

KIPSBAY

Amy Lau, Interior Designer

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INTERIOR DESIGN & DECORATION SALE

Kips Bay is holding its first annual Interior Design and Decoration Sale November 29 – 30, 2007 at Tepper Galleries' newly renovated third floor space. The sale will feature vignettes of donated items from designers including Scott Bromley, Jamie Drake, Harry Heissmann of Albert Hadley, Larry Laslo, Amy Lau, Barbara Ostrom, Richard L. Ridge & Roderick R. Denault, Dennis Rolland, Scott Salvator and Katherine Stephens.

1stdibs chatted with designer Amy Lau about the upcoming event.

Amy, you seem to be a big supporter of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club – you presented a room at the 2007 Decorator Show House and now with a booth at the Design and Decoration Sale. Why is Kips Bay special to you?

The Kips Bay Organization is such a wonderful cause as it promotes juvenile development and helps the young recognize and achieve their potential, something I strongly believe in. It's a win - win situation for everyone involved; designers get a chance to showcase their talent, vendors get their products exposed and the public gets to participate and benefit from an event that typically only the design community has access too.

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Design by Amy Lau.
Kips Bay Decorator Show House.
Photo: Kris Tamburello

Tell us about what you will be presenting.

For the vignette that I designed, I took a more conceptual approach to the design and decided to have some fun with my booth space. I fashioned simple crystal glassware to drip from the ceiling and onto a fantastic 60's Lucite dining table. The installation is reminiscent of artists such as Cornelia Parker and Josiah McElheny. Since there is not a lot of definition between the booths, I created a wild wall hanging for part of my space. The effect looks like a 1950's Higgins roundelay screen, but quite simply made out of colored paper and ribbon. Some of the other designers have some really wonderful themes to their booths, but I don't want to give it all away before it opens.

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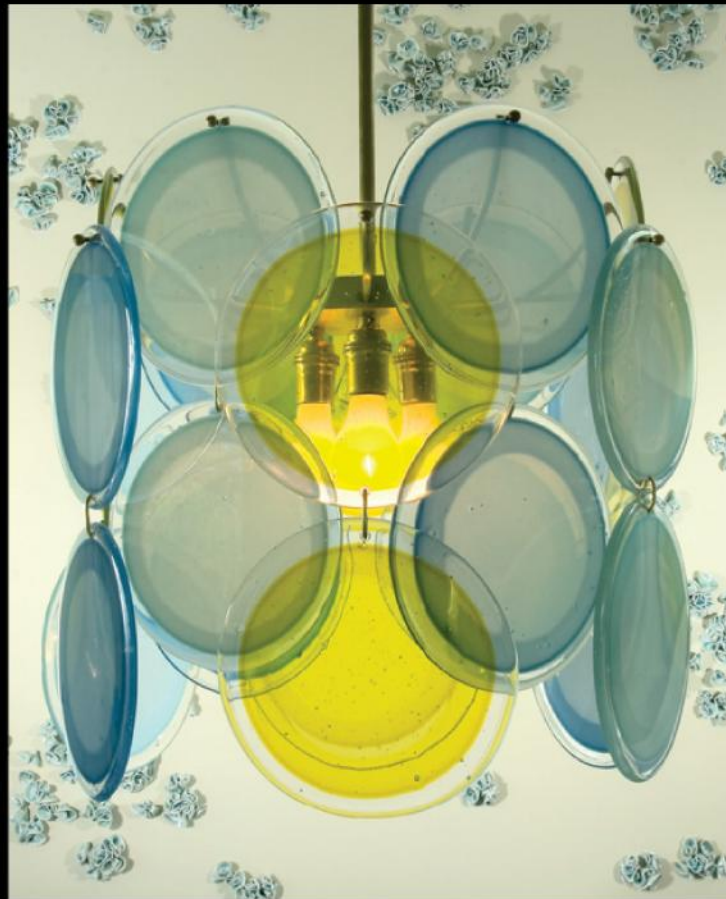
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Who donated pieces for your vignette?

My gracious donors include:

- *Van den Akker*: French 1940's, pair of birch armchairs, satin duchess upholstery. Retail \$8950, net \$3000.
- *Doris Leslie Blau*: 1940's inspired vintage rug, hand knotted, 100% wool, Tibetan weave meant to look Moroccan. Retail \$3500, net \$1200.
- *Gueridon*: American 1950's wrought iron armchair with faux crocodile upholstery. Retail \$1300, net \$600.
- French 1970's chrome and mirrored glass dining table. Retail \$4000, net \$1500.
- *Martin Albert*: contemporary, newly upholstered sofa. Retail \$4800, net \$2000.
- *Judy Ross*: 'Seeds' Pillows, 2 pairs, 100% wool on canvas backing, 18x18. Retail \$170-250, net \$80.



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Amy Lau is one of New York's leading designers, an art historian and curator; a graduate of the University of Arizona (art history), she has received a Masters Degree in Fine and Decorative Arts from New York's prestigious Sotheby's Graduate Program.

She is the co-founder of Design Miami Fair, an invitational design event featuring significant post-war to contemporary design galleries; the event runs in conjunction with Art Basel Miami.

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*“Looking through the entire 3rd floor space of the gallery,
I can safely say that I admire at least a hundred pieces myself!”*

*Kips Bay has been very fortunate this year, and so have we all.
Being involved in this event is great fun as it is also very rewarding.”*

Amy Lau

The opening night preview, reception and private sale will take place on Wednesday, November 28 from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. On November 29 and 30, the sale will be open to the public, free of charge, from noon – 7 p.m. The event takes place in Tepper Galleries' new third floor space at 104 East 25th Street.

For further information, please call the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club Marketing Office at 212.755.5733 or visit www.kipsbay.org.

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