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IIDA ANNOUNCES HILARY LUCKENBAUGH AS 2013 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Chicago, IL — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is proud to announce the winner of its 2013 Member of the Year Award. The award honors an IIDA Member whose commitment to the industry is visibly demonstrated through extensive volunteer effort, and passionate dedication to the IIDA mission of advancing Interior Design and advocating for its excellence.

This year’s Member of the Year Award recipient is Hilary Luckenbaugh, Affiliate IIDA, of the Southern California Chapter. Luckenbaugh is perhaps best known among her peers for her tireless work with the Calibre Awards, now in its 25th year of celebrating the successful relationships between consultant, client and contractor teams that result in the great Interior Design work in Southern California. As a two-time Chapter Board Member of the Year winner, she was recognized as a “driving force” behind the development of the Southern California Chapter Sponsorship program that now facilitates a robust annual budget for the Chapter and enables it to bestow nearly $25,000 in student awards each year.

“Gregarious and sharp of wit, always with time to offer words of guidance, Hilary is fondly referred to by many as the ‘grand dame’ of the Southern California Chapter,” Christoper Coldoff, IIDA, LEED AP ID+C, Immediate Past President, IIDA Southern California Chapter, said. “[She] is the face of IIDA to her peers and industry partners alike. In short, she is the emotional and ethical compass of the Chapter, and there’s no one I’d recommend higher for this honor.”

IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP, seconds Coldoff’s endorsement. “Hilary is in so many ways the epitome of a leader. Her vision, acumen and sense of organization are impeccable. She doesn’t just have enthusiasm — she instills it in others. But most of all, she cares about her fellow Design Professionals and the Profession as a whole, and does everything in her power to support it. It’s this sterling combination of values, insight and energy that makes IIDA so proud to honor her as our 2013 Member of the Year.”

Luckenbaugh will be formally presented with the award and celebrated at the IIDA Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 9, 2013, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

For more information about the IIDA Member of the Year Award, visit www.iida.org.

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About International Interior Design Association

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association with more than 13,000 Members practicing worldwide in more than 50 countries. IIDA is committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in Interior Design and advancing Interior Design through knowledge, value and community. IIDA advocates for Interior Design excellence; nurtures a global Interior Design community; maintains high educational standards; and supports its Members and the Profession with visionary leadership. IIDA has helped reveal new Design talent through a variety of education initiatives and competitions, including the Interior Design Competition, Global Excellence Awards, Emerge Italy and Hospitality Product Design Competition, among others. www.iida.org.