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**ICON HONORS 2014
Celebrates Global Innovation in the
Gift and Home Industry's Most Sought-After Recognition**

ATLANTA, July 17, 2014—The fifth-annual **ICON HONORS** celebrated the best in global innovation as top achievers and superior achievements were recognized before a record-breaking audience on the most anticipated and important night in the home and gift industry.

As a centerpiece of the Atlanta International Gift & Home Furnishings Market[®], the July 10 event attracted a capacity audience of more than 1,000 to applaud the nine **ICON HONORS 2014** Honorees, which were selected in rigorous adjudication of a broad field of entries.

“Five years ago, **ICON HONORS** premiered in pursuit of the mission for which it was created: To showcase and celebrate global innovation,” notes Jeffrey L. Portman, Sr., vice chairman and president of AmericasMart Atlanta, the founder and primary sponsor of **ICON HONORS**. “That mission continued this year with the largest audience in **ICON** history on hand to witness stories of extraordinary achievement, and to be reminded of all that ingenuity and innovation can accomplish.”

Here are the **ICON HONORS 2014** Honorees:

The **ICON 2014 Innovation Honors**

- Surya - Technology Innovations
- Leftbank Art - Product Innovations

The **ICON 2014 Contribution Honors**

- Up Country Gardens/Home - Community Influence
- Mud Pie - Industry Influence

The **ICON 2014 Branding Honors**

- J Banks Design Group - Branding/Identity

The **ICON 2014 Achievement Honors**

- Annie Selke, Pine Cone Hill - Career Achiever

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The ICON 2014 AmericasMart Medal of Excellence Honor

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The ICON 2014 Lifetime Achievement Honor

- Barbara Bradley Baekgaard, Vera Bradley

The Gift and Home Trade Association/Gift for Life Honor of Excellence

- Albert Maslia

An exclusive performance by Heart, led by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Ann and Nancy Wilson, added to the excitement of this momentous event.

ICON HONORS was founded and is staged by AmericasMart Atlanta and is sponsored exclusively by the Gift & Home Trade Association (GHTA) and Progressive Business Media.

Please visit www.americasmarticonhonors.com for information about **ICON HONORS**.

ABOUT AMERICASMART

AmericasMart Atlanta is the nation's only global wholesale marketplace housing the world's single-largest collection of home, gift, area rug and apparel merchandise. The largest of AmericasMart's 14 annual Markets and shows, The Atlanta International Gift & Home Furnishings Market and The Atlanta International Area Rug Market in January and July are the ignition switch for global retailing with buyers from every U.S. state and more than 90 countries discovering product in more than 1,400 showrooms and more than 2,500 temporary exhibiting companies. **ICON HONORS**, the home and gift industry's most celebrated recognition program, is produced and staged annually by AmericasMart.

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

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