Pace Lighting will be judged against two other premier lighting showrooms for this prestigious award.

Pace Lighting is also a 3-time winner of National Lighting Showroom of the Year, a similar award specific to lighting retailers exclusively awarded every June. Pace Lighting’s Showroom Manager, Lisa Dixon, stated, “The entire Pace Lighting team is delighted to be nominated once again for such an important award in our industry. To be repeatedly acknowledged by our peers as among the best in the country is an amazing experience for our staff and owners. We are proud to serve Savannah and share our wonderful showroom with everyone in our community.”

ARTS Awards is the premier international awards program dedicated to home industry excellence held each January during the Dallas Total Home & Gift Market (Jan. 15-21, 2014). The awards will be presented during a gala event on Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, TX.

The finalists submit a digital presentation to a panel of distinguished judges previously announced, including Ronda Rice Carman, founder of “All the Best Blog” and author of *Designers at Home: Personal Reflections on Stylish Living*; Ignaz M. Gorischek, vice president of store development at Neiman Marcus; Dr. Nancy Kwallek, director of the interior design program at the School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Austin; Kris Lindsey, previous president and COO of Kinder-Harris and product and process development consultant for Paragon; and Gale C. Steves, creator of Open House Products, a home industries consulting company for retailers and manufacturers.

Digital submissions vary based on category and may consist of product development, marketing, merchandising or company differentiation examples. In November, the panel of judges will convene in Dallas for two days to review each individual or company’s submission. Once all components of judging are complete, a designated accounting firm will tabulate and secure the scores until the winners are announced in January.

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, visit [dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards](http://dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards).

***About Pace Lighting***

Pace Lighting is a locally owned, independent lighting retailer located in Savannah, Georgia. Pace Lighting has an 18,500 square foot showroom displaying 2,500 light fixtures & ceiling fans from 180 product lines. Founded in 2001, Pace Lighting opened a state-of-the-art lighting showroom and design center on Chatham Parkway in Savannah in December 2008.

***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 [accessoriesresourceteam.org](http://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, Montaaage, Natural Decorations Inc., Palecek, Paragon, Robb & Stucky and Schonbek Worldwide Lighting. Visit [dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards](http://dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards) for more information.

***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. 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 available at [dallasmarketcenter.com](http://dallasmarketcenter.com).

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