

IFDA NY 2015

Highlights from the Year...



January 21 – IFDA Board Kick Off

Michele Varian, 2014 Rising Star, hosted this transitional reception at her 27 Howard Street Store.

January 28 - Illuminating Residential Projects II

We saw first-hand how technological advances in lighting can impact your designs. Held at the Hafele Showroom beginning at 5:30 p.m., the event was co-hosted with the DLFNY and the ASID NY Metro Chapter and was FREE for IFDA Members.

February 1 - IFDA SELECTS Judges Day

IFDA NY and a team of judges selected best in-show products at the NY NOW show.

February 2 - ColorVoyant 2015: Forecasting the Next Direction in Color

With Doty Horn, Senior Vice President of Design at Congoleum Corp and Founding Director of ColorVoyant, a visionary color marketing firm. The scintillating presentation was held at NY NOW (IFDA NY GOLD Sponsor), beginning with a networking continental breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. followed by the presentation.

February 10 – INSPIRED BY DESIGN

Following the February IFDA NY monthly board meeting, IFDA members were treated to an Inspired by Design lecture, at HearthCabinet along with product demos, appetizers & libations from 6 – 8 p.m.

March 11 – Interior Landmarks Exhibit & Reception

The New York School of Interior Design (NYSID), winner of the IFDA Educational Foundation's Ina Mae Kaplan Grant for Historic Preservation, hosted a gallery overview and reception from 6 – 8 p.m. at the NYSID Gallery, 161 E. 69th Street.

April 23 – STUDIO TOUR

The IFDA NY invited members to join them for an Inspired Evening with Decorative Painter & IFDA member, Jonathan Bressler. This Members Only event was from 6 – 8 p.m.

May 5 – THE FUTURE OF HOME

All attendees got a glimpse of the FUTURE OF HOME as it is being transformed by technology and innovative materials with a program headlined by experts Dr. Andrew H. Dent, PHD; Matilda McQuaid; Leslie Clagett with moderator Hermine Mariaux. The discussion, which covered dramatic changes in home building, interiors and home products, took place from 6 - 8 p.m. at Material ConneXion New York, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, 17th Floor.

May 27 – 3rd Annual TAKE A SEAT Exhibit & Auction

IFDA NY and NYC&G presented the 3rd Annual "Charity" Take A Seat Exhibit and Auction emceed by Michael Tavano at Safevia, 902 Broadway at 20th. The evening kicked off @ 6:30 p.m. with LIVE chair auction & silent auction of industry goodies, with proceeds benefitting Habitat for Humanity NY. Prior to the event, the chairs were on display in the IFDA booth @ ICFF.

June 4 – Member Benefit – Private tour of the Kips Bay Showhouse

IFDA members were invited at 4:30 p.m. to join Charles Pavarini III, IFDA Member and IFDA Circle of Excellence Honoree, for a private tour of the house to learn all the trade secrets of how each room was created.

June 6 – Historic Walk of Downtown Manhattan

Interested attendees were treated to a curated walk of downtown Manhattan which benefited the IFDA Educational Foundation and the Valerie Moran Memorial Grant.

June 11 – Global Trend Report - Paris, Milan, Miami & NY

Want to know about the shows that you missed? Patti Carpenter reported on past international & national trade shows during her evening presentation at Cliff Young, Ltd., (IFDA NY GOLD Sponsor) where she discussed trends, color & innovative product.

July 14 – INSPIRED BY DESIGN

Following the July IFDA NY monthly board meeting, members were treated to an Inspired by Design lecture at HG Stones' new Manhattan Resource Center and IFDA Silver Sponsor, with a product overview & libations from 6 – 8 p.m.

JULY 23 – Sparkling Summer Social with the NKBA

It was the Summer Social Members ONLY event from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Grohe, 160 Fifth Avenue @ 20th, 4TH Floor & Rooftop.

August 16 – IFDA SELECTS Judges Day

IFDA NY and a team of judges selected best in-show products at NY NOW. Check out the list on www.ifdany.com and look at Fall E-News.

August 17 – Seminar: A Visual Journey: An Exploration of Trends in Color & Material

Learn how to spot color trends and find out what influences consumers to gravitate towards certain colors.

Stacy Garcia, an established leader in product design and a chair holder of the Color Marketing Group, gave her insider perspective on this season's most important color trends at NY NOW Market for Home, Lifestyle + Gift (IFDA NY GOLD Sponsor), from 8:30-10:30 a.m. with breakfast hosted by Pratt & Lambert.

September 9 –Wallcoverings Through The Ages

A panel discussion and presentation from 6 – 8 PM was hosted by the Hearst Design Group, with speakers from York Wallcoverings (Gina Shaw), Hearst Design Group (Orli Ben-Dor) & the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum (Gregory Herringshaw). The lively discussion & SOLD OUT Event was held at the Hearst Tower, 300 W 57th Street.

September 17 – NYDC – WHAT'S NEW WHAT'S NEXT

September 26 & 27 – Habitat for Humanity Women Build

IFDA was honored to participate in Habitat for Humanity's Women Build, bringing women of NYC together to build homes in partnership with low income families.

October 10 – Met Museum Walk

Lovers of furniture joined the IFDA Educational Foundation for a docent lead tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Furniture Rooms. Funds raised from the walk benefited the NY Chapter's Valerie Moran Memorial Grant.

November 19 –The 2015 Rising Stars of Design Celebration

Hosted by Lapidida LLC at their elegant showroom, Justin Shaulis, MC introduced the 2015 Rising Stars of Interior Design – Jessica Geller| Virginia Toledo; Bennett Leifer & Kevin Dumais along with Pryor Calloway, Product Design Honoree who were feted at this over sold celebration.

December 10 –Making Spirits Bright with NKBA & IDS

This members ONLY Winter Social / Holiday Gathering will be a wonderful culmination of a busy & productive year for the IFDA AND the design & furnishings industry. Held at the BSH Experience & Design Center, (A&D Building) the event was hosted by Thermador!

The IFDA networking **Cocktails, Conversations & Connections**, evenings were held at NYC Hot Spots the 1st Monday of most months. Among the 2015 venues were The Clocktower, Baccarat Bar, The Chester, Zuma, The Kimberly & more!

If you missed any of these wonderful events, get involved by being an active participant & JOINING!

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