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## Surface Design Association Announces the 2011 SDA Scholar Winners

The Surface Design Association is pleased to announce the winners of the SDA Scholar Program, which provides scholarships to ten K-12 teachers to attend *Confluence*\*, its biennial conference held in Minneapolis June 9 - 12, 2011, and to participate in a pre- or post-conference workshop. The winners were chosen from a competitive pool of applicants. SDA commends them for their important work with K-12 students. Winner Viola Leak voiced a goal of all of the winners, "We are looking to our conference experiences to provide new ideas and inspiration to bring into our curricula." Winners are listed below:

Terry Thomas, Washington, DC  
Mary Elmusa, Shawnee Mission, KS  
Hillary Evetts, Hillsboro, TX  
Jennifer Love Girona, Indiantown, FL  
Viola Leak, Washington, DC  
Victoria McGrath, Annandale, VA  
Lea McComas, Boulder, CO  
Christine Miller, Plano, TX  
Lisa Mittler, San Antonio, TX  
Jeanette Thompson, Chicago, IL

For more information about the SDA Scholar Program, please contact SDA Director of Education, Laura Sapelly, [education@surfacedesign.org](mailto:education@surfacedesign.org).

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**The Surface Design Association**, a non-profit organization since 1977, is dedicated to raising the level of excellence in surface design -- the coloring, patterning, and structuring of fiber and fabric -- by inspiring creativity and encouraging innovation through publications, exhibitions, conferences, and educational opportunities. The nearly 4000 members include artists, designers, educators, curators, gallery owners, students, and textile enthusiasts from around the world. New members are invited to join at [www.surfacedesign.org](http://www.surfacedesign.org).

\**Confluence Conference 2011* will be held in Minneapolis at the Textile Center and the University of Minnesota June 9-12, 2011. The conference will include exhibitions, speakers, workshops, a vendor fair, trunk show, regional meetings, special interest meetings and Gallery Day. Pre-conference workshops will be held June 4-8, and post-conference workshops, June 13-17, 2011.

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