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Local Pool Builders Win Awards for Excellent Design

Sarasota (February 24, 2010) – Numerous pool builders have received awards in the Florida Swimming Pool Association's (FSPA) annual Design Awards contest.

Essig Pools of North Miami won a Bronze award for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Ken Sherman. The award was won in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 501-700 sq. ft. category.

Swim Incorporated of Sarasota won a Gold award and a Technical Achievement Award for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Dan Johnson. The award was won in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 701 sq. ft. and over category.

AAA Custom Pools, Inc. of Jupiter won a Gold award and a Silver award for entries in the Residential Water Feature category, a Silver award in the Residential Swimming Pool Vanishing Edge category, a Silver award and a Bronze award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category, and a Silver award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination 501 – 700 sq. ft. category. The winning pools were entered into the contest by Alan Bryson.

Bryant Pools, Inc. of Ormond Beach won a Gold award for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Donald Bryant. The award was won in the Semi-Public Pool category.

Signature Pools & Spas, Inc. of Oakland Park won two Gold awards for entries in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category and an Award of Merit in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501-700 sq. ft. category. The winning pools were entered into the contest by Stephanie Taggart. The landscape architect for one of the entries that received a gold award was George Keen Landscape Architect in Ft. Lauderdale. The designer of the merit winning pool was Lee Martin Architect in Ft. Lauderdale.

Exotic Pools by Janeen, Inc. of Port Charlotte won an Award of Merit in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501-700 sq ft category and an Award of Merit in the Commercial Water Feature category. The winning pools were entered into the contest by Janeen Weiler.

Riviera Pools of Tampa won a Silver award for its entry in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category and a Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501-700 sq. ft. category. The winning pools were entered into the contest by Bob Albano.

South Florida Custom Pools LLC of Palm City won a Gold award for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Rod Maine. The award was won in the Residential Pool Restoration category.

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Almar / Jackson Pools, Inc. of Jupiter won a Silver award for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Ray Bushnell. The award was won in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 501-700 sq. ft. category. The designer of the pool was Curtis-Sinclair, Inc. of Palm Beach Gardens and the landscape architect was Lang Design Group of West Palm Beach.

Lucas Lagoons Inc. of Sarasota won an Award of Merit in the Commercial Water Feature category and a Gold award in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category. The winning pools were entered into the contest by Barbara Luehring.

Surfside Pools of Jacksonville Beach won a Bronze award for its entry in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 501-700 sq. ft. category, a Bronze award in the Residential Swimming Pool Vanishing Edge category, and an Award of Merit in the Swim Spa category. The winning pools were entered into the contest by John C. Scott, III. The bronze winning pool in the vanishing edge category was designed by Cother and Associates of Fernandina Beach; the other bronze winning pool had Garden South of St. Johns as the landscape architect.

Swimming Pools by Ike Jr., Inc. of Coral Springs won an Award of Merit for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Bjarne Eikevik, Jr. The award was won in the Residential Shotcrete/Gunite Pool 501-700 sq. ft. category.

Creative Pools, Inc. of Naples won an Award of Merit award for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Gale Graham. The award was won in the Residential Pool Restoration category. The landscape architect for the project was Aqua Terra Waterscapes in Naples.

T C Water Features, Inc. of Orlando won a Bronze award for its entry. The winning pool was entered into the contest by Anthony Caruso. The award was won in the Residential Pool/Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category.

FSPA President Eva Adcock said, "The FSPA Design Awards allows great pools being built across the state to be recognized. All of the winners should be proud of their work."

The annual FSPA Design Awards program gives members an opportunity to enter their pools, spas and water features for judging on workmanship, soundness of design, beauty, practicality and safety. Categories customized for Florida pool construction divide the entries by size, type of construction and features.

This year, 27 awards were given out in 11 categories ranging from gold, silver, bronze to awards of merit and technical achievement. The winners are selected by a Design Awards Committee, which consists of knowledgeable professionals, and are recognized at the annual *Orlando Pool and Spa Show* in February.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association is a trade association for the pool and spa industry in Florida. There are approximately 550 member businesses in 16 Chapters across the state. Members are required to abide by a code of ethics and to be properly licensed and insured. FSPA provides the industry with access to continuing education courses, information on current trends and issues, an arbitration program and government relations representation. FSPA is governed by a Board of Directors.

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