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MAITLAND-SMITH NAMES FOUR WINNERS
IN NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

HIGH POINT, April 18, 2010 – Maitland-Smith has announced the four winners of its national “ONE Design Competition” that ran from October through mid December 2009. The winners were honored at a cocktail reception today and their designs will be prominently displayed in the Maitland-Smith showroom throughout Market.

The winners include:

- Cecilia Staniec from Wexford, PA won “**Best Professional Designer Submission**” for her design of an entertainment center. Cecilia used Chablis Silver and Black Lacquer premium painted finishes, verdigris hardware and antique mirror to create a modern interpretation of one of Maitland-Smith’s best selling items. According to Steve Hodges, judge, Cecilia’s piece was chosen as the winner out of more than 200 designer entries because, “it is visually appealing and functional with nice lines and detail. Good choice of mixed media on essentially a traditional design.”
- Sandra Hankins of SH Designs in SC won “**Best Maitland-Smith Dealer/Designer Submission**” for her design of a chest of drawers. Sandra made use of black and tortoise painted finishes with penshell to create a unique look. According to Barclay Butera, Sandra’s piece was the clear winner out of more than 100 dealer/designer entries because “this small chest has tons of detail and truly looks like an antique. The tortoise, black accents, tiger penshell, drawer and door combination make for a perfect entry piece. ..It is a stand-alone piece...”
- Dana Marpoe of Kernersville, NC won “**Best Consumer Submission.**” Dana paints pet portraits, and won the hearts of the judges by creating an occasional table that used a contrast of Truffle Black and Irish White painted finishes with champagne silver hardware and black tooled leather top. “Formal roots stretch to encompass transitional sensibilities, but the classical integrity of the original is never compromised,” says, judge, Mark McMenamin. “The piece is completely transformed.”
- And Cecilia Staniec of Pennsylvania also won the **popular vote** out of almost 1000 submissions for her design of a four-poster bed. With more than 200 votes in an online poll that took place over a 10-day period in January, Cecilia’s piece was the undisputed winner. She created a bed that features black hair hide on the headboard, with Black Vendome and Irish White premium painted finishes.

Each of the winners received their pieces, which were custom-made for them (at no charge) and had retail values ranging from \$4,000 to \$18,000.

The Maitland-Smith ONE Design Competition was held in late 2009 to celebrate the company's 30th anniversary. The contest generated almost 1,000 entries from across the United States and Canada and was designed to showcase Maitland-Smith's "ONE" customization tool.

"This was a very successful promotion that turned into a business development tool for us," said Dan Bradley, president of Maitland-Smith. "We received designs from so many people we had not done business with prior to the contest and as a result have made some terrific new contacts. And just as importantly, we've spread the word about how easy it is to use our new online customization tool to create unique, one-of-a-kind pieces."

Maitland-Smith designs and manufactures fine home furnishings, decorative lighting, and unique accessories under the Maitland-Smith and La Barge brand names. The company's handcrafted pieces are sold through an authorized network of designers and furniture dealers worldwide. Headquartered in High Point, NC with company-owned workshops in the Philippines and Indonesia, Maitland-Smith is a division of Furniture Brands International (NYSE: FBN). Visit the company website at www.maitland-smith.com.

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