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Helping to qualify the interior designer’s role and expertise are a growing number of national and regional mart seminar events, as well as workshops held by professional societies. Increasingly, these events offer a roster of educational sessions dealing with technical subjects. They are of particular value to young designers, providing an overview of new developments in the field.

Because these programs are perceived by marts to be drawing cards to their events, they are meticulously planned to meet information needs of the design community. CONTRACT believes that such programs deserve a careful second-look by managers of design firms. If the information provided does nothing more than alert designers to possible pitfalls and sources of information to help avoid them, the overhead of seminar attendance in billable time becomes bearable. Supporting market seminar events hold benefits for everyone.

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On IBD/CONTRACT competition

Dear Editor: May I extend my appreciation to CONTRACT for another successful product awards event. I was pleased to note recently, too, that CONTRACT received the Industry Foundation Service Award from ASID. Your magazine was most deserving of this honor.

EUGENE M. DANIELS, FIBD
National President
Institute of Business Designers
Chicago, Ill.

Press lends show of support

Dear Editor: CONEXION '84 was a success due in no small part to the backing and participation of industry leaders, including the press. Please understand how much we appreciate your generous support and gracious cooperation. Thanks so much—we’ll be in touch.

PAT ADAMS
Public Relations
Atlanta Market Center
Atlanta, Ga.

Career reader gives thanks

Dear Editor: At this writing, I am officially retired from the commercial furnishings and interior architecture design field as an active professional. However, membership in ASID continues, interest in the industry remains keen, and I conduct occasional lectures to various groups.

For many years, while a vice president in charge of design for a Miami, Fla., firm, I referred to your magazine for latest product information and important industry events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the value your publication provided in the past and to wish continuing success to you in the future.

LLOYD G. GROSS
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Praise from the bored

Dear Editor: Many thanks for so aptly expressing the “keynote speaker turn-off” syndrome that has plagued our industry. Your Commentary for September is timely.

SUSAN R. WILSON
Wilson Design Associates
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Editor: Congratulations on refreshing candor. You get the editorial chutzpah award.

NORMAN DEHAAN
Norman DeHaan Associates
Chicago, Ill.

Sincere praise of artificial lighting

Dear Editor: Your article in the October issue of CONTRACT opened up a subject that I believe has been sorely neglected in the press. The quality of artificial lighting we are all subjected to in the workplace and the effects lighting has on health and well-being are important matters to keep before the design community.

ROBIN McRAE
Manager Product Development
Hollytex Carpet Mills
City of Industry, Calif.

ERRATA

On page 119, CONTRACT's October issue, Eldon Office Products was represented by its 6000 Steel Accessory line in photography, however description was for the Mediabank.

The Burroughs Sigma 2000 workstation was incorrectly described as being “attachable” to office panel systems (October, page 125). Sigma is actually a freestanding workstation.

In the November issue, page 25, an item ran on the Boston mart, then under development by the Merchandise Mart, Chicago. After press-time, the Mart decided not to pursue a Boston showroom facility.

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Westinghouse symposium addresses productivity crises at opening of manufacturer’s new hdqtrs.

Grand Rapids—“The First International Symposium On Office Productivity,” sponsored by Westinghouse Furniture Systems to coincide with the grand opening of its remodeled facility in Grand Rapids, turned into an interesting 2½-hour discussion of the crying need for increased white-collar productivity.

Five notables
A panel of five notable researchers in the field of office productivity was moderated by Irving R. Levine, NBC News economic affairs specialist. Panelists included Michael Brill, president of BOSTI (The Buffalo Organization for Social and Technological Innovation, Inc.); Jack H. Fooks, deputy director of the Westinghouse Productivity and Quality Center; Charles Garfield, Ph.D., author of Peak Performance In Business, a soon-to-be-released study of the characteristics of the best men and women achievers in America; William C. Ouchi, professor of management, Graduate School of Management, UCLA, and author of Theory Z: How American Business Can Meet the Japanese Challenge; and Herbert E. Striner, dean of the School of Business Administration, American University, Washington, D.C.

While discussions lacked how-to productivity details, stemming from time restrictions and format, some important productivity myths were dispelled.

“Peak performers are trained; not born,” said Garfield, who indicated they represent from 10 to 15 percent of the typical office workforce. They have five factors in common: “a mission; goals that support the mission; non-judgmental feedback as a mechanism to self-correct; rewards; and support, such as training and tools,” he summarized.

Workplace as resource
Brill noted that only recently the office workplace has been perceived as resource for enhancing productivity. “The office was seen by management as a cost factor,” he noted. His own studies revealed, however, he said, “that 11 of 18 environmental factors matter to office productivity. If a company did all of them right, it would realize at least a 15-percent gain in productivity. A company that fixed one, would gain,” he added.

Quantify productivity
The question of whether or not office productivity could be quantified was raised by moderator Levine. Ouchi, among others, asserted that it could, and by standards similar to those used for measuring factory productivity, “by relating what goes in to what comes out,” he said.

“Up to 80 percent of all production failure costs arise in the office,” said Fooks, “and those cost a manufacturing company from 10 to 20 percent of total revenues.”

Striner blamed U.S. corporations, unions and government for a failure to address the educational and retraining needs that must accompany workplace productivity, “by relating what goes in to what comes out,” he said.

Cost/quality trade-offs
Such pressure, according to Fooks, is moving U.S. business management away from a long-held “acceptable quality” model of productivity that included the notion of cost/quality trade-offs. “International competition has used a ‘quality’ emphasis with devastating effect,” he said. “As a result, we are now understanding that high quality production, versus acceptable quality, is the way to produce goods at the lowest possible cost.”

Above all, the symposium was an example of the heightening awareness of productivity as a crisis, and a signal that Westinghouse plans to address the crisis in both its own renovated office headquarters and in systems furniture design and manufacturing.
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1,200 attend Boston Design Center gala

Boston—More than 1,200 guests gathered at the Museum of Fine Arts recently to celebrate the new Boston Design Center (BDC) project. Hosted by co-developers Dallas Market Center and Richard A. Flier Interests, the event attracted prominent members of Boston's design and architectural industry as well as civic and business leaders for a gala evening billed "A Celebration of Boston Design."

Guest speaker program

Marilyn Swartz Lloyd, director, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC), opened the program on behalf of the City of Boston. Trammel Crow, Dallas Market Center Company, welcomed guests and then Michael Bourque, IBD, president, New England Chapter IBD, introduced guest speaker Ralph Caplan, author of the book, By Design.

After Caplan's talk, project principles Richard A. Flier and Lucy Billingsley closed the formal program. Guests were invited to tour the museum's West Wing and view the Gund Gallery Collection plus two special exhibits depicting the history of the BDC site and multi-media presentation on the project's plans for development of the area.

The $25-million center at EDIC's Boston Marine Industrial Park is scheduled to open in the fall of 1985. Over 25 firms have already signed a letter of intent to open showrooms in the facility which will serve the New England area.

Chicago Mart gives $5,000 to FIDER campaign

New York—A $5,000 gift from the Chicago Merchandise Mart has launched the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research's (FIDER) new design center campaign.

FIDER Development Task Force co-chairman Franklin S. Judson, president, Stroheim and Romann, hailed the gift as "the spearhead of a campaign to involve design centers from coast to coast in support of FIDER, in recognition of the support which FIDER gives to our industry."

This gift should be an inspiration to other design centers to assume their rightful responsibility and support our industry through a gift to FIDER," he stated.

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ASID, IBD at odds with AIA over licensing

Washington, D.C.—High ranking members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the American Institute of Interior Designers (ASID) are at odds with AIA over licensing.

The groups met at a joint session sponsored by the AIA Interiors Committee at the AIA's Washington headquarters, during which panels explored legal and political ramifications of state licensing. After a statement by an AIA Board of Governors member that he would recommend to the board they vote against supporting licensing legislation, ASID members took issue with the AIA's stance.

A meeting of the AIA Interiors Committee later that morning resulted in postponement of any recommendation to the Board of Governors and a decision on what position architects will take. Meanwhile, the State of Connecticut passed the second Interior Design Licensing Title Act.

COLLABORATION 6 date changed to Feb. 12 by Resource Council

New York—COLLABORATION 6, the Resource Council's annual salute to creative fashion, interior design, architecture, and theater has been rescheduled for February 12, 1985. The new date coincides with the late inventor Peter Cooper's birthday and celebrates the 125th anniversary of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

Alumni contribute

Famous Cooper Union alumni Milton Glaser and Vera Neumann are two of a host of talents participating in the celebration. Glaser, an internationally known graphic designer and author of The Underground Gourmet, has created all COLLABORATION 6 graphics, while Neumann, known for her innovative work in fashion and textiles, designed commemorative scarves for the 125th anniversary.

Participating designers

Designers and decorative textile houses participating in COLLABORATION 6—A Night of Fantasy include: Adri, Alan Londin; David Freeland, Art People; Renée Helga Howie, Barbara Beckerman Designs; Al Hughes, Bill Corry; Albert and Pearl Nipon, Brunsvich & Fils; Lynn Bowling, Carnegie Fabrics; Bill Blass, China Seas; Adrienne Joy Berman, Design-friends, Ltd; Towanna, DeVrede; Ric Talbot, International Linen Promotion Commission; Issey Miyake, Jack Lenor Larsen; Lee Stout, Knoll Textiles; Insoo Ko, Karl Mann Associates; Michael Vollbracht, Lee Joffa; and Matthew Lombardi, Tony Putnam, Inc.

17 midwest design leaders named to advisory board in Minneapolis

Minneapolis—Seventeen representatives from retail furnishings and design fields were named to the Executive Advisory Board for International Market Square (IMS), a new design center opening near downtown Minneapolis in December, 1984.

Bud Hirshfield, president and CEO, Hirshfield's Inc., a Minneapolis paint and wall covering distributor, was elected chairman of the 17-member board. Hirshfield, along with Wayne Freeman, president, Freeman Lighting Inc., and Jerome Luloff, president, Milt Impressions Inc. will act as advisors for the Design Center.

Appointed as advisors for the Contract Design Center were: Bob Denham, In-Depth Marketing Inc., and Tom Hendrickson, Tom Hendrickson and Associates. Milt Jacobson and Ken Edumnds of K-R Distributors Inc. will serve as advisors for the Trade Mart.

Other executive advisory board members are: James Klein, president, Wunder-Klein-Donohue Co.; David Nyhus, independent designer and representative for the American Society of Interior Designers; Marlene Anderson, American Express and representative for the Interior Design Society; Trude Harmon, independent designer; Carol Taymond, independent designer; Susan Von Kuster, Federal Reserve Bank, representing the Institute of Business Designers; Donal O'Donnell, director, Interior Design Studios, Dayton-Hudson Department stores; Ilene Saunders, Crystal Furniture and Carpeting; Dorothy Collins, president Dorothy Collins Interiors; and Howard Goltz, Landioc Inc., representing the Minnesota Society of American Institute of Architects.

The advisory board will assist IMS's management in formulating user policies for professional buyer clientele, and contribute to ongoing promotion and educational programs for the center.

Super stock & funny chairs compete in Chicago streets

Chicago—This Formula One office chair was created by the Harteretts for the Funny Car competition of the First Annual Chair Races, sponsored by the Institute of Business Designers, Chicago Regional Chapter. Team members (standing, l. to r.) are: Doug Whiter, Sue Revzon, Jim Johnson, and Bill Wach (all of Harter Corp.), Bob Thompson, All-Tech Enterprises; Les Ventsch, Holabird & Roog. Seated (l. to r.) are: Gail Plechaty, Harter; Sharon Sexton Page, Murphy Jahn; Gail Hagemann, Harter; Chip DeGrace, RMM.
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Knoll moves to IDCNY with signed lease; showrooms to open in Fall, 1985

New York—Knoll International will maintain its new headquarters/showroom in 30,000 sq. ft. of space in The International Design Center, New York (IDCNY). The showroom, as for all showrooms with signed leases at IDCNY, is scheduled to open in time for Designer's Saturday, Fall, 1985.

Knoll's showroom, occupying the penthouse and a portion of the fifth floor at IDCNY's Center One, will feature all of the firm's furniture systems, movable wall products, textiles, and carpeting. The move is based on the firm's belief that IDCNY will become a major factor in the strengthening of New York's position as the center of the contract furnishings industry.

IDCNY, located on 10 acres in Long Island City, 10 minutes east of mid-Manhattan, is comprised of three existing buildings containing approximately 2 million sq. ft. of space. Center One and Center Two house predominantly contract tenants who are domestic and foreign manufacturers of office furniture, floorcoverings, wallcovering, textiles, accessories, and other architecturally related products.


Student projects win top honors in lighting competition

New York—Accolades were given to seven projects, three of which were designed by students, in Halo Lighting's annual competition honoring innovative uses of the firm's lighting products. In addition, merit awards were presented to two professional designers and three students.

Winning contract entries included a restaurant/bar designed by Patricia Yorks, ASID, and Rae Baymiller of Lighting Design by Baymiller/Yorks, Minneapolis; an Oriental restaurant designed by Jean Steinhilber and Elizabeth Boghossian, University of Illinois, Urbana; and a car showroom designed by Linda Jane Leeuwrk, Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va. Alan R. Sendelbach, Syracuse University, was awarded for his design of an in-home artist's studio.

Remaining professional winners and merit award recipients are Gerald Tomlin, ASID, Dallas; Alan G. Lucas, ASID, IBD, Los Altos, Calif.; David Winfield Willson, New York; Raymond W. Boorstein, ASID, N. Miami Beach; and Francesco Conte, ASID Assoc., Florham Park, N.J. Merit award-winning students, all from Florida State University, are Kathy Alexander and Brinda Cockburn, both from the Tallahassee campus, and Tamara Schweizer of the Maitland campus.

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67% of space leased by Houston mart

Houston—More than 67 percent of total available showroom space has been leased by the Decorative Center of Houston, according to reports. The recently opened mart offers 500,000 sq. ft. of showroom space and is capable of housing 500 source firms.

New contracts have been signed by Greeff Fabrics, 21st Contempo/Design Institute America Inc., Sam Schenck/ Southwest Inc., and Michael John Smith. In addition, Keller Williams has expanded its existing showroom to incorporate 8,400 sq. ft. of space.

Who reps what: Custom Looms adds three new reps

Ginger Wood & Assoc., Dallas and Houston, located at 350 Decorative Center and The Interior Resource Center respectively, were named representatives by Custom Looms. Richard Crain of Designers Resource Group, Memphis, also joins the firm’s task force.

Watercolors Inc., importer of bath and kitchen fittings, announced the appointment of three new sales reps: Architectural Design Resource, Houston; Design Materials, Denver; and Landsberg & Assoc., Seattle and San Francisco. Southbay Showcase, representatives of ADO Corp., are relocating to a new showroom at 979 Third Ave., New York. Lumen-8 was named sales representative, southern California and Las Vegas, for Sentry Electric Corp.... Michael W. Curtain is now midwest sales representative for Patterson Flynn & Martin’s Chicago Merchandise Mart showroom.

Three new distributors were named by Trans Ceramica Ltd., exclusive U.S. and Canadian agent for Fiandre Ceramic Granite. They are Bowman Tile Supply, Houston; Eastco, Westwood, Mass.; and Moreno Brick & Tile, Irving, Tex. Mid-America Tile, one of the firm’s prime distributors, named three new support distributors: Designed Environment Supply, Minneapolis; Design Surfaces, Fairview Park, Oh., and Champion Brick, New Berlin, Wis.... John Edward Hughes Inc. is new Texas representative for Les Prismatiques. The firm is located at 1025 N. Stemmons Fwy, Dallas. Robert Wallace Assoc., 8687 Melrose Ave., was appointed Los Angeles representative for V’soske... PermaGrain Products named Sandy Warner and Maria Ort, The First Team, Phoenix, manufacturer’s representatives. They are located at 100 W. Coolidge St.

Carpet wool use up in 2-year period

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- S. Harris & Company Inc. recently received a community services award from the Orange County, Calif. Chapter of ASID. The firm was acknowledged for its contribution of fabrics to the Orange County Music Center's fund raising office.

- Designing For Video, a conceptual competition sponsored by RCA Consumer Electronics and The Designer Magazine, challenges professional designers and students at accredited design schools to create spaces involving component television, video-cassette records, and other video equipment. Deadline for entry is January 31, 1985.

- Top prize in the 14th Annual National Home Fashions League (NHFL) Design Fellowship Competition will be $2,000 plus an expenses-paid trip to the NHFL's May conference in San Francisco. A matching grant will go to the winner's school. The competition's category is resilient flooring. Entries are due February 1, 1985.

- The 27th Annual S. M. Hexter Awards Program for the Interiors of the Year, sponsored by S. M. Hexter Co., is open to all interior designers for contract and residential projects. Top winners in each category will receive $2,500. Entries must be submitted by February 22, 1985.

- Columbus Coated Fabrics, division of Borden Inc., is sponsoring Places II, its second annual design competition for young architects. Entrants must design a wall of a tower room. Competition kits will be available through February 1, 1985. Submission deadline is March 4, 1985.

- South Florida interior designers may enter the Interior Design Guild of South Florida's Designers of the Year competition. Entries for several categories are available through Biscayne Fabrics, Miami. Submission deadline is March 15, 1985.

- Conwed Corp. will distribute $45,000 in cash prizes to winning architects and interior designers of its Creative Ceiling Concepts and Creative Ceiling Constructions competitions. Contests promote creative applications of ceiling products and outstanding ceiling design; deadlines are March 1, 1985 and September 15, 1985.

Marberry joins CONTRACT

Sara O'Daffer Marberry has joined the New York staff of CONTRACT as an associate editor. She was formerly a public relations coordinator/writer for the in-house marketing & communications department of The Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

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Acquisitions:
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Bank & Office Interiors broadens its customer base in the Pacific Northwest with the purchase of Showcase Northwest, an office furniture dealership.

Chicago firm West Loop Associates bought a six-story, 174,000-sq.-ft. building at 311 North DesPlaines. The newly formed firm rehabilitates property in the West Loop area.

Therapedic International is offering an expanded line of bedding for the lodging industry. The firm also offers new decorator-inspired ticking.

Kenwood Furniture Inc., Orange, Calif., is the new owner of Tomes of California. As part of the agreement, the Kenwood-owned firm will increase production of its contemporary furniture line and expand it to include lacquer furniture.

Grabber Industries Inc., Middleton, Wis., has selected The Blind Maker, Austin, Tex., as distributor/fabricator of its commercial drapery hardware and window treatment products.

Charvoz Carson Corp. opened a West Coast office and warehouse, Camarillo, Calif. The new 23,819-sq.-ft. building doubles Charvoz's previous size.

Architects Jess Holmes, Bill Sabatini, and David Smith have formed a partnership, Homes, Sabatini, and Smith, Albuquerque, N. Mex. The firm specializes in the design of large complexes such as convention centers and medical facilities.

Pioneer Manufacturing Inc. has entered the furniture components field with the acquisition of Hoover Universal Inc.'s entire line of chair components.

Visual Electronics Corp., parent company of Stacor Corp., has signed a contract for the purchase of Vanguard Inc. Vanguard will be completely refinanced and reorganized under the close supervision of Stacor's executive staff.

Amoco Fabrics hosts market textile preview

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Expansions:
Cramer buys 10 acres, 125,000-sq.-ft. bldg.

Cramer Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Kans., has expanded its facilities with the purchase of 10 acres of land and a 125,000-sq.-ft. manufacturing facility. The firm also took an option on an adjoining 10 acres; both plots are adjacent to the main plant. In a separate agreement, the firm acquired steel case-goods manufacturer, Rodig Manufacturing Company, Kenilworth, N.J. . . .

Shelby Williams Industries is producing chairs for the lodging and food service industries at a new 110,000-sq.-ft. plant, Canton, Miss. The plant employs 100 people and is expected to produce $10 million in seating products when it reaches full capacity in 1985 . . .

Due to increased sales, Cubicon Corp. contracted for a new addition to its recently completed Ripley, Miss. plant . . .

Eliane Pepper Ltd., Gardena, Calif., has expanded into Dallas with the display of its marble table line in David Sutherland & Associates' showroom, Dallas World Trade Center.

New assignments:
340,000 sq. ft. on fast track for GTE/SPRINT

Neville Lewis Assoc./Dallas was retained by GTE/SPRINT to provide complete interior programming, design, and furnishings selection services for the firm's new 340,000-sq.-ft. Central Regional Center, Las Colinas, Irving, Tex. Skylighted interior boulevards and exterior glass are among project features designed to maximize employee comfort. The design firm's Dallas office will also provide planning services to law firm Johnson, Bromberg & Leeds in its 50,000-sq.-ft. office facility, Lincoln Plaza building . . .

Duffy Inc. will soon begin Phase II of IBM's East Fishkill, N.Y. facility in which 800,000 sq. ft. will be designed. Senior project designer Robert Sindorf will coordinate the project. The firm was also commissioned by Florida developers Deatrick & Steele to plan their new Boca Raton office facility . . .

Exxon Office Systems has selected design firm Kaufman Black to remodel the lobby and create a presentation center in its Stamford, Conn. facility . . .

Jain Malkin Inc. was awarded the space planning contract for the new corporate headquarters of The Gail Stoorza Co. The Los Angeles public relations firm will locate its new office in 9,000 sq. ft. of the Central Savings Tower . . .

Contract Design Group, div. Frank M. Seiden Co., will plan interiors of two new condominium complexes by Surf Assoc. Projects are located in Ocean City, Md. and Myrtle Beach, S.C. The firm will also renovate public areas and guest rooms of the Ramada Inn, Ft. Lauderdale . . .

Palm Beach Junior College's new Burt Reynolds Student Services Center was recently completed by Peacock & Lewis Architects and Planners, West Palm Beach, Fla. The facility was named after the school's most illustrious alumnus . . .

The Atlantic County Improvement Authority selected Gruen Assoc., New York, to provide architectural services for Atlantic County Office Bldg., Atlantic City.
The evolution continues. Xorel, the fabric that is revolutionizing the wallcovering industry, is now available in four weaves and 100 colorways. The compromise is over.

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CONDES '85
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InfoWorks theme

New dates and a new theme launch CONDES '85, January 23-25 at the Dallas Market Center (DMC), Dallas. Formerly held during March, CONDES has been rescheduled as an annual January event, this year coinciding with the opening of INFOMART, DMC's new information processing center. Revolving around the theme, "information that works," the three-day program will focus on design, technology, and productivity in today's office workplace.

The "InfoWorks" program features seminars, presentations, and workshops planned for each day to follow these themes. Author Tom Wolfe (From Bauhaus to Our House), heads the roster of distinguished speakers. Wolfe's keynote address delivered on Thursday night will focus on the developing productivity of structures and interior environments through the century's end.

Morning eye-opener sessions planned for each day include a facility managers panel moderated by Anne Fallucchi, editor, Facilities Design & Management magazine, on Wednesday which is designated Technology Day. Paul Hawken, author of The Next Economy, starts off Productivity Day on Thursday with an address covering the trend away from mass consumption toward the information age. Design Day on Friday opens with a workshop on creative thinking in design led by Michael Vance, former creative director of Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla.

Friday's schedule of events also features a luncheon address given by architect Hugh Stubbins of Stubbins Associates Inc., Boston, on directions in office building design through the next decade and beyond.
In addition, a different business seminar will be held each day along with a number of "InfoWorksessions" hosted by participating showrooms. Show attendees can take advantage of these special educational presentations, exhibits, and business ideas from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily during the show. Two sessions on Texas development are also scheduled for Wednesday and Friday.

**Evening preview and gala reception**

On the social scene, several special evening events highlight the CONDES '85 calendar. A design preview, and address by best-selling author John Naisbitt kick off the festivities Tuesday night. Naisbitt's talk, sponsored by the North Texas Chapter of IBD, focuses on the idea of "re-inventing the corporation," a concept developed in his new book titled, *The Beginning of the New: Re-inventing the World We Live In*.

Prior to Naisbitt's talk, ongoing presentations on Dallas development will be held on the fifth and sixth floors of the World Trade Center in conjunction with a "Progressive Dine-A-Round" hosted by participating showrooms. On Thursday evening, a gala reception is planned at the Dallas Museum of Art to celebrate the museum's one-year anniversary.

As the premier contract show for the Dallas Market Center, CONDES '85 will showcase nearly 1,000 lines of furniture, office systems, floorcovering, lighting, wall- and window-coverings, fabrics, and accessories. An additional number of products and services will also be displayed in the INFOMART showrooms, as well as a special "Office of the Future" installation exhibit by the Texas Chapter of ASID.  

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INFOWORKS/CONDES
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 22
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Dallas Design Preview

8-10 p.m.
Evening Address
John Naisbitt, author, Megatrends. Sponsored by North Texas Chapter of the Institute of Business Designers.

Wednesday, January 23
Technology Day
8-9:30 a.m.
Eye-Opener Session
Panel of facility managers, moderated by Anne Fallucchi, editor, Facilities Design & Management.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
InfoWorksessions
Educational and business presentations held in participating showrooms. World Trade Center, 5th & 6th floors.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Facility Manager Group Tour of CONDES showrooms and INFOMART.

3-4 p.m.
“Texas in the year 2000”
Businessmen and financial experts predict major trends.

4-5 p.m.
Business Seminar I

7-9 p.m.
Gala Reception at the Dallas Museum of Art ($10 donation).

Thursday, January 24
Productivity Day
8-9:30 a.m.
Eye-Opener Session

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
InfoWorksessions
World Trade Center 5th & 6th floors.

4-5:30 p.m.
Business Seminar II
“Marketing Your Professional Services” Lester Dundes, publisher, Interior Design magazine.

6-8 p.m.
Reception and Keynote Address

Tom Wolfe, author, From Bauhaus to Our House, Stemmons Auditorium, Loews Anatole Hotel.

Friday, January 25
Design Day
8-9:30 a.m.
Eye-Opener Session
Michael Vance, former creative director of Disneyworld.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
InfoWorksessions
World Trade Center 5th & 6th floors.

12 noon-2 p.m.
Luncheon Address

3-4 p.m.
“The Great Southwest Quality of Life Battle”
Discussions of city planning and development by a panel of academicians.

4-5:30 p.m.
Business Seminar III
“Stress-Busters in the Workplace”

5:30-6:30 p.m.
Reception for design student guides.
When INFOMART opens in January, it will indeed be the world's largest trade center for the information processing industry. The $92 million, 1.5 million-sq.-ft. facility is the brainchild of Dallas developer Trammel Crow and the latest addition to the Dallas Market Center complex.

INFOMART's concept is to bring together buyers and sellers of computer systems, business machines, and telecommunications equipment in a competitive and educational atmosphere under one gigantic roof—a formula that has been used before, but not on such a grand scale.

Designed by Martin Growald & Associates, Fort Worth, Tex., the glass building is patterned after the Crystal Palace which awed visitors at the Great Exhibition of 1851 in London. Just as that exhibition launched the industrial age, INFOMART is envisioned to usher in the information age.

According to Marlon Stredwick, manager marketing communications, 66 percent of INFOMART's available space is leased, with IBM, Xerox, AT&T, and Texas Instruments among the charter tenants. When full, INFOMART will house over 200 permanent showrooms, 300,000 sq. ft. of temporary exhibit space, meeting rooms, a 500-seat auditorium, and a learning center.

More than 100 events are already scheduled for 1985, including sponsored trade shows for the retail, legal, manufacturing, distributing, educational, financial, and banking industries.

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The Office Research Into Buildings And Information Technology (ORBIT) project studied ways in which information technology, including the full range of new office technology from copiers, would affect office buildings. The chief insights of this project drew a distinction between direct and indirect effects of information technology and also stress the significance of end users, and timetables. Esthetically speaking, the office was invented 100 years ago, a response to the needs of new kinds of organization and new real estate potential (thanks to the elevator). Since that brilliant burst of creativity, very little else has happened apart from developments in air conditioning, fluorescent light, and the integrated ceiling. Basically, we are stuck with outdated ideas and worn out imagery. In the old days, it was said that three factors influenced office design—location, location, location. A new formula may be—services, services, services.

**Product Lines Surge in Contract Boom**

Fred Bell
Executive Vice President
Corporate Development
Steelcase
Grand Rapids, Mich.

"As orders in the contract manufacturing sector continue to be filled as quickly as product can be supplied, there are three major areas emerging as leaders in product growth. They are systems furniture, ergonomic seating, and computer support furniture. As a consequence, we are in an era when tremendous learning is taking place about the capacity of product to respond to a very demanding end-user community. The entire office industry, computer resources/suppliers, and independent consulting firms in our field are still learning about what ergonomic support is needed for workstations and the multitude of tasks which have recently matured in the office setting. Quite frankly, in early ergonomic introductions, there were some real 'Rube Goldbergs.' Given a problem, solutions are either over-worked or ineffective at the outset; they become purer with time."

**Process of Design Involves End-User**

William Richards Whaley, FASID
President, ASID
Associate, HOK
Washington, D.C.

"It is becoming key for designers to involve clients and end-users in the process of design. It is necessary to get client support through client participation. Conducting pre- and post-occupancy evaluations is one means designers can use to fully engage clients. If designers and clients more closely evaluate the needs of personnel, they might be able to minimize certain problems—such as decreased worker productivity—on down the line. Interior environment is important. Together with salary, benefits, and job security, work environment is a key motivator."

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Anthony Quattrochi
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**No Such Thing as 'Conventional' Office**

David Armstrong
Vice President, Marketing
Herman Miller
Zeeland, Mich.

"Obviously, the definition of the office that we all call 'conventional' is changing. It is becoming conventional, for example, to use open plan. We are seeing designers and end-users exercise their prerogative to choose open plan more and more. Options are wonderful and many are needed to address varied efficiency and performance considerations. What we are doing in the contract field is understanding the 'fit' between people, process, and place. In a climate of raised consciousness about the workplace, offering more freedom to the worker is key."
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Colors boost restaurant business

"As famed restaurant critic Mimi Sheraton once commented, 'Restaurants are theater.' You can experiment with scene-setting providing you don't overwhelm the food."

These remarks by New York designer Rhona Hershkowitz reflect the nature of restaurant business. Particularly in large urban areas where good dining spots are plentiful, a patron's choice of restaurant is often based on atmosphere.

Appeal keyed to usage

However, a strong restaurant design statement can easily be thwarted by a color palette which is unappealing in a food service setting. For example, noted color expert Fiber Birren warns designers that certain colors can have negative effects when used in a restaurant. These colors include bilious hues such as olive, yellow green, and gray. Birren cautions designers to specify colors while considering their proximity to foods being served. "A color's appeal is related as much to its usage as its popularity," he explains.

"Gray, which is highly successful today in many product lines, should not be specified for tablecloths or napkins. It makes food unappetizing."

On the other hand, cherry red, lettuce green, butter yellow, and orange are always good accompaniments. Peacly tones are also very appetizing," he says.

According to Houston foodservice planner Frank Clemmons, designers should try to place warm, light colors next to food. He also emphasizes the importance of lighting, noting that color rendition is affected by light source.

Clements points out that colors which he would never have used years ago are now enjoying success thanks to innovative applications by today's restaurant designers. "For example, blue and green—which I always avoided—work quite well today in restaurant projects," he says. "I see designers specifying white for bar areas. Traditionally, warmer colors are chosen for these spaces."

Hershkowitz, who spends 30 percent of her time on foodservice projects, suggests that color selection must be based on the appropriateness of application in given settings.

Play it safe

"For example, bright, bold colors which quicken turnover in a fast food restaurant would never work in a formal establishment. In these settings, pastels are effective colors because they set a relaxed mood; here, color's purpose is not to stimulate appetite," she says.

Doyle Wayman of Index, a Houston restaurant and retail design firm, believes that color selection problems are often best solved by creating an absence of color in a foodservice establishment. "We're playing it very safe these days in restaurant design. We're letting signage, staff uniforms, neon, and art add the color rather than injecting it into permanent elements," he explains.

"I don't like to follow trends. Fashionable colors always filter down to entertainment design," he adds. "I believe it's better to apply those hues to design elements that are not fixed. Restauranters are spending a lot of money in those spaces and they expect longevity. The last thing you want is to date your palette."

An illustrative project is a deli in the Georgia Pacific Building, Atlanta, in which a red wall and soffits are the only exceptions to a neutral palette. Says Wyman, "The food is what adds the color, particularly as contrasted against the white and glass block display units."

Tony Lo Grande, who is primarily a retail designer, works frequently on restaurants which are located in stores. He, too identifies with a design approach that makes the food the focus of the environment. For example, his design of a gelato cafe for Burdines, Coconut Grove, incorporates natural light in a black, brass, and wood interior display setting for the gelato.

His designs of freestanding restaurants also use this merchandising approach, but tend to incorporate brighter colors that establish a distinct theme. However, he stresses that in selecting a palette for these establishments he is always careful about their intensity.

Lo Grande points out that color preference is very subjective, and that no palette will please everyone. But, as Fiber Birren notes, "Certain things are fundamental in nature. One of them is that red goes with food."

"Often designers avoid successful colors because they are not trendy or because they view them as monotonous. Similarly, they will select ineffective colors simply because they are in fashion. People have unconscious taste in color which stays with them regardless of trends. To ignore this fact when designing an environment is silly."
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"People are realizing that there’s a lot more that can be done with dimmers today than turning lights on and off," says Mark Russell, Electro Controls, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Programming dimmers

Picture this: in a typical office building where the official start of a working day is 8 a.m., some workers may arrive earlier. Says E.W. Schuett, Lutron Electronics, Coopersburg, Pa., early work preparation may be considered a “non-critical” task as opposed to those “critical tasks” of normal working hours.

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"Indeed, without local control, workers are forced into unnatural situations," says Terry Lautzenheiser, P.E., Day-Brite Lighting, division of Emerson Electric, Tupelo, Miss. “Centralized systems that lack individual controls force workers to meet programmed schedules rather

Technological features

Among many dimmer products on the market are Ambiance from Kliegl, Long Island City, N.Y.; Electro Controls’ MicroDim; and Lutron’s Paesar PRF Daylight Compensator.

Ambiance uses a digital control module to store and recall lighting levels for six different scenes; it is applicable to many situations, including multiple and partitioned spaces. With this product, il-
LIGHTING LINE

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Lumination levels can be preset and locked in, eliminating the possibility of tampering or accidental change.

Additional features of Ambiance include a power-interrupt system for operation of lights in the event of a main system malfunction and a backup system which retains programs in case of power interruption. Thus, lights that black out during a power failure will return to preselected levels upon power restoration.

Low-voltage MicroDim from Electro Controls permits push-button control for as many as four separate lighting scenes. All scenes can be preset and automatically activated at any time, from any location. Product options include remote master control, lighting program override, full on/off capacity, fade time controllers, and photocell light sensors.

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One such product is the Wes-Lite task lamp which features a multi-position switch to control light output. Wes-Lite, manufactured by Westinghouse Furniture Systems, Grand Rapids, Mich., offers 50-, 65-, and 80-percent dimming capability as well as reduced glare on worksurfaces. Although technological wizardry has made the dimmer a more versatile product, doubt as to its necessity exists.

"Computers are having an effect on dimming, but we may be utilizing them simply because we can, rather than because we need to," says Lautzenheiser. "Technologically advanced dimmers are

fun, but are they really necessary? We're at a point now where lighting designers should say, 'This is what we're trying to do, and the engineers should proceed accordingly.'"

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Judging: Judging of all qualified entries will take place in April 1985. Judges will evaluate the entries in terms of the overall design, as well as use of carpeting as a design element in terms of originality, innovation and appropriateness. Winners will be notified by May 15. Public announcement of winners will be made at NECON '87. A formal presentation of the awards will take place the following week in New York.

Submissions: Entries must consist of 25mm slides of the interior, free of any identification of firm name. At least four slides must be submitted showing the interior from different perspectives. Slides must be accompanied by a design rationale, no more than one typed page, double-spaced on plain paper, not company letterhead. Mail all of these materials in a standard 9" x 11 envelope to: DuPont ANTRON Design Award, Room X-39534, Wilmington, DE 19898. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 1985. Each entry must be submitted in a separate envelope with a separate entry blank. Photocopies of the entry blank are acceptable. All entries become the property of DuPont Company and may be used in advertising, brochures, and publicity releases.

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Display table supports monitor

A cantilevered display table has been added to the Generation III line of computer furniture by Human Factor Technologies. The table is designed to stand in front of a single surface table and support a monitor. Unit gives operators total use of a primary worksurface for keyboard, digitizer, and peripheral equipment. Table surface is height-adjustable via front-located crank handle. On casters, table is available with brown frame and either light-oak or tan-value laminate top. Circle No. 278.

Faucet turns on & off automatically

Auto-flow faucet from Continental Systems Corp. uses an infrared beam to sense the presence of hands. When hands are placed under the faucet, water of a pre-selected temperature is automatically dispensed. When hands are removed, water flow stops. Manufacturer's unit is constructed of UL-approved ABS polymer. Circle No. 280.
Insulated file system protects up to 400 diskettes

Safes hold mixed media

Two fire-insulated mixed media safes have been introduced by Schwab Safe Co. FireGuard safes feature 350-degree-rated sections for computer printout and paper records and 125-degree-rated sections for protection of computer media. Standard Group 2 combination locks operate live boltwork on all sides of the door.

Circle No. 285.

Firemaster 125-degree insulated flexible diskette file guards against damage due to heat and high humidity. From Victor Systems and Equipment, file stores up to 400 diskettes, measuring 5¼ in. Rack storage pulls out for easy access to data.

Unit may be installed on its optional base or stacked. Firemaster is available in pearl gray, and is backed by a lifetime replacement assurance and by a limited product warranty.

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Line adds riser, connector shelf

A bi-level riser and 90-degree connector shelf have been added to Hunt Mfg. Co.'s Value Group systems furniture line. Both units are available in black and walnut, or putty and walnut.

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Acoustical covers come in 3 colors

Citadel Data Group has introduced a line of acoustical covers for dot-matrix, daisy-wheel, personal computer printers and hard-disks. Units come in stock colors of walnut, oak, and putty. Features include heavy-duty anti-vibration base-board, extended-life cooling fan, and memory hinges to hold acrylic in any position. Units are shipped fully assembled.

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Maintenance plan shows where, when to clean carpets

After sending in their proposed floorplans to Racine Inds., designers can receive color-coded, computer-generated diagrams showing where and when carpets will need to be cleaned and what the estimated costs will be.

For the first time, specifiers will be able to see on paper the primary areas in which a carpet will collect soil.

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CAMP, the Computer Aided Maintenance Plan for carpet, is the new "state-of-the art" approach to carpet maintenance, says J.F. Rench, chairman, Racine Inds. A systematic cleaning schedule, such as the one charted by CAMP, is essential to prevent a carpet from over-soiling before it wears out, according to Rench.

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A Specifier’s Guide introducing architects, designers, and specifiers to CAMP is available from Geoffrey Greeley, director, HOST School, Racine Inds. Inc., P.O. Box 1648, Racine, WI 53401.

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Designed by Richard Sapper, the chair draws practical as well as esthetic attention to its novel Movomax four-linkage system, identified here by red component parts. In operation, these “linkages” perform like a flexing parallelogram to offer varied seat and back pitch for a wide variety of worker tasks, ranging from task-intensive functions to managerial work.

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More than meets the eye.
Charleston Carpets named Ray Wilson western regional manager. He is headquartered in the Western Merchandise Mart. Rex Gaugh became district manager, covering Georgia and Alabama.

Top Grade Inc. has been honored by the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) with an award for its Conspec Series catalog.

Interceramic Inc., a manufacturer of ceramic floor tile, named Terry O'Connor, Jr. field sales manager. He formerly owned and operated Sun Aqua Solar Systems.

Mitchell International Inc., a health care consulting firm specializing in equipment and interiors planning, has named Patrick Walsh director of procurement, and Randy Heintz, director of relocation planning.

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Kelly Hardage has been named director, design center development, Dallas Market Center and related companies. Formerly, Hardage was national sales manager, Boris Kroll Fabrics.

Robin Cowen has become account representative, Gretchen Bellinger textile design firm. Maria Tesorio will oversee order fulfillment in the customer service department. Lizbeth Oulmann was named promotion assistant.

Wolf-Gordon Inc. has promoted Harry Hereklian (shown) to assistant vice president of sales in New York City.

Doug Crichton, owner, Doug Crichton Assoc., received the Salesman of the Year award for fiscal year 1984 from Samsonite Furniture Co.'s Commercial Division.

Richard E. Prentice has become regional manager, GF Furniture Systems. He will supervise sales in the newly consolidated south central region.

Designs Unlimited Inc., a Chicago contract furniture dealer, has appointed Karen Clausen (shown) director of interior design and sales consultant.

Susan R. Morison joined The Ritchie Organization (TRO) as director of marketing. She is also handling the marketing efforts of TRO's subsidiaries, Architecture Research Development (ARD) and Interior Design Systems (IDS).

Corplan Inc. interior design and space planning firm has opened an office at 342 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. Angela Ku is president, and Taher Koita is vice president.
Roger E. Hayes (shown) has been named president, Houston Design Center. He has been serving as executive director of the center since January.

Ann Richardson, founder and president, CSA Inc., was named the 1984 National Home Fashions League (NHFL) Trailblazer. CSA is a national design/construction firm.

Debby Webber (shown), proprietor, Webber Design Assoc., was elected president, North Texas chapter, IBD.

Bob Becker has become an independent consultant to Helikon Furniture Co. He was formerly vice president for design. The move permits him to concentrate full-time on furniture and product design.

Stephen Yavroutian has joined the New York office of Griswold, Heckel & Kelly Associates as project director for the Equitable Group and Health Company Headquarters. Jane Gustafson has joined the firm as a senior project designer.

Royce R. Renfroe, CPA, joined Bentley Mills as executive vice president, finance and administration.

Homestead Fabrics appointed John E. Riederer (shown) vice president-contract textile division. Riederer is a former president of Thonet Inds.

Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, P.C., has reorganized the management of its Washington office. Management committee members are: Robert E. Barr, director of operations; George W. Hellmuth, director, marketing architecture; Marcia Lacy, director, interiors group; and Larry Sauer, director, architectural design.

Samsonite Furniture's commercial products division has named Ivan Mann Canadian (shown) manufacturer's representative. Jerrold W. (Jerry) Heaton has been appointed northwestern regional sales manager for the Tenn.-based firm.

Bumgardner Architects in Seattle has elected three new principals. They are: Robert H. Schneider, AIA; Alan Grainger; and Madora Lawson, IBD, ASID.

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For Americans, there are two types of dining out—fine dining and fast food. The latter has captured the minds and spare change of millions of people from the very young to retirees. So, what could be new since McDonald’s introduced the Big Mac? The answer is facilities, as well as new types of food merchandising vehicles.

In this issue, Wendy’s expands its seating capacity and encourages lighting conservation with introduction of greenhouse solariums. By bringing the outside in, Wendy’s new design has also had a positive impact on sales volume and profits.

Other interiors that try to carve out a bigger slice of this booming market show trends toward theatrical treatments that make dining out a form of entertainment.—THE EDITORS
MORE VOLUME FOR WENDY’S WITH NEW SOLARIUM GREENHOUSES

Plants flourish as exterior is brought inside for newest fast-food remodels throughout country

Light and bright interior is ideal for growth of plants, bringing the outside in at all Wendy’s branches incorporating new solarium greenhouses, which expand seating capacity from 80 seats to 106. The solariums have had a positive impact on profits for this fast-food chain operation.
Solarium greenhouses, used successfully in a variety of retail stores, now are serving fast food operations very successfully. Wendy's International is utilizing the concept not only to add a light and bright atmosphere to its restaurants, but to expand seating capacity as well.

The greenhouses have had a positive impact on sales and are being added to all of Wendy's standard units, according to Judy D. Smith, IBD, design manager for the 2,700-unit chain. "Each standard unit's seating capacity is increased from 80 seats to 106 as a result of using the solarium greenhouses," says Smith. "We will be remodeling with the solariums across the country."

Even though installation of the solariums involves remodeling construction work, the units being converted are not shut down. Instead, the work is done at night, when there will be a minimum of disruption.

"Thus, design upgrades are performed without closing the unit," she explains. "Addition of the solarium greenhouse relates well to our standard building with copper fascia, but most importantly, it permits increasing seating capacity and therefore volume."

More natural light throughout each restaurant is provided by the glass solariums, making an excellent environment for decorative planters and greenery, according to Smith. "Since we are also enhancing our exterior landscaping and outdoor lighting at each site, the results provide an effective integration of exterior with interior. Diners get the feeling that they are eating outdoors picnic-style."

To further integrate the solarium addition to Wendy's standard building format, the company has extended carpeting to solariums and uses the same seating in both dining areas.

Four interior color schemes are being used throughout the chain to provide location identification to patrons. "Two of our schemes," says Smith, "are Autumn Mist and Forest, which still work with the newsprint tabletop and Tiffany lamps that have always been synonymous with this fast-food operation. Our newest schemes, Monaco and Quatro, incorporate new finishes that also relate to our old-fashioned image, but with a touch of contemporary styling. The results, integrated with our new solarium greenhouses, offer an upscale and enjoyable experience for our customers."

The color schemes, solariums, and new interior design plans are being employed at installations across the country as remodeling opportunities arise, she points out. "We really stay ahead of fast-food competition by using real glass in our Tiffany fixtures, as well as carpeting, which adds a luxurious touch."

These design amenities appeal especially to young adult professionals, who appreciate this touch of elegance.

Wendy's design department takes into consideration the durability characteristics of products and maintenance requirements. Thus, the design brings together both function and esthetics.

Smith emphasizes that the ability of units to continue functioning during remodeling is a boost to profitability. She points out that wallcoverings, carpeting, chairs, table finishes, and laminates are subject to color changes, according to coordinated schemes. "We succeed in maintaining the old-fashioned look that is the hallmark of the chain, but it is presented in a contemporary way."

So successful has the design effect been, that Wendy's has taken on a full-time interior designer to assure full implementation of the program. □
Intriguing environments, special effects created for Calif. fast food operation

If fast-food success depends upon showmanship, then restaurant interiors designed by a space planning organization steeped in Hollywood set design are sure to make the grade. One of the latest imaginative creations of Setmakers Inc., Glendale, Calif., the Magic Pizza Family Entertainment Center, combines the firm’s flair for show business and fast-food entrepreneurship in an 18,000-sq.-ft. facility located in Manhattan Beach.

In addition, approximately 2,400 sq. ft. of corporate offices are located on the site in a flagship headquarters.

Headed by Don Ament, chairman of the board, and Duane Ament, president, Setmakers is a space design firm with talent focused in the entertainment field. It specializes in animation, mural design, and the creation of efficient and effective interiors for a variety of restaurants. The company was founded in 1970, primarily as a set design group for motion pictures and television. But it has evolved into a firm with three distinct design and manufacturing services: interior space planning and design of family fine dining, adult fast food restaurants, and corporate identity programs.

Magic Pizza Magic Shoppe (top r.) flanks order counters and offers assortment of games, magic tricks, and illusions for sale to restaurant’s clientele. Aluminum ceiling, reflective Tivoli lights on floors and ceilings add to sparkle of this magical environment.
The objective of the design, as outlined by Duane Ament, is multi-directional: "...a restaurant transformed into a magical land of enchantment... offering a variety of dining areas, incredible illusions, and magical experiences... surprising diners with its diversity of entertainment, while creating an unique atmosphere."

**Multi-disciplines created space**

For the Magic Pizza concept, Setmakers brought to the project state-of-the-art techniques in fiber-optic lighting, special illusionary effects, interior design, space planning, and a knowledge of restaurant design requirements.

Setmakers' project architectural detailer, Felix Balquidra, worked with the design team for more than one year before the first nail was hammered. Members of that team consisted of artists, interior space designers/planners, and production personnel.

First indication of the special treats hidden inside for families visiting the restaurant is a unique, low voltage "Xanadu" tube lighting of the porte-cochere inviting diners to enter. A large display featuring Merlin the Magician in a beckoning posture gets the immediate attention of guests. The fiber optics lighting technology is but an early taste of the adventure in store for both children and adults.

**Fog creeps through entryway**

Once inside the main entrance, the mood is enhanced by fog creeping through the entryway, a crystal image of Merlin etched in glass, and the creation of a mystical mood that sets the tone for the entire dining-entertainment experience that is about to begin.

Beyond, Merlin beckons guests with a
Variety of dining areas offered

special-effect illusion of his head floating in air while a disembodied voice speaks to restaurant guests.

Part of the complex is a modern food-ordering system, a retail shop featuring mementoes of the Magic Pizza experience, and a number of different dining environments. Adjacent to the entry area is Merlin's Showcase Theatre, the main dining area within the restaurant. A large, handpainted custom mural stretches 60 ft. in both directions from the stage area, which offers a variety of live, stand-up magicians who entertain on stage, as well as at guest tables.

Special theme-rooms within the restaurant include the Sorcerer's Screening room, which offers a continuous widescreen preview of special feature movies, or the Magical Sports Theatre, which provides on-going exhibition of films and video features.

Special private party rooms include Blackstone's Manor, Dante's Den, Houdini's Room, and Copperfield's Corner. Elsewhere within is the Wizard's Forest, a special land created by Setmakers that features video games, an intriguing mystical village, and a number of computer-oriented games for children and adults.

In addition to its design facilities, Setmakers also has a 100,000-sq.-ft.
Creators of Magic Pizza and other restaurant productions are (l. to r.) Peter Yee, design director; Wes Cook, creative art director; Don Ament, founder/chairman; and Duane Ament, president, Setmakers, Inc. Wizard’s Forest (center) includes planters and flowers designed to set a light, bright mood for all who enter the land of magic. Another view of Merlin’s Showcase Theater (bottom right) shows informal bench and table eating facilities, mural, and performing stage. Hand-painted mural in Magic Pizza theater (left) sets the mood for magical presentations.

manufacturing facility in Mt. Ayre, Iowa. The company employs nearly 100 people in serving several of the nation’s largest restaurant and fast food firms.

Develops indoor playground

Founder Don Ament started as a freelance artist and art director on the Hollywood scene. His credentials include working for the Goodman Theater, Art Institute of Chicago, and Screen Gems, where he served as art director.

One of his early efforts was the development of a playground environment within a restaurant which won national acclaim by fast-food organizations.

The concept brings repeat business to fast food operations. Setmakers produces and installs the playgrounds on a national basis.
Cafe “52,” the new employee cafeteria in Chemical Bank’s recently renovated operations center at 52 Broadway, New York City, was planned with the user in mind. Project designer Robert Brown, Haines Lundberg Waehler, New York, was given free rein to create a dining facility that was unusual, visually stimulating, and just “a nice place to take a break.”

The result, according to Brown, is a high-tech, “funky but chic” look that provides a nice change from the subdued working floors of the building. Orange neon signs announcing food categories are mirrored in the stainless steel fixtures of the food service area, along with reflections from a television monitor that lists daily menus. Copper table tops, black metallic panels, and copper mirror ceiling slats create a visual spectrum in the main dining room.

The first issue to be dealt with in the design of “52” was location. The building, situated on an odd-shaped site, has a column grid spreading out in two directions, so there are no square column bays. General circulation is related to the building core with seating following the core in one direction, columns in the other.

To accentuate the relation of seating to the building’s structure and separate one large room into several intimate clusters without permanent divisions, columns were connected along one axis with false gypsum board arches. The latter are highlighted with cold-cathode tubes while accent uplights on columns help define the clustered seating area. Removable planters were used to separate groups of tables so that the entire floor area could be cleared for cocktail parties and receptions.

Since the cafeteria is on the second floor of a building in a densely developed urban area, there were no views to highlight, so visual relief had to be provided internally. Brown and his associates accomplished this in circulation areas by using black floor tile and mirrored copper slat ceilings which reflect off glossy white walls to create a sense of movement and visual delight.

Shiny black metallic panels act as invisible mirrors along one 45-ft.-long blank wall. These break up and reflect cold-cathode arches nearby. The seating area has a vibrant copper-colored patterned carpet that matches table tops and ceiling. Copper was chosen for its combination of warmth and glitter, as well as for its visual enhancement of food. The white ceiling also reflects various forms of light to create a glowing appearance. Round columns clad in gypsum board reflect many colors and act as transition between seating and circulation spaces.

“52” occupies one floor and seats approximately 300. It has two kitchens that serve all dining areas, plus a small banking facility.

NEW CAFE ‘52’ MADE EXCITING FOR CHEM BAN K EMPLOYEES

Lighting & shiny surfaces mirror lunchtime activity

SOURCES


Hunt—Contemporary plank oak booth is one of 25 new items from Hunt. Hand crafted from solid oak the booth is available with choice of three finishes in a single or double. Seats & backs upholstered in naugahyde or customer’s choice. Circle No. 270.

Peter Pepper Products—7030 Fast Food Service Seating module has a tubular steel frame supporting reinforced fiberglass seats and table top. Also available with flush inlaid laminate surface and without seat backs. Circle No. 251.

Shelby Williams—Chair adapted from Charles Mackintosh, Europe’s counterpart to Frank Lloyd Wright, inspires a moderne look. Poly-Gloss finished, square-cutout back has fire- and smoke-retardant Pyroguard urethane foam cushion. Circle No. 239.

Glassform—Banquette multiple seating unit extends to required length in 72-in. increments. Constructed of fiberglass reinforced resin, the unit is available in a variety of custom colors and finishes with or without upholstery. Circle No. 248.

Ship ‘n Out—Custom sneeze guards in brass are supported by brackets and a flush tray with finely tailored ends. Circle No. 256.

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS SERVE UP COMFORTABLE DINING WITH MODULAR SEATING

Design emphasis on durability & maintenance
Loewenstein—Carlo stacking arm chair combines a solid, sleigh base made of chrome-plated steel with a black molded plastic seat and back. Removable inset upholstered and easy to replace. Circle No. 266.

Hitchcock Chair Co.—411 Country Side Chair is made of hard maple and crafted with emphasis on traditional strength and beauty. Circle No. 263.

Kofabco—CC25 armless chair features a metal frame with upholstered seat cushion. Available in a variety of painted finishes, chrome, or brass-tone, with vinyl or fabric seat. Circle No. 267.

Paoli—Solid hardwood frame armless stack chair available in a wide selection of fabrics and finishes. Circle No. 252.
FAST FOOD FURNITURE

Many fabric choices

International Contract Furnishings—Caribe Series of tables, chairs and bar stools are designed by Ilmari Tapiovaara. Bases are bronze-plated hobnail castings that offer a lustrous patina. Butcherblock table tops are guaranteed for two years. Circle No. 264.

Tropitone—Veneman Collection is constructed of durable cast aluminum and can be ordered in a variety of custom colors and fabrics. Ideal for both indoor and outdoor seating. Circle No. 261.

MTS Seating—New 4000 Series Venturi Style table base is designed to provide "laborsaver" single bolt assembly. Manufactured of 11 gauge steel, base features a pre-welded mounting plate. Circle No. 255.

Mid-Channel—Portable Flower Cart salad bar unit moves on 36-in. hickory wagon wheels. Oak caster legs at both ends provide stability. Circle No. 271.

Tri-Mark Tulip—Wes Stool is shown in three different heights. Reinforced steel tubing frame with chrome, polished brass, white, black or beige powder coat finishes. Circle No. 258.

R-Way—Skagen seating provides a variety of applications with stacking and non-stacking side and arm chairs. Choice of several upholstery variations, oak plywood, or cane seats and backs. Circle No. 253.

Rudd International—Rabbit Cafeteria Module, constructed of pressed sheet metal in stainless steel, is built to withstand constant and heavy use. Circle No. 246.
Emeco Industries, Inc.—33M Nesting Chair features injection-molded polypropylene seat and back with cane-inspired hole pattern for ventilated comfort and easy maintenance. Four standard seat and back colors available with four different frame finishes. Circle No. 262.

Harbour House—Contemporary table tops framed in white ash, oak, or pine. Resin finish is crafted with choice of wallpaper or other distinctive material. Circle No. 268.

Falcon—The Modular Concept is a complete custom restaurant interior package manufactured to meet specific design requirements. Choose from a wide variety of table and seating designs, modular wall panels, salad bars, cabinets, trash receptacles, and planter boxes. Circle No. 265.

Executive Office Concepts—The patented Lisberg full-arm stack chair features a steel reinforced molded plastic inner shell engineered with correct body contours and HR Foam cushioning. Aluminum casting coated with black vinyl polymer provides main stability. Frame is oak laminated. Circle No. 247.

Plymold Booths—Decorator Waste Receptacles come in three sizes. Push-doors can be faced front, back, left, or right providing quick, easy customer access from three different directions. Decorator countertop can be ordered with tray rails or planter. Circle No. 358.
FAST FOOD FURNITURE
Contemporary design updates classic woods

Wilsonart—TUFSURF II laminates feature a matte finish that resists wear up to eight times longer than regular laminate. Designed for high traffic areas, TUF-SURF II is available in both General Purpose and Postforming grades. Circle No. 362.

John Boos & Co.—Butcher block line of modular seating styles offered in hard maple or Appalachian red oak table tops. Available with Ashland (shown) or Essex seats featuring memory return swivels. A variety of options include two- or four-seater models, freestanding or grout-in frames in black or brown. Circle No. 249.

Gregson Furniture Industries—1005-1111 side conference chair is made of walnut with open arm and upholstered seat and back. Circle No. 244.


American Seating—Sculptured Acton Chair and Solar Table combination add different contours to dining facilities. Both are available in a wide range of colors, table surfaces, and size options. Circle No. 245.
SELLING SUCCESS BASED ON CREATING EXCITING ENVIRONMENTS

Currently, retail competition is so heated that stores and malls must innovate through new forms of merchandising and interior space planning to get customers through the front door, let alone spend money. That’s why developers and store planners are creating sophisticated environmental experiences which serve as enticements to today’s discriminating shopper.

Boston’s exciting Copley Place offers large-scale illustration of fresh concepts in retail engineering that appeal to today’s lifestyle shopper. In landscaped atria, grand entryways, multi-level retail galleries, and luxurious architectural detail, everything has been designed as a drawing card for normally jaded customers.

Other projects in this issue point to a changing role for the retail designer. Increasingly, his talents determine the success or failure of the shopping environment.—THE EDITORS
COPLEY'S MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT MESHES WITH BOSTON BACK-BAY

3.7 million-sq.-ft. Copley Place integrates with & enhances surrounding retail community

The first time in history that anyone has built over a highway interchange. The broadest "horizontal reach" of any urban office complex. Highest sales volumes ever reported by national retail tenants. These are some of the claims-to-fame of Copley Place, a 3.7 million-sq.-ft., mixed-use development that was master planned by The Architects Collaborative (TAC), Boston, Mass. Built on 9.5 acres of land, the project includes two hotels with approximately 2,000 guest rooms, four interconnected office buildings, three enclosed parking garages, residential units, and extensive shopping galleries anchored by major department stores in 360,000 sq. ft.

The $530-million complex represents Boston's largest mixed-use development and is built on a trapezoidal site in the middle of Copley Square, left vacant for 20 years after the Massachusetts Turnpike blazed through it in the 1960s. Copley Place is actually built in the air rights over the turnpike and a maze of major city arteries.

Notes Howard Elkus, principal, TAC, "It is hard to conceive of a more difficult urban site upon which to build. In addition to the interchange, a city street, turnpike, bridges, tunnels, and rail lines made for a spaghetti-like jumble that at once represented construction obstacles and opportunities for pedestrian/vehicular access."

TAC's design challenge was to fill in the hole in the urban fabric created by the turnpike. Stringent design criteria were established by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, dictating that the new complex thoroughly integrate with Boston's Back Bay area. Planners had to configure Copley's "critical mass" to make it fit into Back Bay's historical architectural preserve.

Initially, neighboring retailers from nearby Newbury Street raised objection to the project, declaring it to be "two football fields away" from their commercial center, and a potential detractor from the existing marketplace. Since opening, Copley Place has actually proved an asset to adjacent commercial districts, for it was designed to function as a pedestrian "loop," circuiting traffic through its own buildings as well as exterior sites. Indeed, far from being a cul de sac, Copley Place meshes with and invigorates its environment.

Grand entryways celebrate complex

To make the periphery of Copley inviting (one-half of its perimeter has highways butting against project walls), de-
COLEY PLACE
Stringent retail design criteria

Signers created grand entries. These include a "city room" public space in the rotunda of the Westin Hotel, a skylit entry off of Stuart Street, a major glass entrance into the Marriott Hotel, as well as an entry to Neiman Marcus.

Grandeur is the keynote of the complex, but, as project architect for design John Sheehy notes, "We wanted to avoid the megastructure image, the traditional mall-style confusion that mixed-use projects tend to have.

"Instead, we broke Copley Place down into legible forms in a sequence of spaces, some of which are atria, some galleries. These spatial systems set up the movement of visitors."

Copley's retail portion represented a means for designers to "form up" a new street-level for the project, which started 30 ft. above surrounding grade in order to clear interstate ramps. Anchor department stores were placed at either end of the project—two of them, Saks and Lord & Taylor, were pre-
existing adjacent to the site at nearby Prudential Center. The Marriott and Westin hotels use up the only available zoning for high-rise structures; thus, office space was layered over the retail portion in four separate buildings accessible from a sky lobby. By joining the buildings within, large 125,000-sq.-ft. floor plates are arranged around a central atrium—the “place” in Copley Place.

A South Gallery houses restaurants and cinemas and attracts crowds by means of escalator banks. In addition, the 140-ft.-high central atrium is shaped to suggest a spatial movement to the south from the central gallery. The latter, at its lowest level, forms a central court for retail corridors. Shops are arranged along two levels that run through the middle of Copley Place. At the eastern edge is Neiman-Marcus; the store’s second and third floors open onto two-level, above-grade shopping galleries.

Retail design standards set for tenants

Chicago-based Urban Investment and Development Co. (UIDC), the owner, established design criteria for gallery areas to make the complex blend with the city outside. Tenants were given zoning standards within the mall that established a lease-line 3 ft. out from neutral walls which hold storefronts. Retailers were therefore encouraged to devise bay windows, angled show windows, awnings, canopies, and doorways that form a three-dimensional design for each storefront, taking a cue from exclusive townhouse-style stores of neighboring Newbury Street.

Above store windows and between shops, storefronts are framed by continuous strips of rosewood-stained paneling trimmed in brass. This detailing accentuates the dominant brass and wood motif found on railings, planters, and flooring throughout the center.

Comments Rainer Koch, project architect, “We made a special attempt to combine the exterior with interior through tones and rustication. A range of compatible materials was applied throughout in brass, marble, travertine, rosewood, and plaster.

“Stores are framed-in with a wood trim system of framing that uses neutral piers or posts which separate each retail unit. These act as a springboard for the design of each store.” Individual retailers communicate and interpret bay-window storefronts differently. In a richness of decorative design executed within prescribed parameters, retailers have chosen to employ brass, travertine paneling, and stained glass to create unusual and diverse effects.

Design criteria called for a human scale; each store was to be kept with a 60-percent closed front; signage was strictly controlled.

Concludes Sheehy, “The retail portion of Copley is really only 10 percent of the project, yet the public perceives the center to be a shopping complex. Retail makes it work.”

As of this month, retail space will be fully leased. Short of one year since it opened, four-fifths of Copley Place’s store tenants are conducting business and paying rent schedules customarily demanded by “mature” shopping centers—sales must be in the $400-per-sq.-ft. range for store profitability. □
Columns, Theme Define Store

Corbels link elements, pinpoint merchandise sites

Columns and corbels combine with warm colors and distinctive materials to bring a contemporary, chic look to interior spaces at Davison's Gwinnett Place, a new three-level, 220,000-sq.-ft. department store located in Gwinnett, Ga.

New York design firm CNI International Inc. employed the corbel in a variety of horizontal and vertical applications. Serving as the store's major motif, these architectural elements link walls and ceilings, and provide a play of pattern while accentuating major and secondary aisles plus perimeter department areas. They also pinpoint specific merchandise locations.

On the 75,000-sq.-ft. second floor, however, full-height narrow columns serve as the focal theme. They are used as breaking points, to support fascia, and as a perimeter colonnade. They also offer contrast to the rounded forms characterizing this fashion floor. White columns with stainless steel capitals are featured in the boys' department while strong pastels are used in Children's World; elsewhere, columns are covered in lacquer and wood. The children's department also features large-scale, beveled white blocks which expand the columnar motif and which are used as merchandising sites.

The second floor has also been dramatized through differing ceiling and lighting treatments. Whereas 10-ft.-high ceilings cap individual departments, a 12-ft.-high ceiling with cove illumination guides customers along the main aisle. A cove-lighted, recessed ceiling also serves as a focal point above the seating area in women's shoes. Cove lighting runs the perimeter of Intimate Apparel and Clubhouse as well. Departments feature fluorescent luminaires interspersed with incandescent spotlights; incandescence warms 18-in.-high fashion platforms at two locations on the floor and enhances the varied colors of the merchandise. To shield and define display areas, curved glass facades are employed.

The store's contemporary, chic look is accomplished with warm colors and highly individualized materials. Second floor major aisles are of creme Brescia Perniche marble; treatments vary for walls and secondary aisles. Intimate Apparel, for example, features a seafoam carpet, walls upholstered with ice-pink silks, plus fluted and doweled high-gloss salmon lacquer.

Sources


- Interior design—CNI International Inc.; Lawrence J. Israel, principal; Ferand Skae, project manager; Edward Calabrese, designer; Susan Starnes, decorator; Gale Barter, planner.
RETAIL ENGINEERING FOLLOWS

At Younkers, Des Moines, accent is on creative display where a project of phased renovation for Younkers, Des Moines, Iowa, has already led to a 300 percent increase in sales for some departments on the store’s lower level, while the main floor demonstrates its own merchandising successes after a design upgrade that mirrors a citywide image-building program for this urban center.

No simple renovation work here, but rather a total “re-casting” of store identity, not to mention structure. Design firm Schafer Associates, Oak Brook, Ill., conceived Younkers’ refabrication after much deliberate research, conducted in part by New York marketing consulting firm Business Image Inc.

Several moves later—including relocating elevator shafts and a stairwell, plus enclosing an alley—designers effected a marked change in store image. Younkers’ increased appeal has let it keep pace with an upwardly mobile, youthful, professional shopper—Des Moines’ new breed of consumer identified by design research.

Re-thinking the store meant challenging traditional retail principles of classification adjacencies and square-footage allocations. Instead, new consumer needs and emerging shopping patterns were heeded. Using a heightened consumer marketing orientation to retail space engineering, planners Schafer Associates realigned merchandise categories according to their end-use.

On the lower level, named The Metropolis, merchandise “zones” have been established in three categories of Sensate (flowers, food), Coping (books, luggage, stationery), and Systems-For-Living (gourmet, entertainment ware). An enticing scheme of red, black, and white, combined with use of neon, chrome, and mirror succeeds in setting a “down-under” ambience through an array of specialty shops keyed to each zone.

Two cutaway shafts in the floor give main street traffic visual access to this level which also has a draw from skywalks, tunnels, and parking decks by means of a system of elevators and escalators. The Metropolis features dropped soffits over aisles and storefronts. Shop walls end 3 ft. beneath the original ceiling, permitting uninterrupted sight lines throughout the space. High-tech styling dominates in
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Product is staged instructively for buyers.

Re-thinking the store meant challenging traditional retail principles of classification, adjacencies, and square-footage allocations. Lower-level Metropolis (this page) offers merchandise “zones” in eclectic, high-tech display. Offering contrast is the recently completed main floor (opp. page), named “One Better.” Here, esthetic and architectural details stress product “circles” that focus on interrelationship of items within coordinated groups.
Phased renovation focus is lifestyle buying

black-edged, white floor tile; red pipe-railings and columns; and cleverly manipulated ramps that promote circulation throughout the space.

Offering contrast is the recently completed main floor, named “One Better,” which has a different form of product coordination. Here, merchandise “circles” are stressed by display arrangements and architectural detail.

In the women’s department the accent is on a creative assembly of coordinated accessory and cosmetic products, staged instructively for the buyer. Notes Charles Sparks, vice president, Schafer Associates, “The idea was not to focus on product per se, but to show complementary combinations—the workability of one item within a group.”

Best-In-Class accessories are set off for professional working women, while sub-classifications in a whole hierarchy of merchandise are communicated subtly. Circular traffic patterns encourage exploration of product displays which feature glass-and-brass detailing, Italian marble (used in aisles), and soft accent colorations. Sight lines are extended by means of clear glass display cases that the designers dub “aquariums”—housing mannequins, and “Buddha boxes”—smaller cosmetic display cases that feature a staged design in detailing.

Overhead, octagonal ceiling soffit patterns—which are repeated in display case shapes—offer subtle reinforcement of a dominant three-step theme.

The men's area on this floor is segmented by lifestyle and has more conventional merchandising geared to convenience.

Other floors of the store will be redone in successive stages. Comments Sparks, “Clearly, Younkers’ management has made a strong commitment to revitalizing the store. A sizeable investment was involved. As we oriented ourselves to the phased renovation of Younkers, we sensed early on that it would not be enough to approach space planning with products as our primary focus.

“Clearly, we had to re-align our solutions within the prevailing spirit of revitalization.” □

SOURCES

Ceiling heights of main floor (opp. page) follow octagonal circulation which is mirrored in shape of fixtures and aisles. Shown are mannequin display cases which have chamfered, faceted faces in octagonal shape. Views above are of Store For Homes—another phase of Younkers' renovation, connected to main store by a tunnel below street level. Targeted completion is January. Plan view is of The Metropolis, depicting unusual circulation paths.

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Companies Image, Budget Key

Art consultants help prioritize acquisitions planning

By JUDITH SELKOWITZ

Achieving direction for a corporate art collection begins with a full understanding of the company. The concept of a collection is developed through extensive research—including interviews with executive officers, visits to facilities, and fact-finding about the history and operations of the organization.

For companies interested in establishing art programs, retaining the services of a competent professional art consultant is recommended. Good consultants are well-schooled in art and are regularly in touch with numerous sources that comprise today’s art market.

Generally, art consultants are employed when a large project is under development. In addition to handling the intricate research necessary to locating various types of artwork, consultants provide protection and can insure that works selected are of true monetary and aesthetic value.

It is no secret that art lends warmth, especially to modern spaces of office interiors. Fortunately, more medium- to large-size companies are committed to planned programs of art acquisition.

Budget plus image determined

When we work with a company on creating an art program for its headquarters, the first questions we ask concern budget, type of image the company wants to project, and art style desired. In addition, when we begin a systematic program of art acquisition, our first consideration is public space such as the main entrance, lobby, boardroom, executive floor, and cafeteria.

Corporate collections should place their best works—major pieces that are cornerstones of a collection—at focal points. It is our philosophy that public areas such as entrance lobbies, core walls, and president’s office, deserve major works of art. They set the tone and provide the framework for less expensive works that are used in other areas of the company.

To illustrate how a corporation might work with an art consultant, it may be useful to explore three different case-study art programs, each having its own budget and esthetic criteria. The projects described below are actual client installations of our firm.

Let’s first examine a complete, 30,000-sq.-ft. floor of an international holding company in New York City. Designers of the headquarters, Sam De Santo and Associates, commissioned us to study floor and usage patterns.

After carefully examining areas on floorplans where De Santo wanted to place art, and upon completing a tour of the space, we established criteria and direction for the collection as well as budget and a set of priorities for various spaces. In this case, the client agreed to a budget of between $30,000 and $40,000 for the art program.

Close client coordination

De Santo and our company discussed the possibility of using different kinds of art that would complement the interior’s Post-Modern design. We pulled together a number of works for De Santo to review, followed by client review of art for public spaces. Next, we interviewed senior officers to determine their own choices of artwork for private offices.

In two months, the space was ready.

One of the things that made this project unique was the number of commissions of artists’ work. Tom Bianchi created a three-dimensional wall relief (a construction made of cardboard, replex, and acrylic) which hangs in a corridor by one of the stairwells. In another corridor hangs a ceramic wall-relief by Margie Hughto. Other commissioned works included an encaustic (wax and pastel) drawing by Deborah Pearson, a painting by Ann Purcell, and works by Bob Cole and Alice Phillips. All were abstract and looked right in the Post-Modern space.

The second project that exemplifies how important it is for a corporation to work closely with a consultant involved creating a collection for a Connecticut law firm. The company planned to move into a three-floor office space totalling 100,000 sq. ft. in a 35-story office building designed by ISD Inc.

The art program budget was approximately $150,000. We presented our initial conceptual plan to the client in...
TO CORPORATE ART PROGRAMS
while providing management-related services

Every planned program of art acquisition is different and corporations shouldn’t expect to accomplish everything in a month or a couple of weeks. For example, our last case study, a Texas bank, required a year to create the proper art program.

This installation included seven floors and had a $250,000 art budget. The areas of concentration were two main public banking lobbies, two executive floors, and reception lobbies. Again, we worked as closely as possible from floorplans and talked with the decision-makers.

In addition to handling proper installation of artwork, professional consultants arrange inventory systems, appraisals, insurance, and maintenance of collections. These are a few of the many key services consultants provide companies planning acquisition programs.

Installation is important. Works must hang at the proper height and in correct position. Another service consultants provide includes setting up an art inventory system (see CONTRACT, November, 1982) which begins with taking slides of each piece. Needless to say, a company should know where and what each piece of art is, as well as its value. After installation, our firm recommends that information about corporate artwork be disseminated to employees, indicating types of art used, how they were created, and any interesting details that might engage an employee’s curiosity. It is important to remember that art programs can benefit the employee when properly implemented. □
ARTWORK IN VARIETY OF MEDIA PUTS

Sophisticated images, wide subject range create moods for any environment

**Fidelity Arts**—Edition of 300 hand-signed, numbered etchings called “Whisper Lake” is created by Donna Aldridge. Work is a diptych, or two-part piece. Circle No. 361.

**Art for Institutions**—Artist Wilbur Streich created “Aspen Lane,” an original serigraph on paper. Circle No. 214.

**Peter Pepper Products**—This image of a 1932 LaSalle is just one of approximately 180 subjects depicted in the “Gallery of Original Color Photography, Section 6.” All of these original, signed prints are double-matted with beveled mats. Circle No. 209.

**Poster Originals Ltd.**—“Dzubas” No. BB37 represents firm’s original art in poster form. Artwork measures 30- by 52-in., and is suitable for use as a mural. Circle No. 215.

**Fantastic Graphics**—Limited edition artwork includes original serigraphs, embossings, and etchings that are custom-framed with hand-cut, beveled-edge mats under glass. Circle No. 217.
**SPICE IN PRODUCT LINES**


**Polaroid Replicas**—Artist Washington Allston's "Landscape with a Lake" is one of 12 life-size art reproductions included in firm's "A Love of the Land" line. Circle No. 207.
ARTS & GRAPHICS

Drama created with bold colors

Stained Glass Overlay—Computer-designed futuristic cityscape was created through an overlay process which gives the appearance and texture of authentic stained glass. Circle No. 211.

Fabrique—“Prairie Patches #4,” shown in textured fabrics, is available from a limited edition of 100. Runners can be specified in 1-ft. increments or broken in several panels. Circle No. 216.

Vanguard Studios—“Cattalea” features a white orchid against a midnight black background, framed in polished brass. Image measures 40- by 50-in. Circle No. 364.

Meisel—“Great Scapes II” collection offers a wide variety of images for a range of uses. Wall treatment shown features custom grid box frames. Circle No. 206.
Bannerworks Inc.—Six units of hand-dyed, silk-screened silk gauze create a fine art solution for acoustical ceiling in an office space. Each banner measures 7' by 4'-11". Circle No. 213.

Danjell Creations—An “etched-glass” design completes this firm’s line of decorative acrylic panels. Custom etched panels are available in any size and design. Circle No. 202.

Arteam—Large-scale, free-style florals by artist Susan Campbell complement the water-floral theme of the Burlington Marriott Hotel’s Foxglove Cafe, Burlington, Mass. Circle No. 212.

Walker Systems—Picture hangers, holders, and hooks attach to most acoustical ceilings with firm’s line of ceiling hanger rods. Products are adjustable and interchangeable on the rods. Circle No. 205.

Wicklund & Associates Design—“The Breakers,” featured in the firm’s custom mural collection, is a single-panel design planned for continuous installation. Aquamarine and white print colors are featured on a robin’s-egg blue background. Circle No. 208.
Nora Flooring—A two-color, two-layer, 100 percent synthetic rubber flooring. Noraplan Duo features a contrasting dot pattern. Circle No. 232.

Kentucky Wood Floors—Walnut Citation custom wood flooring contains jade insets. Other materials such as tile or metal can be substituted as insets. Circle No. 234.

Hartco—Solid oak parquet flooring can be impregnated with acrylic, coated with polyurethane, or stained, oiled, and rubbed to a low-gloss satin finish. Circle No. 233.
GETS STYLE BOOST

*increase with color range*

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RESILIENT FLOORING

Installation ease, slip resistance among

**Tarkett**—From the Response sheet vinyl flooring collection, Cloyne Court features a 1/4 sq. in. recessed block design set in an alternating checkerboard pattern. **Circle No. 228.**

**Forbo**—In high-moisture areas, Tractionfloer Studded anti-slip sheet vinyl flooring features raised radial discs to permit water and grease run-off. **Circle No. 235.**
features of product lines

**Armstrong**—Crosswalk sheet flooring offers slip-retardance—even when wet—and a high-tech look similar to radial rubber tile. Circle No. 224.

**Musson**—Track Strip carpet and vinyl mats are molded of heavy-duty vinyl with long-wearing olefin carpet strips permanently bonded to the corrugated vinyl surface. Circle No. 237.

**Jason/Pirelli**—Chamfered Stud Rubber Tile measures 40-in. sq. Tile is produced in a perfect square, for ease of installation. Circle No. 226.
Developers compete for high-traffic locations to serve thriving contract interiors industry

Designers and clients are always looking for hands-on access to furniture and furnishings they specify for an installation. Manufacturers of those products want convenient, attractive, and high-traffic locations to display their lines. With an eye to meeting those needs, real estate operators across the country are opening furniture and furnishings marts, ranging from several-hundred-thousand to millions of square feet.

Hardly a section of the country is without an existing or proposed mart building. The attempt to get into the right market first-with-the-most is the prime objective of mart real estate ventures.

The result has been a heated "battle of the marts;" one in which many millions of dollars are at stake as mart managers seek to convince manufacturers to commit their showrooms to specific building projects.

Rise and fall of mart buildings

Contract industry historians recall the demise of the American Furniture Mart in Chicago, when Merchandise Mart management made a commitment to commercial interiors manufacturers and then grew to be the pre-eminent furnishings mart. With development of NEOCON, it became the sponsor of the world's biggest multi-disciplined contract show.

The South Florida Trade Mart being developed by the Kaplus Organization of Miami, will have a 600,000-sq.-ft. atrium building. It is one of several regional marts planned across the country.
VIE FOR MARKET DOMINANCE

In the mid-'70s, heated competition shaped up between the Pacific Design Center and a proposed design center in Century City, developed by Henry Adams. Of course, the PDC emerged as the dominant success story of the West Coast and its annual West Week market enjoys robust health.

The Century City project, however, withered on the vine. As rumor had it, Adams could not meet the impossible condition set by backers that 90 percent of the facility be leased before ground was broken.

So successful is the contract industry—with projections for phenomenal growth through the mid-1990s—that the majority of marts are paying particular attention to the development of their contract floors. Most surprising of all, however, is the proliferation of these marts in every area of the country. This trend may support a strengthening of regional furnishings marts in coming years.

Attention focuses on the Northeast

Boston, less than one hour by plane from New York, is the site of a new mart being developed by the Dallas Market Center, under the direction of Trammel Crow. An existing, 550,000-sq.-ft. structure has been acquired and will be fully renovated to house residential and contract furnishings and accessories by Fall, '85. To be called the Boston Design Center, it will be located in the Boston Marine Industrial Park, five minutes from downtown.

The Dallas Market Center project is now alone in development of a Boston mart. Recently, the Merchandise Mart Properties (owners of both the Chicago Merchandise Mart and the DC Design Center, Washington, D.C.) and the Atlanta Merchandise Mart bowed out of plans to develop new design centers in the downtown Boston area. Washington, D.C.'s center, meanwhile, is thriving after its second Capital Design Week held this past fall.

Meanwhile, in New York, the International Design Center New York (IDCNY) is moving ahead at full speed to exploit an early start. It is showcasing itself as the only new, big-capacity furniture mart in New York City with existing buildings under renovation. The IDCNY was host to the Institute of Business Designers/CONTRACT Magazine Product Design Competition awards during this past Designer's Saturday.

With Knoll International recently signed up, and an impressive list of other well-known furniture and furnishings manufacturers committed to move in, the IDCNY projects opening late in 1985. Current efforts are directed at completion of a one-million-sq.-ft. contract center, one of three in the complex. The mart is located in Long Island City, directly across
REGIONAL MARTS

New buildings and wings devoted to contract

the 59th Street bridge and only 10 minutes from New York's design district.

Merchandise Mart exploring New York locations

Philip E. Kelley, president, the Merchandise Mart Properties, reports that the Mart is continuing to explore options for a Manhattan design center site.

In the interim, the Design & Decorators Building (D & D Building), which at one point had reportedly been converting to a residential building, reversed itself and is back in the commercial furnishings showroom business. Other mart buildings, both downtown and midtown, continue to function well, as evidenced by the large crowds attending Designer's Saturday. They include the Architects & Designers Building at 150 E. 58 St., the Decorative Arts Center at 305 E. 63 St., and the New York Design Center at 200 Lexington Avenue.

Another mart battle zone is Houston, where the Houston Design Center, a new 10-story, 500,000-sq.-ft. facility projects opening in March, 1985. Tenants include suppliers of interior furnishings, architectural products, business equipment, computers, and telecommunications equipment. Also vying for leases is the Interior Resource Center of Houston which opened the first phase of its project with 240,000 sq. ft. in three buildings this past May. Phase two will expand phase one by 110,000 sq. ft. in a separate, but connecting facility; the two are joined by a skywalk.

Next month, the Decorative Center of Houston, a sister-mart to the Dallas Market Center, is celebrating its 500,000-sq.-ft. expansion program with a market in January for both residential and contract furnishings.

After a successful second CONEXION Show, the Atlanta Merchandise Mart is now constructing a new 22-story wing that will add 600,000 sq. ft. of showroom space to the existing building. Projections are for five consecutive floors of contract showrooms at the center. Completion will coincide with the 25th Anniversary of the Atlanta mart in early 1986.

Total commitment to contract

San Francisco, which has competed for mart supremacy with Los Angeles for many years, will soon witness the opening of Contract Center at Showplace Square. It is billed as "the only building in the country exclusively devoted to non-residential furnishings and systems" and is part of the

New 22-story wing of Atlanta Merchandise Mart (top) is now under construction. Contract Center at Showplace Square (bottom) is totally dedicated to the contract furniture and furnishings specifier.
Showplace Square market center started by Henry Adams, but now under new management.

Officially opening at the end of January, the Contract Center will sponsor its first Market Week program featuring a talk by Dr. Robert Sommers on “Personal Space.” Sommers is a noted behaviorist from the University of California.

Being erected close-by is Data Mart, a computer market center. It is one of many communications marts now on the upswing, including Dallas’ INFOMART and Boston’s BOSCOM project.

In Miami, Fla., the Kaplus Organization is developing a 750,000-sq.-ft. design and merchandising complex, the South Florida Trade Mart. Focal point of the facility will be a four-story, 600,000-sq.-ft. atrium building for permanent showroom space. It will have an adjoining exhibit center. Also in Florida, the Design Center of the Americas, a 266,000-sq.-ft. mart, is taking shape in Dania.

**Denver has mart operations**

One other area of stepped-up design center activity is Denver, where the Denver Design Center is under development at Westrade. Opened last month, the center has 171,000 sq. ft. of space for showrooms. Design Collection/Denver a 300,000-sq.-ft., six-story facility is scheduled for completion in early 1986.

In the Midwest, International Market Square is scheduled to open in Minneapolis in January. It is a 685,000-sq.-ft. historic renovation. Under one roof will be combined a design center and trade mart.

The Pacific Northwest is site of the Design Center Northwest, in Seattle, Wash. It recently signed on Steelcase; Baker, Knapp & Tubbs; and Haworth. The success of this mart demonstrates growing awareness on the part of manufacturers that the Northwest region is now a viable commercial interiors market.

Reflecting the spreading regional base for marts is a directory to marts supplied on the following pages by CONTRACT. It lists market event dates, access policies, contacts, and information on how to reach each mart for further details. □
ARCHITECTS & DESIGNERS BUILDING

150 E. 58th St.
New York, NY 10155
Tel No.: (212) 644-6555
Contacts: Alexander Jinoshian, dir.
          Isng./mg.; Karl Morningstar, dir. opns.
Operting hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5.
Building access policy: To trade only.
Contract exhibitor location: Atlanta
                Merchandise Mart Expansion to open in
                1986.
Market dates: CONEXION '85, Nov. 7-9.
Special hotel/travel pkg.: Contact Delta Air
            Lines 1-(800) 241-6760. For hotel, contact
            1-(800) 241-6405.
Pases and other mart details: Passes
          needed. Contact Kathy London.

ATLANTA DECORATIVE ARTS CENTER

351 Peachtree Hills Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30305
Tel No.: (404) 231-7220
Contacts: Tom Fulghum, dir.; Michael
          Eidson, Isng. mgr.; Sharyl Hess, p.r. dir.
Operting hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: To trade only.
Market dates: CONEXION, Nov. 7-9.
Special hotel/travel pkg. available. Contact
          Diana Getz.
Pases and other mart details: Kate Balyo.
          Passes needed.

ATLANTA MARKET CENTER

240 Peachtree St., NW
Atlanta, GA 30307
Tel No.: (404) 688-8994
Contacts: Sam A. Williams, gen. mgr.;
          Thomas Fulghum, v.p., Isng./mgktg.; Susan
          McCart, mktg. mgr.

DALLAS MARKET CENTER

2100 Stemmons Fwy. Dallas, TX 75207
Tel No.: (214) 655-6100
Contacts: Lucy Crow Billingsley, pres.; Rich
          Dillon, v.p. mgktg.; Howard Fuerst, con.
          Isng. agt.; Dana Collins, p.r. dir.
Operting hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: To trade only.
Contract exhibitor location: Flrs. 5,6,9,12.
Special hotel/travel packages available:
Contact Showplace Square Travel, (800) 824-3191.
Passes and other mart details: Passes
          needed. Contact Bea Atkins, (415)
          861-2046.

DC/DC
THE DESIGN CENTER

300 D St., SW
Washington, DC 20024
Tel No.: (202) 554-5053
Contacts: Bill Field, mg.; Portia
          McGrew, dir./comm.
Operting hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: To the trade only.
Tours are available for the public.
Contract exhibitor location: Flrs. 6-8.
Market dates: Capital Design Week, Nov.
          6-8.
Special hotel/travel pkg. available: Contact
DECORATIVE CENTER OF HOUSTON

5120 Woodway Dr.
Houston, TX 77056

Tel No.: (713) 961-9292


Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

Building access policy: To the trade.

Contract exhibitor location: Flrs. 8-10.

Passes and other mart details: Contact Travel Service (800) 527-9065.

Special hotel/travel pkg. available: Call (206) 762-1200.

Passes and other mart details: Passes needed. Contact Joann Mellot.

Great Escape Travel, (202) 783-2520.

Passes and other mart details: Passes needed. Contact Bill Field or Portia McGrew.

DECORATION & DESIGN BUILDING

979 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10022

Tel No.: (212) 752-9040

Contacts: Pauline V. Delli-Carpini, exec. dir., Resources Council; William Co., Isng.

Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

Building access policy: To trade only.


Contract exhibitor location: Throughout.

Passes and other mart details: No passes needed.

THE DESIGN CENTER

5001 Baum Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Tel No.: (412) 683-6200

Contacts: Joan Scarola, Isng., p.r.

Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

Building access policy: Showrooms open to trade and public.

Passes and other mart details: James J. Frasca. No passes needed.

DESIGN CENTER NORTHWEST

5701 Sixth Ave., S
Seattle, WA 98108

Tel No.: (206) 762-1200

Contacts: Barry Jaquess, dir. mart opns.; Jan Jadhvisiak, p.r. mgr.

Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

Building access policy: To the trade.

Contract exhibitor location: 4th flr.

Market dates: Presentations Northwest 85, April 11-13.

DESIGN CENTER OF THE AMERICAS

1855 Griffin Rd. & I-95
Dania, FL 33004

Tel No.: (305) 920-7997


Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

Building access policy: To the trade.


DECORATIVE ARTS CENTER

305 E. 63 St.
Tel No.: (212) 838-7736


Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

Building access policy: Showrooms open to trade only.


Passes and other mart details: No passes needed.

DESIGN COLLECTION/ DENVER

Blake St. between 20th and 21st Sts.
Denver, CO 80202

Tel No.: (303) 292-6446

Contacts: Carrick Hill, Mng. ptner.; Colleen Boyle, Isng. mgr.

Operating hours: Mon.-Sat. 9-5.

Building access policy: To the trade only.

Contract exhibitor location: To be determined.
## MART DIRECTORY

### Forty One Madison/The New York Merchandise Mart
- **41 Madison Ave.**
- **New York, NY 10010**
- **Tel No.:** (212) 686-1203
- **Contacts:** Carole Dixon, dir.; Joan Grayson, p.r. mgr.
- **Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
- **Building access policy:** Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
- **Market dates:** To the trade only.
- **Passes and other mart details:** No passes.

### Hickory Furniture Mart
- **P.O. Box 1669**
- **Hickory, NC 28603**
- **Tel No.:** (704) 322-3510
- **Contacts:** G. Leroy Lail, pres.; John Schenk, v.p.; Lee Beason, asst. mgr.; Burr Thompson, p.r.
- **Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 7-5.
- **Building access policy:** Combination.
- **Market dates:** April 16-26, Oct. 15-25.
- **Special hotel/travel pkg. available:** Contact Mull’s Motel, (704) 328-2081.
- **Passes and other mart details:** Passes needed during market schedule. Contact Joyce Guyer.

### Design Exchange
- **708-712 Broadway**
- **Kansas City, MO 64105**
- **Tel No.:** (816) 842-2177
- **Contacts:** Glynn Brown, pres.; Ben Bolt, Isng. mgr.
- **Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 10-5.
- **Building access policy:** To the trade only.
- **Passes and other mart details:** No passes.

### Design Resources Center of Greater St. Louis
- **3226 Olive St.**
- **St. Louis, MO 63103**
- **Tel No.:** (314) 531-7222
- **Contacts:** Ralph G. Kessler, exec. dir.; Barbara Ayers, mgr.
- **Operating hours:** Mon.-Sat. 9-4, by appointment.
- **Passes and other mart details:** Contact Barbara Ayers.

### Houston Design Center
- **20 Greenway Plaza**
- **Houston, TX 77046**
- **Tel No.:** (713) 963-9955
- **1-(800) 231-0617**
- **Contacts:** Roger E. Hayes, pres.; J. Lynn Billings, p.r. mgr.
- **Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 8-5.
- **Building access policy:** Combination.
- **Passes and other mart details:** No passes.

### The Interior Resource Centre
- **770 S. Post Oak Lane #440**
- **Houston, TX 77056**
- **Tel No.:** (713) 965-0394
- **Contacts:** Douglas O. Hunter, prtnr.
- **Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 8-5.
- **Building access policy:** Combination.
- **Passes and other mart details:** No passes.

### International Design Center, New York
- **30-30 Thomson Ave.**
- **Long Island City, NY 11101**
- **Tel No.:** (212) 486-5252
- **Contacts:** Emmett L. Dineen, pres.; Leonard A. Lemlein, v.p. & dir. of Isng.
- **Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
- **Building access policy:** To the trade only.

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*Passes and other mart details: Project is currently in pre-construction phase, with completion set for summer '86.*
**Contract exhibitor location:** Center I and Center II.

**Passes and other mart details:** No passes needed. Official opening market will be fall of '86. Contact Kathleen Scanlon.

**Contracts:** Morris Pihl, genl. prtnr.; Judith Symthe, mkg. dir.; Vince DeLuca/Michael Paul, Isng. agnts.

**Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9-5. Tues. 9-7.

**Building access policy:** Combination.

**Market dates:** April 11-13.

**Passes and other mart details:** No passes. Contact Judith Smythe.

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**THE MARKETPLACE DESIGN CENTER**

2400 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Tel No.: (215) 561-5000

**Contacts:** David M. Boyce, pres.; Kathryn M. Calabrese, genl. mgr.; Cathy J. Webb, asst. mgr./p.r.

**Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

**Building access policy:** To the trade only.

**Contract exhibitor location:** Computers 1st fl.; furniture, 8-18 fls.; carpet, 10, 13, 18 fls.

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**INTERNATIONAL MARKET SQUARE**

275 Market St.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Tel No.: (612) 338-6250

**Contacts:** Mike Ruhr, pres.; Barbara Loving, proj. dir.; Kathryn Koutsky, dir.

**Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

**Building access policy:** To the trade.

**Contract exhibitor location:** Bldg. 2, flrs. 1-5.

**Market dates:** Expo, March 8; Design Week, & ASID Designers Saturday, April 25-28; Design Week, Sept. 11-13; Expo, Nov. 16.

**Special hotel/travel package available:** To be announced.

**Passes and other mart details:** Passes needed. Opening in Jan. '85. Contact Kathryn Koutsky.

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**LENORA SQUARE**

1000 Lenora St.
Seattle, WA 98121

Tel No.: (206) 284-4460

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**MIAMI DECORATING & DESIGN CENTER**

Northeast 2nd Ave. & 39th St.
Miami, FL 33137

Tel No.: (305) 573-8116

**Contacts:** Martin Feinman, owner/pres.

**Operating hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

**Building access policy:** To the trade only.

**Contract exhibitor location:** No passes.

**Plaza 3 building scheduled for completion in Sept. '85.**

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**THE MERCHANDISE MART**

Merchandise Mart Plaza
Chicago, IL 60654

Tel No.: (312) 527-4141

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MIAMI INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE MART
777 NW 72nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33126
Tel No.: (305) 261-2900
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 10-4, and by appointment.
Building access policy: To the trade only.
Contract exhibitor location: 1st flr.
Market dates: Winter wholesale market, Jan. 9-12; Fashion Week, March 27-29.
Passes and other mart details: For buyer identification cards, contact buyer services dept.

NEW YORK DESIGN CENTER AT 200 LEXINGTON AVENUE
200 Lexington Ave.
New York, NY 10016
Tel No.: (212) 679-9500
Contacts: George Mann, chmn.; David Druckman, pres.
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: Open to trade.
Passes and other mart details: Business card required. New designers lounge. Contact Gail Garramone.

PACIFIC DESIGN CENTER
8687 Melrose Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90069
Tel No.: (213) 657-0800
Contacts: Murray Feldman, exec. dir.; Gene Scott, chief financial mgr.; James Goodwin, dir. of p.r.
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: To the trade only.
Contract exhibitor space: 2nd flr.
Market dates: West Week, March 27-29.
Passes and other mart details: No passes. Contact James Goodwin.

MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER
1700 Stutz Dr.
Troy, MI 48084
Tel No.: (313) 649-4772
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: To the trade only.
Market dates: March (seminar series).
Passes and other mart details: No passes. Planned addition will be basically contract. Contact Joan Cleaveland.

PHOENIX DESIGN PLAZA
4700 North Central
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Tel No.: (602) 266-4700
Contacts: Morris Turken, pres. & owner; Marie B. Schulz, dir. p.r. & leasing mgr.
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: To trade only.
Passes and other mart details: Marie B. Schulz. No passes needed.

OAK LAWN PLAZA
1444 Oak Lawn Ave.
Dallas, TX 75207
Tel No.: (214) 689-4222
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: Showrooms open to trade only.
Passes and other mart details: Marty Swenholt. No passes needed.

OHIO DESIGN CENTRE
23533 Mercantile Rd.
Beachwood, OH 44122
Tel No.: (216) 831-1245
Contacts: Jeffrey Davis, prtnr. & Isng. mgr.
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5.
Building access policy: To the trade only.
Passes and other mart details: Passes required. Contact Jeffrey Davis.
PLACE BONAVENTURE
P.O. Box 1000 Niveau 2
Montreal, Quebec
Canada H3A 1G1
Tel No.: (514) 397-2216
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: Combination.
Contract exhibitor location: Mart E.
Market dates: Home Furnishings Market, Feb. 3-4; Montreal Furniture Market, June 16-19.
Passes and other mart details: Passes needed. Contact Kathy Flynn.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH MART
1117 Pendleton St.
Cincinnati, OH 45210
Tel No.: (513) 579-1922
Contacts: Marta Tovkach, mart dir.; Jim Ferneding, mktg.
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 10-5.
Building access policy: Combination.
Market dates: Jan. 20.
Special hotel/travel package available: Contact Marta Tovkach.
Passes and other mart details: No passes. Contact Marta Tovkach.

230 FIFTH AVENUE MARKET CENTER
230 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10001
Tel No.: (212) 532-4555
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-5.
Building access policy: Wholesale buyers only. Also contract purchasers, interior designers, architects and customers accompanied by their decorator.
Passes and other mart details: Buyer registration in lobby. Contact Blanche Greene, Lobby reception.

SOUTH FLORIDA TRADE MART
1313 N.W. 167th St.
Palmetto Expressway
Miami, FL 33169
Kaplus Organization Inc., Developer
Tel No.: (305) 895-4488
Passes and other mart details: Occupancy scheduled for fall ’86.

WESTERN MERCHANDISE MART
1355 Market St.
San Francisco, CA 94103
Tel No.: (415) 552-2311
Contacts: Donald M. Preiser, pres.; Diane Scheiman, v.p./p.r.
Operating hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5.
Building access policy: To the trade only.
Market dates: Jan. 27-Feb. 1; May 9-10; July 14-19; Calicon III July 17-19; Nov. 7-8.
Contract exhibitor location: California Contract Center.
Special hotel/travel package available: Contact Travel Planners.
Passes and other mart details: Passes needed. Contact Rita Derham/pass office.
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