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**NEW DESIGN TRENDS SURFACE AT 50TH ANNUAL
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOME & GARDEN SHOW PRESENTED BY GMC**

Orange, CA, (August 7, 2004) - Innovative designs for interior and exterior remodeling debut at the 50th annual Southern California Home & Garden Show presented by GMC at the Anaheim Convention Center, August 21 through 29.

As Feng Shui continues to grow in popularity in Western culture, placement of furniture is now accompanied by furniture that is itself specifically designed for Feng Shui advocates.

Undulant Designs of Villa Park, California has created circular and wavy shaped furniture whose lack of sharp edges and corners conveys harmony in a Feng Shui home. This unique line of furniture fits in and around corners of a room, and along straight walls. Each unit is specifically designed to help solve a particular Feng Shui problem, and the materials used, wood and metals, have a defined significance in Feng Shui.

In keeping with the trend toward outdoor living and creating actual rooms out of doors, Designs By Gary of Mission Viejo, California has come up with a formal gas fireplace design that replicates the type normally found inside the home. These living-room style fireplaces complete with a mantle are replacing the customary outdoor fire pit or patio-type portable fireplace. Designs By Gary fireplaces are lightweight, durable and simply stack and bolt together on any backyard area. They can be used in private residences as well as commercial such as restaurants and public areas.

The idea of bringing custom artwork into the kitchen was the catalyst for Aquarius Laser Etching and Design of Woodland, California, to create drama and artistic flair for a room not usually considered for showcasing this type of art.

Aquarius reproduces fine art, photography and custom graphic designs for murals, backsplashes and flooring. The company utilizes laser technology to etch images into granite, marble, glass, metal and stone.

New use of wide plank flooring has become a trend. Old world construction employed hand-crafted solid wood wide plank floors. Typical flooring in recent years has been more narrow and uniform.

Now the traditional look is resurfacing thanks to Carlisle Wide Plank Floors of Stoddard, New Hampshire. Employing a unique combination of family heritage and New England craftsmanship, Carlisle has become the largest, most complete resource for recovered wood.

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Their old growth Eastern White Pine is used to create a floor that most deeply resonates a sense of history. It offers the beautiful balance between old and new. Heart Pine, famous for its amber orange heart wood,

has become an increasingly popular choice for wide floor planking due to its warm pumpkin colored patina and dense grain structure seen in many traditional Southern Homes.

Show hours at the Home & Garden Show are Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Monday through Friday 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$9.00. Seniors 55 years and older are \$8.00. Juniors 6-12 years of age are \$4.00, and children 5 and under are admitted free. Discount coupons are available at participating Savon Drugs, Albertsons, Orange County Subway, AT&T Wireless and at Ontario Mills, Westfield Shopping town Main Place, The Block at Orange, Del Amo Fashion Center and online at www.SouthernCaliforniaHomeShow.com.

The Anaheim Convention Center is located at 800 West Katella Avenue in Anaheim. For more information, please call (800) 442-7469 or visit the website at www.SouthernCaliforniaHomeShow.com.