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Padma's Plantation's Expanding Outdoor Collections Selected as Finalist for Annual ARTS Awards

Batavia, IL – Padma's Plantation -- one of America's leading designers, manufacturers and wholesalers of Latin-inspired, plantation, tropical and contemporary furniture and accessories -- has been selected as one of five finalists for the Annual ARTS Awards in the Outdoor Living Category. The ARTS Awards is a distinguished awards program for the home decorative accessories industry presented by ART (the Accessories Resource Team) and the Dallas Market Center. The award recognizes excellence and achievement in retailing, manufacturing, design and representation.

"We're very proud to be recognized in this category," says Renee Maria Fanjon, President and Director of Design for Padma's Plantation. "The industry is taking note of our distinctive, functional designs for outdoor living, and the extensive expansion of our outdoor collections. Outdoor living is such a popular lifestyle, and Padma's Plantation is dedicated to providing new and innovative outdoor furnishings and accessories."

During the 2006 Summer Las Vegas Market, Padma's Plantation unveiled an entirely new line for outdoor living - The **Outdoor Marina Collection**. The **Outdoor Marina Collection** offers a *Lounging Loveseat, Ottoman, Rocking Chair, Short End Table, Pool Bin* and *Trolley* – each available in Tobacco or Cinnamon. The whimsical and stylish collection features design elements that are ideal for outdoor living. The ultraviolet-resistant, all-weather wicker is hand woven over a sturdy aluminum frame. The cushions, made with open cell foam that will not absorb water, resist both mold and mildew. Cushion covers are available in all Padma's Plantation Outdoor Fabrics, which are colorfast, ultraviolet-resistant and can withstand all types of weather conditions. The accessory items offer both function and style. The Short End Table features a metal handle, providing easy movement from deck to patio or porch. The Pool Bin offers outdoor storage, and the Trolley's unique design provides both storage and a tray-top surface on wheels.

Padma's Plantation's will further expand its outdoor living collections with seven new outdoor fabrics being unveiled during the October 2006 High Point Market. "Outdoor living should be just as stylish and luxurious as indoor living," says Fanjon.

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About Padma's Plantation:

Padma's Plantation, headquartered in suburban Chicago, Ill., specializes in accessory and furniture pieces with plantation, tropical, Latin-inspired, outdoor and contemporary themes. Designs from Padma's Plantation can be found in giftware, home décor, furniture and garden stores. The firm has permanent showrooms in Atlanta, High Point and Las Vegas. Its collections are also sold in rep showrooms in Chicago, Seattle and Dallas.