

Antiques Young Guns U.S.A. Announces Antiques Young Gun of the Year

NEW YORK, NY – Antiques Young Guns U.S.A. named Margaret Schwartz, owner of The Summer House, the inaugural Antiques Young Gun of the Year this past weekend at a press conference at the Pier Antique Show. The award recognized Schwartz for her stellar contributions working as a young professional in the antiques industry. Tom Johnson, founder, president and CEO of Ruby Lane, presented the award.

Schwartz began her career working at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which played a key role in inspiring and developing her passion for the home décor business. After four years, she left to open her own shop, The Summer House. Schwartz applies her signature styles and passion for home design to hand pick today's best finds: Upholstered furniture, fashionable jewelry, eye-catching lighting, exquisite rugs, fine art and more.

Schwartz received a prize package valued at \$10,000. The prizes, with significant contributions from the Antiques Young Guns' industry partners, vary from complimentary booth space

at U.S. Antique Shows events to free educational opportunities to advance trade knowledge.

Johnson also presented Bradbury Ketelhut, owner of Alpen Art & Antiques, with the 2015 Ruby Lane Outstanding Achievement Award.

Ketelhut started out dealing in early American furniture at the age of 18 with his dad, Robert Ketelhut. By his mid-20s, he became president of The Englishman Fine Art & Antiques operating galleries in Vail, Naples, Atlanta and London, which he continued for 12 years. Today, Ketelhut is focused on building new galleries in Vail and Aspen and developing a strong online presence.

Rachel Hoffman, certified antiques appraiser and doll specialist at Turn of the Century Antiques and Geoffrey Walsky, owner of Fairfield Co. Antique and Design Center were also recognized at the press conference. They were named the two runners up for the Antiques Young Gun of the Year award.

For more information and details on joining the program, visit AntiquesYoungGunsUSA.com.

