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STARRING TRENDS *from a* DESIGNER'S PERSPECTIVE

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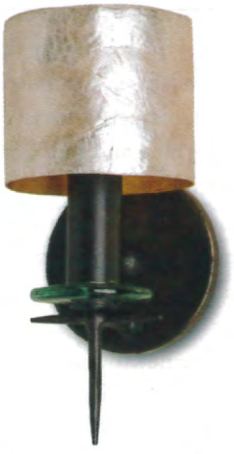
High Point, North Carolina welcomes visitors from 110 countries every April and October for the High Point Market, the world's largest home furnishings show. Named for being the highest point on the North Carolina Railroad between Goldsboro and Charlotte, High Point has come to be known as the "Home Furnishings Capital of the World."

I am Donna Vining, FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS, and as an interior designer, I have been a High Point attendee for more years than I can remember. During that time, I've learned how to spot trends and find what works best in Texas market. I'll be representing *TH&L* at High Point Market to bring you exclusive sneak peeks of new products and designer favorites from each market.

Here's a sneak peek of High Point's stars:

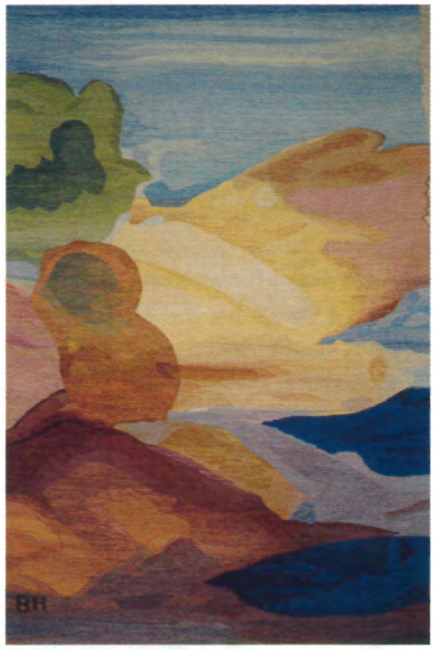


Theta Wall Sconce By Currey & Company

I am excited about the Theta Wall Sconce as it incorporates so many elements that I love – rustic metal, recycled glass and shell. It is a practical and beautiful light source and can be used in so many rooms.

Blue Jean Pillow Sofa with Canadian Pine Frame

Every sofa is unique because each cushion is covered using vintage blue jeans. How cool is that? It would look terrific in any playroom or den. And, if you ruin a cushion, then you know where to find replacement fabric. Fun, Fun!



Coastline from the Watercolor Collection

This 100 percent wool rug is modeled after a watercolor painting of the New England landscape by a local artist, Bella Hallsted. How great is the idea of turning a painting into a rug? I love the colors this piece offers; it's a fabulous starting point for developing a gorgeous bedroom or sitting area.

Porter Bench from French Market Collection

I am in love with this stylized camelback settee! A great trend I'm seeing is manufacturers putting fresh spins on old styles—note the nail head trim and iron legs. I could see this in a foyer, hall, bedroom or study.

Sprout chair by Hancock and Moore

This Sprout chair could have come straight from the "Mad Men" set. As color trends lean more toward greens, this retro chair is a perfect addition. I could use it in a living, bedroom, study or most any room.

Luna Milpa Coffee table by Taracea

Clients typically want practical products that are low maintenance. This floating wood-slice table fits the bill! Each table is unique and adds a hint of warmth to any room design. I can see this paired with the blue jean sofa.

Canton bed by Emerson

I took one look and fell in love with this bed from Emerson. It is a great starting point for a beautiful new bedroom. With a touch of oriental and clean lines, the four posters have just the right hint of detail. Notice the upholstery trimmed with nail heads; it makes this frame perfect for those who like to prop up in bed. Plus, there isn't a footboard to interfere with tall people's sleep!

Winchester by Luna Bella

Made in the U.S., this company's slogan is "always unique and still handmade." I think that sums up this unique light fixture. It is big and it is shown in the 'color of the year'.

I hope these rising stars find their way into your designs. I'll be back in the next issue with more great inspirations from High Point Market. Follow me at the Market through my blog at donnavining.com or on Twitter @donna_vining. TH&L