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**ICC/RSF**  
Wins the Vesta Challenge



The awards ceremony took place in the Georgia Ballroom of the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta the night of February 29. Between 1,800 and 2,000 people were in attendance as over 50 finalists and winners were showcased on three enormous screens.

Thirteen awards were given in the hearth category, and eight in the Outdoor Room category. From those, two Best-in-Show winners were selected – Best-in-Show – Hearth Products, and Best-in-Show – Outdoor Room Products.

Three years ago, the Vesta Awards program created a separate category called the Vesta Challenge. It was a challenge to manufacturers to create a product that did not exist, but for which there is a real need in the marketplace.

We challenged manufacturers to create a wood-burning fireplace that would operate with substantially less emissions (at least 50% less) than existing models, with its doors open and without spillage into the home.

We also challenged them to create wood-fired retrofit technology for existing wood-burning fireplaces that would do the same.

A number of industry experts felt that it simply could not be done.

For two years the challenge received no takers.

This year two companies came forth with entries.

The winning entry was the Renaissance Rumford 1000 by ICC/RSF.

While the average 36- or 42-inch zero-clearance, wood-burning fireplace emits approximately 12 grams of particulate matter per kilogram of wood burned, the Renaissance Rumford emits only 3.3 grams *with its door open*. With door closed, emission drop

to .99 grams per kilogram.

The Renaissance Rumford went on to win two more awards that evening: Wood Fireplace and Best-in-Show – Hearth Products.

That was enough to put an even bigger smile on the face of Ray Bonar, co-owner of ICC-RSF, who is known to smile a lot anyway.

Winner of the Best-in-Show – Outdoor Room Products award was Fuego North America for its Fuego 02 grill. This product is the work of partners Robert Brunner and Alex Siow, and represents “a re-invention of outdoor grilling.” Siow was on hand to accept both the Gas Barbecue award, as well as the Best-in-Show award.

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Erwin Haunstein, Rais.



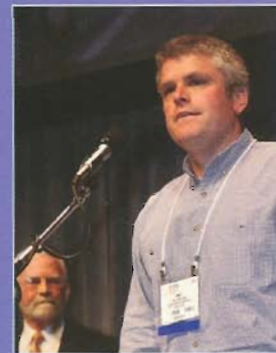
John Morsey, TC Unlimited.



Shallendra K. Suman, TVL International.



Dane Harman, Harman Stoves.



Brett Watson, Jøtul North America.



Steve Tremills, Skytech Systems.



Brad Barrett, GrillGrate.



Ron Witnauer of German Grill.



Dave Miller, Heat & Glo.



Dennis Smith, firegear.

## VESTA CHALLENGE

### Low-Emission Wood-burning Fireplace

#### ICC/RSF Renaissance Rumford 1000

The Renaissance Rumford (RR) is a pre-fabricated, zero clearance, wood-burning fireplace. It combines perfor-

fireplace in history. With the door closed, emissions are .99 grams per kilogram.

With a large fire, the Renaissance Rumford is an effective radiant fireplace that can warm a large room quickly. With a normal fire and the door closed, the RR will produce a beautiful, decorative fire with minimal heat output.

The same technology that enables the RR to burn cleanly produces the most beautiful open fires you've ever seen. The hideaway door and fire screen make the RR the ultimate clean-face, wood-

### Daniel J. Melcon Award Best-in-Show Hearth Products

#### A. ICC/RSF Renaissance Rumford 1000 (See Vesta Challenge this page.)

### Best-in-Show Outdoor Room Products

#### B. Fuego North America Fuego 02

Designed to elevate the ancient ritual of outdoor grilling to a new level of entertaining, the Fuego 02 is the weather-worthy analogy of the indoor kitchen cooking island. Approachable from all sides, it is a social hub where guests can gather, interact and enjoy the creation of a meal. The Fuego 02 (27 inches) fits perfectly on an upscale urban balcony or rooftop garden, where those who love to entertain in small spaces can still find room to socialize and interact with guests.

The unit features modern surfaces of stainless-steel framed teak, slate and cast iron. Its gas-fired burner is concealed beneath the cast-iron grill; the gas tank is hidden within the main unit, while the lid retracts from view.

Manual controls are weather-proof and the unit has wheeled mobility for added versatility and convenience. Call 1-888-88-FUEGO, visit [www.fuegoliving.com](http://www.fuegoliving.com) or circle reader service number 101.



The Renaissance Rumford 1000 by ICC/RSF won three awards: the Vesta Challenge - Low-emission, Wood-burning Fireplace; Wood Fireplace; and the Daniel J. Melcon Award for Best-in-Show - Hearth Products.

mance, beauty and function in a revolutionary fireplace unlike any open fireplace ever made; it represents a true Renaissance in open fireplace design.

The RR is so clean-burning there is no visible smoke within two minutes of lighting the fire - even with the door open. With particulate emissions of only 3.3 grams per kilogram - with the door open - the RR is the cleanest-burning, most environmentally friendly, open

burning fireplace. Mechanical parts disappear, leaving a gorgeous herringbone firebox. The RR also incorporates a guillotine-style hideaway door and firescreen that are engineered to last a lifetime. The door moves so smoothly it can be opened and closed with just one finger. Call (450) 565-6336, visit [www.icc-rsf.com](http://www.icc-rsf.com), or circle reader service number 100.



The Fuego 02 by Fuego North America won two awards: Gas Barbecues; and Best-in-Show - Outdoor Room Products.