

SGCD Presents the 2003 Discovery Awards

The SGCD recognized a number of outstanding ceramic and glassware design and technical achievements at DECO 2003 in Nashville, Tenn.

The Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators (SGCD) sponsors the annual Discovery Awards competition to recognize outstanding decorated ceramic and glassware design and technical achievements. Winners are honored during the awards banquet at the annual DECO trade show and seminar. The 2003 awards featured a total of 150 entries from 30 companies in 15 design and

four technical categories. In design categories where both glass and ceramic items were submitted, two awards were presented to allow the glass and ceramic entries to be judged separately.

All entries were displayed in SGCD's Discovery Room during DECO 2003 in Nashville, Tenn., March 29-April 1, and winners were selected by a panel of judges who reviewed each category and selected winners by consensus. This year's judging

panel included Melanie Wood, ASID, CMG, a design and color consultant; Tony De Masi, executive director of the National Tabletop & Giftware Association; and Christine Grahl, editor of *Ceramic Industry*. In addition to the design and technical awards, SGCD also honored two Discovery entries with the Vandenoever Award and Judges' Award for overall merit.

Photos and brief descriptions of each of the 2003 Discovery Award winners follow.



Vandenoever Award: Central Ceramic Supply & Distribution

Every year, SGCD members and DECO attendees who visit the Discovery Room vote to select a "Best of Show" entry to receive the annual Vandenoever Award. The 2003 recipient is Central Ceramic Supply & Distribution for this Nativity scene, which features laser-etched figures burned into a solid piece of glass.



Judges' Award: Kohler Co.

SGCD's three-judge panel selected its own "Best of Show" recipient after reviewing every entry in the Discovery Room. The 2003 recipient is Kohler Co. for this above-counter lavatory decorated in Serpentine Bronze by Kohler Co. with decals by Beyrand.

About SGCD: SGCD was founded in 1963 and now serves a record number of decorators and vendors to the decorating industry. A total of 426 members and their associates attended the annual show and technical seminar in Nashville, Tenn., which included the Discovery Award program. The 2004 awards will be presented in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 28-30. For membership and entry details, call SGCD at (740) 588-9882 or visit www.sgcd.org.

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Discovery Awards for Excellence in Design



Glass Food Containers:
Heinrich Ceramic Decal
 Maple syrup jug by
 Catamount Glass with decals
 by Heinrich Ceramic Decal.



Beverage Containers, Glass:
Décor America
 Sculpted "Ice" vodka bottle by
 Liquid International Pre-
 mium Spirits with decals by
 F.X. Leipold.



Cosmetic Containers, Glass:
Quest Industries
 "Mambo" Claiborne for Men
 cologne spray bottle.



Vases, Votives, Glass:
Fenton Art Glass
 Sandcarved column vase by
 Judith Kay Spindler.



**Commercial Architectural,
 Ceramic:**
Kohler Co.
 Above-counter lavatory deco-
 rated in Serpentine Bronze by
 Kohler Co. with decals by
 Beyrand.

**Promotional Products and
 Premiums, Glass:**
Custom Deco
 Screen-printed Samuel
 Adams tumbler.



**Promotional Products and
 Premiums, Ceramic:**
*The Homer Laughlin
 China Co.*
 Salesmen showroom plate.



**Novelties & Souvenirs,
 Glass:**
Custom Deco
 Screen-printed Hawaii
 souvenir tumbler.



**Novelties & Souvenirs,
 Ceramic:**
East Palestine China Co.
 Charger plate and covered
 box, commemorative limited
 edition.



Glass Collectibles:
Custom Deco
 Screen-printed commemora-
 tive Playboy beer bottle.



Discovery Awards for Excellence in Design



Ceramic Collectibles:

Décor America
Eleanor figurine on bone china by Royal Worcester with decals by F.X. Leipold.

Innovation, Glass:

Custom Deco
Screen-printed flame design on custom tumbler.



Glass Artware:

Lyre Art
Cobalt vase hand-painted by Martha Reynolds using iridescent polymer paints in an aquatic motif.

Innovation, Ceramic:

Heinrich Ceramic Decal
Ceramic faucet by Kohler with decals by Heinrich Ceramic Decal.



Ceramic Artware:

Décor America
President George Bush Bowl by Lenox China with decals by F.X. Leipold.

Casual Tableware, Glass:

Libbey
Screen-printed festive flute collection.



Lighting Ware, Glass:

Fenton Art Glass Co.
Reverse painted lamp.

Casual Tableware, Ceramic:

Heinrich Ceramic Decal
Casual five-piece place setting in a reproduction of an antique dinnerware pattern by East Palestine China with decals by Heinrich Ceramic Decal.



Lighting Ware, Ceramic:

Commercial Decal of Ohio, Inc.
Lithophane lamp with seven-color silkscreen printed in reverse by Schmidt-Failing, Inc., as well as decals by Commercial Decal of Ohio, Inc.

Formal Tableware, Ceramic:

Lenox China
Colonial Tradewind pattern by Lenox China with water-slide decals by Kuhnackl.



Discovery Awards for Excellence in Design



Casual Foodservice, Glass:
Libbey
Martini glasses with sprayed bottoms.

Formal Foodservice, Glass:
Custom Deco
Screen-printed black pineapple goblet.



Casual Foodservice, Ceramic:
Syracuse China
Prism/Zen/Kiwi, a collection of nature-inspired designs.

Formal Foodservice, Ceramic:
The Homer Laughlin China Co.
"America" formal charger plate.



Discovery Awards for Technical Excellence



Direct Printed, Glass:
Libbey
Multicolor tapestry designs.

Grit, Sandblasted or Etched, Glass:
Custom Deco
Promotional etched flame tumbler for Red Lager.



Direct Printed, Ceramic:
Tipp Novelty Co.
American-made navy blue coffee mug.

Grit, Sandblasted or Etched, Ceramic:
AAA Glass
DARE coffee mug with "Get Life" decoration.



Indirect Transfer, Ceramic:
Heinrich Ceramic Decal
Tankard by Franklin Mint with decals by Heinrich Ceramic Decal.

Custom Tile, Ceramic:
Harry Burnett Jr. Photography
Permanent reproduction of photographs on tile using decals printed from ink-jet printer technology developed by Harry Burnett, Jr.

