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Designer Relies on Acrylic Block Radius Wall to Pull Together Home Show Exhibit

PENSACOLA, FLA. – When designer Nancy Sakino-Spears decided to use Monet’s painting of water lilies as the theme for her showcase exhibit at the 2009 Pittsburgh Home and Garden Show, she sought out products that would create a relaxed master bathroom experience. For the shower, she found her solution in a durable acrylic block shower surround.

“I tried to create a retreat in the home to illustrate to attendees how they could get away from everyday pressures if they had just one perfect room,” says Sakino-Spears, Allied Member ASID, MIA. “The radius acrylic block shower wall from Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows played perfectly into my theme.

“The acrylic block was beautiful in this setting. Because it was not as wide or heavy as glass block, I envision using this product in smaller baths and older homes where there could be weight issues with existing floors.”

More than 340,000 people attended the home show in March of 2009. Sakino-Spears, who works at Interiors by Decorating Den, the largest decorating franchise in North America, found that response to the acrylic block shower wall and her bathroom design were both positive at the show. “The flow of the room using the dreamy, watery theme of Monet’s painting ran through the different elements in the bathroom,” says Sakino-Spears. “Many people commented on the positive impact of the acrylic block radius wall. It was attractive and offers privacy within the room. I definitely plan on incorporating different block products into more of my designs in the future.”

Sakino-Spears has a M.A. degree in Interior Architecture from Chatham University and holds a Residential Planning degree from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. She has received Pittsburgh Magazine’s Superior Interior Award twice.

Radius walls by Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows are constructed of durable six- or eight-inch acrylic blocks in an angled frame design. Available in an assortment of sizes and heights (up to 86 inches tall), curved Radius Walls come in a variety of arcs from below 90-degrees (quarter circles) up to 180-degrees (half circles). Made from acrylic blocks in aluminum frames,

Radius Walls arrive at the job site in prefabricated sections which are easily erect on site. Frames are offered in painted white, painted tan, painted bronze and anodized.

For the top and bottom frame, six-or eight-inch pieces of aluminum frame are cut at the appropriate angle to form a curve when placed end-to-end. A white muntin bar is attached to the outside perimeter to fill in the spaces created in the convex and complete the look.

Available nationwide, acrylic block windows from Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows come in fixed picture, custom radius, geometric, single hung, casement, awning and slider styles. Headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., Hy-Lite/U S Block Windows offers the widest selection of prefabricated privacy products in the industry. Product lines are offered under both the U S Block Windows and Hy-Lite Products brand names and include a variety of operable and fixed acrylic block and decorative glass windows. Additional product offerings include glass block windows along with an assortment of acrylic block shutters, accent panels, radius walls, partition walls, door inserts and shower kits. For more information visit www.hy-lite.com and www.usblockwindows.com or call 888-256-2599.

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