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BEMA Announces 2008-2009 Design Awards Winners

The Bath Enclosure Manufacturers Association (BEMA) is pleased to announce the winners of its 13th Annual Design Awards Competition. Don Bielawski, with EASCO Shower Doors of Vernon, New Jersey and Rose Arnold of City Glass & Mirror of Grand Haven, Michigan received the honors this year with their entries in the Glass Under 3/8" and Glass 3/8" and Over categories respectively. The two were honored at BEMA's Annual Membership Meeting, October 1, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia in conjunction with GlassBuild America: The Glass, Window & Door Expo.

BEMA president Mark Rowlett, Coastal Industries, stated, "This competition continues to showcase the innovative work being done in this industry. Creativity and design is clearly reflected in each entry received. Being resourceful in meeting consumer needs in today's economy defines today's top dealers. "

Don Bielawski, with EASCO Shower Doors of Vernon, New Jersey is this year's winner in the Glass under 3/8" category. Bielawski acknowledged, "The customer desired the look of frameless but their budget did not allow for it. The chosen unit was based on the minimal use of metal in the channel and hinges to achieve the clean frameless look with a totally frameless door. The unit was manufactured with 1/4" clear glass and aluminum with a brushed nickel finish."

In the Glass 3/8" and Over category, Rose Arnold of City Glass & Mirror of Grand Haven, Michigan is this year's winner. "The architectural design, the grandiose scale and the breathtaking views all combine together to create this impressive Lake Michigan home. A magnificent lake house which also demands equally impressive shower enclosures," Arnold stated. "To accommodate the owner's desire to break up the rooms and prevent unwanted moisture flow, while not obstructing the natural forest and lake views, large size panels of 1/2" clear tempered glass were utilized as floor to ceiling dividers. Some of these dividers also doubled as the entrance to the bathing area as well as a separate shower compartment. Clips were used to maintain clean lines and expose glass edges, while joining the outer wall with the inner stall. Due to the large scale of the project, oversized CR Laurence Atlas commercial hinges and ladder pulls were used to prevent the hardware from being lost in the design. The glass was also coated with easy-to-clean glass protection, a must considering the amount of glass and exposing beams of sunlight. This particular unit is one of four unique shower enclosures included at the lake house."

This year's judging panel of industry editors and designers were, Jenni Chase, Glass Magazine, David Newton, David Newton & Associates, Megan Headley, US Glass, Fernando Diaz, ASID, Fernando Diaz & Associates, and Donna Vining, FASID, Vining Design Associates. All entries were completed between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. In its 13th year, the awards program recognizes and rewards exceptional bathroom design using a shower or tub enclosure in place of a shower curtain. The program was established to allow the companies that manufacture bath enclosure components recognition for the creative uses of their products. The winners will receive travel expenses to attend the BEMA Annual Meeting and GlassBuild America. To view all the entries and winning designs visit www.bathenclosures.org.

BEMA is a collaborative, international glass and glazing industry organization committed to the advancement of the manufacture, promotion, sale and safe installation of tub and shower enclosures.

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