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Local Pool Builders Win Awards for Excellent Designs

Sarasota (February 22, 2011) – Numerous swimming pool builders have received awards in the Florida Swimming Pool Association's (FSPA) annual Design Awards contest.

AAA Custom Pools, Inc. of Jupiter won an Award of Merit in the Residential Pool Restoration category, a Gold award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination 250-500 sq. ft. category, a Silver award and a Gold award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination 501 – 700 sq. ft. category, a Silver award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category, two Bronze awards in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category, an Award of Merit in the Residential Shotcrete / Gunite Pool Vanishing Edge category, and a Gold award in the Residential Water Feature category. The winning pools were entered for judging by Alan Bryson. Several of the winning pools utilized Designer Pools and Spas FX as the landscape architect.

Almar / Jackson Pools, Inc. of Jupiter won a Silver award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category and a Gold award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination 701 sq. ft. and over category. The winning pools were entered for judging by Gerald Waser.

Essig Pools of North Miami won an Award of Merit in the Residential Shotcrete / Gunite Pool 250-500 sq. ft. category. The winning pool was entered for judging by Luann Lleveroni-Ellis.

Florida Bonded Pools of Jacksonville won a Bronze award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination 250-500 sq. ft. category and a Gold award in the Residential Shotcrete / Gunite Pool Vanishing Edge category. The winning pools were entered for judging by Jeffrey Clarkson.

Holiday Pools of West Florida, Inc. of Sarasota won a Gold award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category. The winning pool was entered for judging by George Luther.

Lucas Lagoons, Inc. of Sarasota won a Bronze award in the Residential Shotcrete / Gunite Pool Vanishing Edge category, a Silver award in the Residential Pool / Spa Combination Vanishing Edge category and a Silver award in the Residential Pool Restoration category. The winning pools were entered for judging by Lucas Congdon.

Riviera Pools of Tampa won a Gold award in the Residential Pool Restoration category. The winning pool was entered for judging by Bob Albano.

Signature Pools & Spas, Inc. of Oakland Park won a Bronze award in the Residential Shotcrete / Gunite Pool 250 – 500 sq. ft. category and a Silver award in the

Residential Shotcrete / Gunite Pool 701 sq. ft. and over category. The winning pools were entered for judging by Scott Taggart.

FSPA President Richard Moseley said, "The FSPA Design Awards is a great program that highlights the craftsmanship of pools being built across the state. 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, 21 awards were given out in 10 categories. 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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