

2016 Highlights



January 19 – IFDA 2016 Kick Off Party

IFDA Members started the New Year off right, as they heard about 2015 successes and plans for 2016.

Accolades were given and glasses raised! The evening was graciously hosted by The Shade Store, IFDA International Platinum Sponsor.

January 31 – IFDA SELECTS Judges Day

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

February 1 – The Color Evolution

The provocative presentation was held at NY NOW (IFDA NY SILVER Sponsor), beginning with networking coffee @ 8:30 a.m. followed by the presentation featuring Laurie Pressman, Vice-President PANTONE Color Institute. She discussed color trends for 2017 with the idea of being courageous, experimental, using color in a way that is unique and collaborative.

February 24 – Be Inspired by the Kravet Studio

Members ONLY were treated to an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Kravet (IFDA NY GOLD Sponsor) New York Design Studio to see their many brands and to learn where products from some of the top designers around the world transform from an idea into a collection. Donations collected benefited the IFDA Educational Foundation | Valerie Moran Grant.

March 15 –Global Inspiration Comes Home

Moderated by esteemed interior designer, Anthony Baratta; an expert design industry panel of IFDA NY members: HGTV's Nancy Fire; Nest by Tamara blog's Tamara Stephenson; and Cliff Young's Leslie Young Zarra discussed and offered an in-depth look at trade show trends throughout Europe and the United States. The evening event was hosted by IFDA NY GOLD Sponsor, Cliff Young, Ltd.

March 17 – IFDA Selects Out & About at Architectural Digest Design Show

Even though the show ran until March 20, IFDA members & guests were asked to visit IFDA Selects winners and IFDA member/sponsor booths and go see the Dining by Design vignettes at Pier 92 and then end the day at The Trade Opening Night Cocktail Party.

April 8 – Members ONLY tour of Carmel Place

The IFDA NY invited members to join a sneak peek into micro living at 335 E 27th Street. Co-Founder Steve Spett, Resource Furniture (IFDA NY GOLD Sponsor) our host, gave the tour so we could be in the know before the tenants moved in!

April 20 – Inspired by Design: Morocco

Hosted and held at the Atlas Showroom Pop-Up Shop, guests learned how artisans from four distinct regions of Morocco create their handcrafted products with a unique point of view. Wafah Jehou, an IFDA NY member, provided the commentary as guests also savored Moroccan style goodies as they benefitted the IFDA Educational Foundation.

May 6-8 – IFDA Selects Out & About at BKLYN DESIGNS

Brooklyn Design “Best in Show” winners were featured; seminars, workshops, demos & satellite talks were attended; BKLYN DESIGN Micro Loft was visited & attendees ended opening day with a Keynote Address & a Party.

May 14-17 – IFDA Selects Out & About at ICFE

Show attendees were asked to visit all the IFDA Selects "Best in Show" winners, walk the show and see the IFDA Member /Sponsor booths and make time in their schedule to hit the show highlights.

May 18 – IFDA Members ONLY tour of the Kips Bay Showhouse

Charles Pavarini III, an IFDA NY member and COE Honoree, as well as head of Pavarini Design, a full-scale New York based award-winning interior design firm, led a private guided tour of the 2016 Kips Bay Decorator Show House where attendees learned all the trade secrets of how each room was created.

June 9 – How We Entertain Today

The wonderful presentation featured Allison Zisko, HFN at host Fisher & Paykel Showroom. She shared insights on the current state of the tabletop industry, the challenges and opportunities affecting the business and the top fashion trends and consumer's attitudes toward dining/entertaining at home. Attendees also delighted in tabletop design vignettes by IFDA designers.

July 20 – Brazilian Carnival: Summer Social with NKBA & IDS

Held at the B/S/H Experience & Design Center, members & guests were treated to Brazilian inspired food, live music, raffle prizes and gift bags. The evening was hosted & sponsored by Thermador.

August 21 – IFDA SELECTS Judges Day

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August 22 – Seminar: COLOR – WHAT’S COMING IN 2017?!

A scintillating presentation and follow up discussion on the top color palettes, themes & materials for 2017 was held at NY NOW (IFDA NY SILVER Sponsor)! Experts Jerry Dellova & Nicki Gondell of Trend House Inc. covered Spring 2017 with their Italian Lab Milano presentation and Stacy Garcia, a design-minded entrepreneur and forecasting expert as well as an IFDA NY member & GOLD Sponsor, focused on Fall 2017.

September 10 –Morris-Jumel Mansion Museum Tour

The tour, led by the museum’s executive director, benefited the IFDA Educational Foundation and showcased a landmarked house highlighting over 200 years of NY history, art & culture.

September 22 – NYDC – WHAT’S NEW WHAT’S NEXT

200 Lex’s 8th annual event showcased new ideas, design, materials & products and IFDA NY was in the thick of it featuring Instagram Step & Repeat Pictures.

September 27 - THE HOUSING (R)EVOLUTION

The following panel, moderated by Hermine Mariaux (IFDA NY member) and held at the Florim Showroom, discussed 3 key trends (Small Spaces, Multi-Generational Homes & Luxury Housing): Christopher Bledsoe of Ollie and Stage 3 Properties; Kim Ashbaugh, Director of Next Gen Brand Management at Lennar; Geoffrey Bradfield and Roric Tobin from Bradfield & Tobin.

October 14 – 2016 Circle of Excellence Awards (COE)

One of the industry's most anticipated & festive events, has saluted outstanding leaders in the design & furnishings community since its inception in 1992. This year's awardees, honored at the Union League Club, were: **Education: DLFNY**, Designers Lighting Forum of NY; **Humanitarian: Iris Dankner**, Holiday House; **Interior Design: Alexa Hampton**; **Media: C&G Media Group**; **Product Design: Dakota Jackson**; and **Retailer: West Elm**.

November 19 –The 2016 Rising Stars of Design Celebration

Hosted by New Traditionalists & Duc Duc NYC and emceed by Rio Hamilton, the 2016 Rising Stars of Interior & Product Design were feted at this over sold celebration. The following 2016 IFDA Rising Stars were honored: **Product Design: Jessica Ahnert Davis**, Nest Studio LLC and for **Interior Design: Lindsay Weiss & Noah Turkus**, Weiss Turkus Projects; **Jenny Dina Kirschner**, JDK Interiors; and **Lindsay Boswell and Ali Levin**, LABLstudio.

November 30 – Members ONLY tour Holiday House SOHO

A special tour of the Sullivan Mansions in SOHO was arranged with Founder, Iris Dankner; Rio Hamilton and Designer Tamara Stephenson (IFDA NY member) followed by a toast to Holiday House's continued success.

December 14 –Making Spirits Bright

This members ONLY Winter Social / Holiday Gathering was a wonderful culmination of a busy & productive year for the IFDA AND the design & furnishings industry and was graciously hosted by Resource Furniture, IFDA NY GOLD Sponsor.

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The IFDA networking **Cocktails, Conversations & Connections**, evenings were held at NYC Hot Spots the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of most months. Among the 2016 venues were Marmara Park Avenue Hotel; American Cut Midtown at the Lombardy Hotel; The Lamb's Club; Dream Hotel PHD Terrace, Times Square & more! It's a great way to discover a resource, meet new friends and find out about the IFDA.

A new 2016 initiative was **IFDA On The Road**. Our first "road trip" in the spring was to the Philadelphia Flower Show and then in the fall, members went to the Brimfield Antiques Show. Stay tuned for more adventures.

***If you missed any of these wonderful educational events or networking opportunities, get involved by being an active participant & JOINING the IFDA NY Chapter.***

***You will be glad you did!***

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