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BEMA Announces 2007-2008 Design Awards Winners

The Bath Enclosure Manufacturers Association (BEMA) is pleased to announce the winners of its 12th Annual Design Awards Competition. Travis Humphreys, with A&T Glass & Window Corp. of Palm City, Florida and Bruce Downs of CB Showers Inc. of San Carlos, CA received the honors this year with their entries in the Glass Under 3/8" and Glass 3/8" and Over categories respectively. The two will be honored at BEMA's Annual Membership Meeting, October 7, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada in conjunction with GlassBuild America: The Glass, Window & Door Expo.

BEMA president Mark Rowlett, Coastal Industries, stated, "This competition continues to showcase the innovative work being done in this industry. Creativity and design is clearly reflected in each entry received. Being resourceful in meeting consumer needs defines today's top dealers. "

Travis Humphreys, with A&T Glass & Window Corp. of Palm City, Florida is this year's winner in the Glass under 3/8" category. Humphreys acknowledged, "This 5/16 clear glass shower enclosure was custom cut "out of square" to eliminate the need for U channel. We chose to use a header to avoid using multiple clips, thus achieving the "clean look" the homeowner desired. The seamless design was enhanced with CRL satin nickel hardware and water clear silicone."

In the Glass 3/8" and Over category, Bruce Downs of CB Showers Inc. of San Carlos, CA is a repeat winner. "This bathroom was part of a Custom Builders' personal showcase home." Downs stated. "The main requirement was the ability to see the beautiful stone work, and to have something unique and different. We chose German antique glass [a low iron antique glass] to accomplish this. In addition, the customer wanted the option of experiencing a regular shower, and at times, a steam shower. An operable vent built into a side panel allows this flexibility. The result is exquisite functionality."

This year's judging panel of industry editors and designers were, Matt Slovick, Glass Magazine, David Newton, David Newton & Associates, Megan Headley, US Glass, Fernando Diaz, ASID, Fernando Diaz & Associates, and Donna Vining, FASID, Vining Design Associates. All entries were completed between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. In its 12th year, the awards program recognizes and rewards exceptional bathroom design using a shower or tub enclosure in place of a shower curtain. The program was established to allow the companies that manufacture bath enclosure components recognition for the creative uses of their products. The winners will receive travel expenses to attend the BEMA Annual Meeting and GlassBuild America. To view all the entries and winning designs visit www.bathenclosures.org.

BEMA is a collaborative, international glass and glazing industry organization committed to the advancement of the manufacture, promotion, sale and safe installation of tub and shower enclosures.

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