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## **HUBBARDTON FORGE RECEIVES NATIONAL DESIGN AWARD FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

### **Hubbardton Forge is Honored with 2009 Pinnacle Award at High Point Show**

(Castleton, VT) November 3, 2009 – Hubbardton Forge is pleased to announce that for the second year in a row, and the fifth time in the history of the company, one of their designs has been honored as the recipient of The American Society of Furniture Designers (ASFD) prestigious **2009 Pinnacle Award for Design Achievement in Lighting**. The accolade, which was bestowed upon Hubbardton Forge's 2009 Formae collection, was announced during this year's High Point International Home Furnishings Show in North Carolina.

Designed and manufactured by Vermont artisans, Formae products feature two gracefully linear arms that curve up and out to support mouth-blown glass diffusers in symmetrical harmony. Complementing the Formae's slim profile, an oval shade sits over the glass tubes – falling slightly short and allowing a glimmer of accent light from the glass beneath. Each lamp is outfitted with a dimmer switch that is well integrated into the design of the lamp. The overall combination of glass, shade and dimmer switch provides adjustable, highly softened light.

The judges had this to say about Hubbardton Forge's 2009 Formae collection, *"The visual appeal of this design is fully refined and well finished. It easily works in a variety of spaces, both as a floor and table lamp."* Lighting was one of 15 categories for the awards this year, with others covering various aspects of the furniture industry. *"Despite the continued slump in furniture retail sales, ASFD and the Pinnacle Committee were encouraged by the breadth of this year's entries,"* said Steve Hodges, ASFD president who presided the judging along with Christine Evans, executive director.

Previous Pinnacle Award designs by Hubbardton Forge include the Pierced Arc (2002), Fullered Impressions (2004), Stasis (2005) and Dyad (2008).

Hubbardton Forge is a Vermont-based manufacturer and marketer of high-end hand-forged lighting products and related accessories sold predominantly through residential lighting and home furnishings retailers as well as contract distributors. **[www.vtforge.com](http://www.vtforge.com)**

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