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DESIGN ADAC 2026 EMBRACES “DESIGN FOR LIVING” DURING ADAC’S 65th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

*Spring Market Returns April 21-23 with Notable Designers, Dynamic Keynotes + Immersive Showroom Experiences
General Registration Opens March 17*

ATLANTA: As ADAC proudly marks more than six decades as the Southeast’s premier design destination, **DESIGN ADAC** returns April 21–23, with a vibrant spring market inspired by this year’s theme, *Design for Living*. Open to designers, architects, industry professionals, design enthusiasts, and the public, the three-day celebration explores the powerful ways thoughtfully crafted spaces shape how we live, gather, work, and recharge.

Across three immersive days, this year’s market invites attendees to experience design as both art and intention. From nature-inspired materials and rich, layered detailing to interiors that seamlessly balance heritage and innovation, DESIGN ADAC showcases the ideas defining today’s most compelling spaces. Guests will hear directly from influential designers, architects, and editors during keynote conversations and engaging panel discussions. Intimate Q&As and showroom meet-and-greets offer meaningful opportunities for one-on-one connection, while exclusive product launches, celebratory receptions, and the grand opening of Holland & Sherry’s new showroom energize the campus with a fresh perspective and excitement.

More than a market, DESIGN ADAC serves as a dynamic catalyst for creativity and connection – where inspiration is not only discovered, but shared. Join this spring as ADAC celebrates the transformative power of designing for living.

“DESIGN ADAC continues to evolve alongside the industry,” said ADAC General Manager Katie Miner. “This year’s conversations reflect where design is headed – embracing innovation while honoring craftsmanship, celebrating individuality while fostering collaboration. A cornerstone of the event is the Southeast Designers & Architect of the Year celebration, which brings together some of the brightest talents from across the region. That spirit of camaraderie and shared respect for fine design adds an extra dimension to the experience. What makes DESIGN ADAC so impactful is the opportunity for our community to gather in one place, exchange ideas, celebrate excellence, and explore how thoughtful design truly supports the way we live.”

This year’s DESIGN ADAC programming spotlights a dynamic roster of industry leaders and editors through thoughtfully curated keynote conversations and panel discussions. Highlights include *The Sanctuary of Nature: Indoors and Out*, where **Peter Dunham** and **Patricia Benner** join VERANDA Executive Editor **Ellen McGauley** to explore the relationship between landscape and interior design, and *The Finishing Touch: Elevating Interiors with Purpose*, featuring **Marie Flanigan**, **Young Huh**, and **Elizabeth Lawrence** in conversation with Southern Home Editor **Lynn Terry**. Attendees can also experience *Originality vs. Algorithm: Authenticity in an AI World*, led by Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles Editor-in-Chief **Lauren Iverson** alongside **Sally Draughon**, **Clary Bosbyshell**, and **Elaine Griffin**, as well as *Creating Prosperity at Home* with **Ellie Cullman** and **Tom Kligerman**, moderated by VERANDA Editor-in-Chief **Steele Marcoux**. The lineup continues with a Hollywood-meets-high design conversation featuring internationally renowned interior designer, author, and TV personality **Martyn Lawrence Bullard** in discussion with **Jenna Muller**, publisher of *Modern Luxury Interiors Southeast*, for an intimate talk on layered luxury, personality-driven spaces, and global inspiration. The schedule concludes with *Balancing Act: Blending Traditional and Contemporary Elements to Achieve Timeless Design*, presented by GEORGIA DESIGN’s Editor-in-Chief **Fran Worrall**, leading award-winning designers **Chuck Chewing**, **Dawn Heuer**, and **Olivia Westbrooks** in a thoughtful discussion on harmonizing vintage and contemporary elements. Each presentation is complemented by showroom receptions and book signings, along with special celebrations, including the grand opening of Holland & Sherry’s new dedicated showroom.

Below is a snapshot of some of the captivating keynote presentations and after-parties to expect at this year’s DESIGN ADAC:

Tuesday, April 21

- **10:00 a.m. – THE SANCTUARY OF NATURE: INDOORS AND OUT | ADAC Presentation Room | First Floor Atrium**
Sponsored by VERANDA, Kolo Collection, and Sunbrella

The natural world is at the center of good design. This panel will explore the critical role that the local environment plays in shaping thoughtful, beautiful spaces that stand the test of time. Los Angeles interior designer **Peter Dunham** and landscape architect **Patricia Benner**, also based in Los Angeles, will join VERANDA Executive Editor **Ellen McGauley** to discuss the powerful role landscape and natural materials play in the buildings and rooms we create, and their collaborations together.

Following the presentation, please join Dunham, Benner, and McGauley at the Kolo Collection showroom for a reception and signing of Dunham's book, "The World of Peter Dunham: Global Style from Paris to Hollywood," along with highlights of Sunbrella's outdoor upholstery products across partners. **Kolo Collection | Suite 323**

- **1:00 p.m. – THE FINISHING TOUCH: ELEVATING INTERIORS WITH PURPOSE | ADAC Presentation Room | First Floor Atrium**
Sponsored by Southern Home and Samuel & Sons

Join celebrated designers **Marie Flanigan, Young Huh, and Elizabeth Lawrence** with Southern Home Editor **Lynn Terry** for an inspiring conversation on the art of completion. From spaces where the architecture takes center stage to rooms enriched through thoughtful layers, this panel explores how the right details transform good design into an unforgettable experience. This discussion reveals how trims, textures, and intentional choices create interiors that are both refined and deeply personal.

Following the presentation, continue the conversation at a meet-and-greet with Flanigan, Huh, Lawrence, and Terry at the Samuel & Sons showroom. Huh will be signing copies of her debut book, "A Mood, A Thought, A Feeling: Interiors," during the reception. Don't miss the chance to explore the latest trims showcased throughout the space. **Samuel & Sons | Suite 311**

- **5:00 p.m. – HOLLAND & SHERRY GRAND OPENING | Holland & Sherry | Suite 238**

Holland & Sherry opens a new, dedicated showroom at ADAC this season, marking an exciting evolution of the brand's presence in Atlanta. Previously presented within the R HUGHES showroom, the move into its own space allows for a more expansive and immersive presentation of the collection. With nearly two centuries of heritage rooted in Savile Row tailoring, the legacy brand is renowned for its refined textiles, wallcoverings, leathers, embroidery, trim, rugs, and furniture. "Our new showroom offers designers a comprehensive view of the Holland & Sherry Interiors world, thoughtfully designed as a welcoming resource for the Southeast design community," said Daniel Waldron, Vice President of Holland & Sherry Interiors. "The space reflects our enduring commitment to craftsmanship, material integrity, and timeless design – while underscoring Atlanta's continued importance as a key design market." Media and market guests are encouraged to explore the beautifully adorned new showroom throughout the week while attending DESIGN ADAC and experience the full breadth of the collection firsthand.

Wednesday, April 22

- **10:00 a.m. – ORIGINALITY VS. ALGORITHM: AUTHENTICITY IN AN AI WORLD | ADAC Presentation Room | First Floor Atrium**
Sponsored by Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles and Thibaut

Does social media hurt or help creative expression? In a conversation led by Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles Editor-in-Chief **Lauren Iverson**, designers **Sally Draughon, Clary Bosbyshell, and Elaine Griffin** celebrate the power of personal expression in an age where trends and algorithms nudge us toward mass-marketed trends and identical rooms. Together, the panelists will reveal the key ingredients to crafting a meaningful, uniquely lived-in home – and how original, thoughtful selections ultimately infuse soul and individuality into our spaces.

Following the panel discussion, guests are invited to a meet-and-greet reception with Draughon, Bosbyshell, Griffin, and Iverson at the Thibaut showroom, including an exclusive preview of their Spring collections. **Thibaut | Suite 140**

- **1:00 p.m. – THE ART OF THE UNEXPECTED: DESIGNING WITH PERSONALITY & PURPOSE | ADAC Presentation Room | First Floor Atrium**
Sponsored by Modern Luxury Interiors Southeast, The Atlantan, and Paul +

Experience the allure of Hollywood-meets-high design with **Martyn Lawrence Bullard**. A renowned interior designer, TV personality, author, and product visionary, Bullard's award-winning career has cemented him as one of the most influential voices in design today. In conversation with **Jenna Muller**, Publisher of Modern Luxury Interiors Southeast, Bullard will offer an intimate look at his distinctive, internationally inspired aesthetic – celebrated for its sophistication, boldness, and signature touch of the unexpected, illuminating the intersection between home, personality, and brand identity. Step into Bullard's world of layered, expressive design – where luxury, personality, and impeccable style collide.

Immediately following the presentation, continue the conversation at a reception at the Paul + showroom with Bullard and Muller. Enjoy a lively meet-and-greet, the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of Bullard's "Star Style: Interiors of Martyn Lawrence Bullard," and engaging, design-forward dialogue among the luxury design community. **Paul + | Suite 121**

- **5:00 p.m. – SOUTHEAST DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR FINALISTS CELEBRATION | Made Goods | Suite 403**
Sponsored by VERANDA and Made Goods

Celebrate the visionaries shaping the future of design in the Southeast and beyond as ADAC and VERANDA honor the 2026 finalists for the Southeast Designers & Architect of the Year Awards at Made Goods.

From acclaimed leaders to emerging talents, meet the finalists and get to know the innovative minds energizing the design world. **Made Goods | Suite 403**

Thursday, April 23

- **10:00 a.m. – CREATING PROSPERITY AT HOME | ADAC Presentation Room | First Floor Atrium**

Sponsored by VERANDA, Paul Montgomery Studio, and Scalamandré

How can our homes help us thrive? This panel will delve into how thoughtful, inherently personal design can cultivate richness and lasting fulfillment both for ourselves and for our clients. A pair of New York-based talents, interior designer **Ellie Cullman** and architect **Tom Kligerman**, join VERANDA Editor-in-Chief **Steele Marcoux** to discuss the emotional and enduring role our homes play in our lives when they balance beauty, comfort, and meaning for a sanctuary that endures and evolves with us.

Following the presentation, join Cullman, Kligerman, and Marcoux at the Scalamandré showroom for a reception and book signing, including Kligerman’s “Summer by the Sea,” VERANDA’s “American Style: Timeless Interior Design,” and Cullman’s “Cullman & Kravis: Interiors.” Plus, browse Paul Montgomery’s latest mural collections. **Scalamandré | Suite 133**

- **1:00 p.m. – BALANCING ACT: BLENDING TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY ELEMENTS TO ACHIEVE TIMELESS DESIGN | ADAC Presentation Room | First Floor Atrium**

Sponsored by GEORGIA DESIGN and Ernest Gaspard

One of the best ways to create a timeless style is through the mixing of vintage and contemporary elements. The fusion of old and new not only elevates interiors but also allows for a more unique and distinctive home. The key is balance. Join GEORGIA DESIGN Editor-in-Chief **Fran Worrall** and award-winning interior designers **Chuck Chewning**, **Dawn Heuer**, and **Olivia Westbrooks** for an insightful and educational conversation about how to effectively blend old and new, from furnishings and wallcoverings to lighting and hardware, to create interiors that feel both curated and fresh at the same time. Additionally, the panelists will discuss how a cohesive color palette, repeated details and finishes, and similar patterns and materials can seamlessly bridge the years.

Following the presentation, please join Chewning, Heuer, Westbrooks, and Worrall for a reception in the Ernest Gaspard showroom and continue the conversation. While there, peruse Ernest Gaspard’s collection of furniture, lighting, wallcoverings, rugs, and more. **Ernest Gaspard | Suite 109**

The full 2026 schedule with event descriptions is live at www.adacatlanta.com. General registration for the 2026 DESIGN ADAC spring market is complimentary for all guests and opens on March 17. Click [here](#) for more information.

DESIGN ADAC and keynote presentation programming is in sponsorship with media outlets Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles, GEORGIA DESIGN, Modern Luxury Interiors Southeast, Southern Home, The Atlantian, and VERANDA.

For media interested in interviewing any of the keynote speakers or Katie Miner, please email Tara Murphy at tara@360media.net. Photography is available upon request. Follow along on social media @adacatlanta or #DESIGNADAC.

ABOUT ADAC: Built 65 years ago by renowned architect and developer John Portman in the prestigious Buckhead community of Atlanta, ADAC (Atlanta Decorative Arts Center) is a community-focused, nationally recognized leader in the world of interior design and home fashion, serving as the essential one-stop shopping resource for interior designers, architects, and builders. In November 2018, ADAC was acquired by ANDMORESM and parent company Blackstone, the world’s largest operator of premier showroom space for the furnishings, home décor, and gift industries. The 550,000-square-foot ADAC campus consists of ADAC and ADAC WEST and features over 40 design studios and more than 65 showrooms offering over 1,400 of the industry’s finest product lines, including furniture, fabric, rugs, lighting, accessories, floor and wallcoverings, antiques, fine art and framing, kitchens, bath, tile, and stone, and home theater products as well as three restaurants, The Hungry Peach, KR Steakbar, Krog Bar Coal Fired Pizza. Likewise, ADAC’s extensive services include custom designs such as electronic systems and kitchen cabinetry. To learn more about ADAC + ADAC West, visit: www.adacatlanta.com or join on social @adacatlanta.

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