



### **Miami Circle Marketplace Speaker Biographies:**

**Anna Walker Skillman** - has been a loyal and active participant in the arts community for the last 12 years. Graduated with a BA in Art History from the University of Georgia in 1991, she began her career working at the Haines Gallery, a leading contemporary art gallery in San Francisco . In 1993, Anna moved to Atlanta to manage the studio of famed Atlanta artist Todd Murphy. After working with Mr. Murphy to establish his career for five years, Anna turned to photography and joined Jackson Fine Art in 1998. In March of 2003, she purchased Jackson Fine Art from Jane Jackson who became curator of the prestigious and renowned collection of Sir Elton John. As the gallery director and co-curator for the past five and half years, she is honored to have the opportunity to continue a reputation of excellence in exhibiting photography by both emerging and established artists.

With a focus on a blend of 20th century and contemporary work, she promises to continue her commitment to Atlanta to educate collectors and art enthusiasts as well as exhibit and support leading photographers locally, nationally and internationally. Ms. Walker resides in Decatur with her husband Ben.

Jackson Fine Art is located at 3115 East Shadowlawn Ave in Buckhead.  
[www.jacksonfineart.com](http://www.jacksonfineart.com)

**Capella Kincheloe** – a graduate of University of Southern California, offers a fresh perspective on design to a seasoned city. New to Atlanta via Los Angeles, Capella worked for acclaimed decorator Michael S Smith, designer of the White House for four years. Upon arrival in Atlanta, Capella opened her own successful firm in 2010.

Capella brings a young eye to interiors, emphasizing comfort and functionality. Her sophisticated style while casual and friendly incorporates a strong sense of history with a global feel. Capella has worked on large and small residential projects all over the world. This talented designer has completed projects from Spain to Malibu to Lake Placid, providing interior decoration, residential remodeling, and new home design. Capella Kincheloe Interior Design merges traditional design methods with alternative solutions to fit a range of budgets.

In a short time, Capella has already made a big splash in Atlanta, she was selected as a Designer for the 2010 Atlanta Christmas Showhouse hosted by Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles and has been enlisted to design the new Rhodes Hall Dressing Room for the Georgia Trust. She has been featured on numerous blogs and in print.

For more information, visit: [www.capellakincheloe.com](http://www.capellakincheloe.com)

**Freda Durrett Nichols** - has been performing museum quality restoration on fine art and antique frames for 32 years. She started as an apprentice for a local conservator and then after seven years she started her own restoration and conservation studio which is celebrating it's 25th year. Freda along with a trained staff are proficient in all areas of fine art restoration including lining, consolidation of paint layers, deep cleaning, retouching and varnishing. In addition to fine art restoration, the studio offers complete frame restoration including cleaning, replacing missing ornamentation, and matching numerous finishes from Dutch composition leaf to karat gold matte and water gilding. The

studio stocks one of the largest collection of antique period frames in the area.

Freda's clients have included corporations, galleries, museums, and private collectors throughout the Southeast. Among her clients are the Georgia and North Carolina Governor's mansions, Berry College, Kennesaw State University, Auburn University, The Robert P. Coggins Collection, Alan Sellars Collection of American Art, and the Vickers Collection of Florida Art. Freda feels it is very important to educate the public on the importance of restoration and preserving works of art for future generations and regularly speaks at civic groups around the metro Atlanta area.

For more information, visit: [www.durrettart.com](http://www.durrettart.com)

**Jordan Barkin** - a former Associate Editor of Veranda magazine, has written about kitchens for an international audience. Jordan holds a Master of Arts in interior design from the Savannah College of Art and Design and a BA from Brandeis University. Jordan attends product trade shows internationally and notes that "Miami Circle has some of the most exquisite products I have seen."

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**Jane Hollman** – For the past several years, Jane Hollman has enjoyed working with the planning of interior spaces for residential renovations and new construction with the main focus being on kitchen and bath planning and design. Jane, is a partner with Linda MacArthur, in an interior architectural planning group – Studio Entourage, LLC. This is an independent design firm works to support the needs of homeowners directly, or works in conjunction with architects and/or interior designers to provide a team approach to detailing key spaces for their clients – and planning the needed cabinetry and millwork.

Jane's background includes education and work experiences which bring a different set of skills to her current career. She studied fine arts and

communication in her home state of Michigan, followed by a Masters degree in Industrial Relations and Business from the University of Minnesota. After graduating, Jane spent fifteen years in Fortune 500 software and healthcare companies; in a career in Human Resources management in various locations throughout the US. After leaving the corporate world, and reconnecting to her artistic and creative side, she studied drafting skills and kitchen design and refocused her career to working with the planning of kitchen spaces, and spent time completing the drafting of cabinetry for a well-known kitchen designer in the Atlanta area. Jane now works independently with clients in the design and drafting for residential projects, and has been doing so for the past decade plus.

**PHILOSOPHY OF WORK:** Studio Entourage is a specialty design firm focusing on some of the most “used spaces” of the home – namely the kitchen, mudroom, laundry, home office, master bath, etc. While an architect or a designer may be focused on the overall design details, as well as the “look” – our involvement brings a micro level of focus on important functionality and details to these much used areas. Listening to a homeowner’s needs regarding their cooking style, how they want to best access spices or special pots/pans, or where they want to store their mail may not inspire many – but are functions that are important to address. We provide that level of scrutiny on behalf of the homeowner, while following the lead of the architect or the interior designer on a project. That is why we call ourselves Studio Entourage – as we provide an “entourage” of specialty design support directly to the homeowner or as a part of a team supporting a project. The philosophy of Studio Entourage is to approach each project as a unique venture – working closely with each client and/or project team to understand the needs and goals, and the style of working, in order to produce the best outcome and create spaces that truly “live well”.

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**Antonio Raimo** –Raimo grew up in an Italian household in White Plains, New York, filled with beautiful works of art. His love for books started as a young child reading aloud from Little Golden Books to his mother. He departed from his father's restaurant business to study librarianship in rare books. For 13 years he was the director of a university library. Raimo, a self-proclaimed anti-bureaucrat, set forth 25 years ago on his own as an antiquarian book dealer, exhibiting at major book fairs all over the world, selling a diversity of rare and unusual material, and becoming a member of the prestigious American Antiquarian Booksellers of America and International League of American Booksellers. Raimo, a Ben Franklin look-alike, is exuberant in his passion for books, art, and learning, and in sharing his love with his customers.

For more information: [www.antonioraimogalleries.com](http://www.antonioraimogalleries.com)

**Stanley Ellis**, Stanley Ellis has a full service residential and commercial design firm in Atlanta. The firm strives to create interiors that reflect their client's personality, taste and lifestyle through a close working relationship and exchange of ideas.

Educated at the University of Delaware and the New York School of Design, J. Stanley Ellis returned to his native Mobile, Alabama in 1979 to begin Stanley Ellis, Inc., an interior design firm. After four years he opened a retail arm known for exclusive and unusual gifts and accessories with beautiful gift wraps. The firm relocated to Atlanta, Georgia in 2000.

Stanley Ellis' work represents a national clientele including numerous private residences in Atlanta, Birmingham, Beaver Creek, Ft. Lauderdale, Knoxville, Los Angeles, Mobile, New Orleans, New York, Washington, D.C.- as well as commercial projects such as CBS affiliate WKRG-TV, medical and law firms. The firm has been featured in The Atlanta Symphony Show House, two Alabama show houses and has been published in Veranda, Southern Accents, Southern

Living, Showcase of Interior Design, Southern Edition and Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles.

For more information, visit: [www.stanleyellis.com](http://www.stanleyellis.com) for more complete examples of his work.

## **Vernon Abrams**

### **EDUCATION:**

University of Maryland, BA, 1966

Sorbonne, University of Paris, Diploma, 1963

Alliance Francaise, Paris, France, Degree for Teaching, 1963-64

New York School of Interior Design, Certificate, 1967-68

University of the South, Sewanee, Four-Year EFM Program through Continuing Education, 1993-1997

### **WORK RELATED:**

Anne Bennett Antiques, New York City, general sales, 1967-68

Emporium, Jackson, MS, Manager Antiques Gallery, 1968-69

Antiques Limited, Atlanta, GA, Owner, 1970-1993

Abrams-Miller, Inc., President, 1979-83, Antiques Importers to the Trade, Atlanta

Decorative Arts Center (ADAC)

Vernon Abrams, Ltd., President, 1983-1993, Antiques Importer from England and France, retail and wholesale locations (Miami Circle and ADAC)

Vernon Abrams Appraiser/ Vernon Abrams, Ltd., 1971- to present, Appraisal Business

Antiques Consultant and Columnist for Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles Magazine

“Antiques - Q and A” by Vernon Abrams, published from 1989 to 2000

Colorado Homes & Lifestyles, Columnist from 1995 to 2001

Produced Video Series, 1985, English Antique Furniture 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Century Survey

Instructor Perimeter College (formally Dekalb College) 1999-2001, Survey of French, English, Italian and American Furniture, 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries, Continuing Education Department

Appraiser for WPBA *Antiques in Atlanta* 2004 and 2005 Season shown on Channel 30

Chair, Standards and Appraisal Committee, Cathedral Antiques Show, St. Philip, 1993-2010

#### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND GUILDS

American Association of Appraisers, mid 1970s

American Society of Appraisers in the 1990s, Candidate and Ethics passed 6/2/1994; passed USPAP 5/5/2008 – valid to 5/5/2013

International Society of Appraisers, Associate 2001, Accredited 2004, Vice-President Georgia Chapter, 2004-2005

International Furnishings and Design Association, 1996- to present, President Georgia Chapter 2001

Vergers Guild of the Cathedral of St. Philip

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**Yong Pak** – Born in Seoul, South Korea, Yong Pak immigrated with his family to Halifax, Nova Scotia as a young boy. Later his family moved to Miami, Florida, where he later attended the University of Florida in Gainesville and majored in architecture. Yong Pak developed his passion for classical architecture while studying in Vicenza, Italy as part of a joint program between the University of Florida's School of Architecture and the Vicenza School of Architecture.

Upon receiving his Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1986, Pak relocated to Atlanta, GA where he joined the distinguished firm of Norman Askins. During his decade of work for Askins, Pak cultivated his thorough knowledge of classical

residential design. As the firm's Vice President for six years, Pak significantly contributed towards its growth.

Committed to a personalized design process that customizes residences for each client, Yong Pak founded Yong Pak & Associates in 1997. Southern Accents Magazine has recognized Pak as one of the top "Four under "Forty" architects in the Southeast. In 2003 Charles Heydt became a partner and the firm was renamed Pak Heydt & Associates. Pak Heydt & Associates continues to design unique traditional and classical residences of exceptional quality and distinction.

For more information, visit: [www.pakheydt.com](http://www.pakheydt.com)