

Market Notebook

By FS staff

Chicago Design Show



Morame rug from Swan Comish Rugs is made from 100 percent New Zealand wool. **CIRCLE 314**

Designers and consumers fond of contemporary furnishings flocked to Chicago's Merchandise Mart last November to check out the offerings at the seventh annual Chicago Design Show.™ As in past years, the 2003 event enabled attendees to see new contemporary products for the home from manufacturers and area retailers, attend informative seminars by industry leaders, check out interactive exhibits and more.

Perhaps the most interesting of this year's exhibits was the first-ever Sustainable Design Pavilion, an area devoted to products made from natural and recycled materials. Attendees were able to check out furniture, mattresses, carpeting and rugs, paints and finishes, wall coverings, dinnerware and more from more than 40 companies. (Visit our Web site for a list of the Sustainable Design Pavilion exhibitors.)

Also situated within the pavilion was the Sustainable Home, a model home vignette featuring environmentally sound home furnishings and building materials. Designed by Lyn Falk of Solterra Studios, the concept was conceived by Sustain, a Chicago-based advocacy organization that works for a healthy environment and a just society.

Two other exhibits—Crave, the Chicago Cooking Pavilion, and the Wine Pavilion—gave attendees an opportunity to watch some of Chicago's top chefs prepare contemporary fare in a fully functional, state-of-the-art Snaidero kitchen, as well as to sample wines from around the world.

Last year's roster of speakers included internationally renowned designer and author Clodagh; designer Sally Sirkin Lewis; architect and author Dennis Wedlick; and interior designer and color expert Diantha Harris. Also on hand were Chicago area interior designers, who provided complimentary 20-minute consultations with show attendees.

Other activities included a preview party, which helped support programs for people who are blind or visually impaired, and the River North Design Walk, a tour of 26 River North-area retail and design resources.

The 2004 Chicago Design Show will be held Nov. 5-7 at The Merchandise Mart. Visit www.merchandiseart.com, or call (312) 527-4141 for more information.



Environmental Language's Orion sofa was featured in the Sustainable Design Pavilion. **CIRCLE 310**



Kalpac table is from Matt Decel. **CIRCLE 311**



MetaForm Studio's Pyramid light was on display at the Sustainable Design Pavilion. **CIRCLE 313**



Chicago-based retailer IDEA Furniture Co. introduced Group Design sofas attendees to this leather living room group by Polish furniture manufacturer Kar.