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### **New Orleans Designer Karyl Pierce Paxton Nominated For Prestigious ARTS Award at Dallas Market Center**

**New Orleans, LA-January 10, 2006** – Karyl Pierce Paxton, a designer of a variety of home products that are licensed and sold worldwide, today acknowledged her nomination for an ARTS Award, which will be presented by the Dallas Market Center and the Accessories Resource Team on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The ARTS Awards recognize outstanding achievement in product design and are regarded as the premier awards program for the lighting and home furnishings industry. Paxton is a finalist in the product designer category.

“To be recognized by the Dallas Market is truly an honor,” says Paxton. “The portfolio I submitted for the competition displays a diverse range of work from high end to more moderate collections.”

Influenced by centuries-old patinas and classical architecture of her adopted hometown of New Orleans, Paxton creates lighting collections and home products ranging from chandeliers and furniture to bathroom fixtures. She currently produces a diverse range of lighting collections for Savoy House, a national manufacturer, distributor and retailer of fine lighting, furniture and decorative accessories. Also, Paxton is developing a bathroom furnishings and fixture collection for one of the world’s largest home improvement retailers.

Paxton is world-renowned for her exquisite signature furniture which embodies 18<sup>th</sup> Century style and features the lost art of hand-painted finishes. Using techniques from her life-long study of 18<sup>th</sup> century decorative painting, Paxton creates her own finishes and incorporates them into all of her collections.

“In all of my designs, I combine Old World elegance and charm with modern sensibility so that they are well suited for today’s homes,” says Paxton.

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