



## **Robert Currey of Currey & Company to Receive ARTS Awards Academy of Achievement Honor**

DALLAS – October 13, 2015 – Dallas Market Center and the ARTs nominating committee selected Robert Currey of Currey & Company as this year’s Academy of Achievement honoree.

“Robert Currey received an unprecedented number of nominations for Academy of Achievement this year from across the industry,” Sharon Davis, Executive Director of ART said. “After such strong endorsement, the committee agreed that he was the obvious choice.”

Currey founded Garden Source Furnishings, now Currey & Company, in 1988 with the focus of creating and marketing classic garden furniture from the Winterthur Museum and the Smithsonian Institution. By the early 1990s the collection expanded to include lighting and a new focus for interior furnishings. Currey, long time innovator in the home furnishing industry, now focuses his time running a small sustainable market garden in Sparta, Georgia.

“With a lifetime of home furnishing experience, Robert Currey has built a reputation as a legendary merchant, a designer and manufacturer,” Cindy Morris, president and CEO of Dallas Market Center said. “Robert grew one store into twenty eight and design ideas into a vast collection of stylish products. His accomplishments are a testimony to his hard work and dedication to the home furnishings industry.”

The ARTS Awards, presented each January during the Dallas Total Home & Gift Market, recognizes top manufacturers, retailers, product designers, interior designers and sales representatives from across the world in 26 different categories. The winners will be revealed during a gala event on Friday, January 22, 2016 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. The Academy of Achievement honor is awarded each year to recognize companies and/or individuals that have made significant contributions to the industry.

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For a complete list of events, visit the Dallas Market Center [website](#) or download the [Dallas Market App](#). Also, keep up-to-date on all market information by visiting Dallas Market Center on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Instagram](#).

### **About Dallas Market Center**

Founded in 1957, Dallas Market Center is the world’s most complete wholesale marketplace. Within its marketplace of more than five million square feet, retailers from around the globe source products ranging from home furnishings, gifts, decorative accessories and lighting to textiles, fashion accessories and men's, western, women's and children's apparel. With more than 50 markets each year attended by more than 200,000 retail buyers from all 50 states and 85 countries, Dallas Market Center offers hundreds of events and seminars geared toward helping retailers expand business and increase profits. The Dallas Market Center website is available at [dallasmarketcenter.com](http://dallasmarketcenter.com).

### **About ART**

ART is the creative home furnishings network representing manufacturers, retailers, representatives and other individuals

and companies interested in promoting and enhancing the market position of the home furnishings industry. Each year ART sponsors programs such as the ART conference, regional educational seminars, the ART card and the ARTS Awards. The ART website is available at [accessoriesresourceteam.org](http://accessoriesresourceteam.org).

### **About the ARTS Awards**

The ARTS Awards is the premier awards program dedicated to the home industry. Up to 26 categories exist under the headings Manufacturer, Retailer, Product Designer, Interior Designer, Sales Representative, Rising Star, Green and Academy of Achievement. Anyone in the industry can nominate including manufacturers, retailers, sales representatives, designers, suppliers, consultants and other industry officials. Academy of Achievement, Rising Star and Visionary honorees are selected by an ARTS Awards committee each year. Companies that have won an ARTS Award five times are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame members are: BJ's Home Accents, C.S. Wo & Sons, Distinctive Designs International Inc., Feizy Rugs, Fine Art Lamps, Global Views, Montaage, Natural Decorations Inc., Palecek, Paragon, Robb & Stucky and Schonbek Worldwide Lighting. Visit [dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards](http://dallasmarketcenter.com/artsawards) for more information.