

Albany Door Consolidates Operations to Georgia

In October, Albany Door Systems announced the closure of its Port Washington, Wis., facility. By the beginning of 2011, all North American operations will be located at the company's Lawrenceville, Ga., facility.

Many Port Washington employees can relocate to Lawrenceville. For those who don't, Albany is offering severance, outplacement, and referral services.

This consolidation is expected to improve productivity and allow Albany to "leverage resources that will enhance quality, shorten lead times, and improve response times." ■



Bradbury Acquires Hilleng International and Diecraft

In September, the Bradbury Group, manufacturers of rollforming equipment, announced an agreement to acquire the assets and intellectual property of Hilleng International and Diecraft.

Hilleng is a manufacturer of sandwich panel laminating machinery and systems. The business has installed more than 250 panel manufacturing systems worldwide. Diecraft is a supplier of rollforming equipment to the rainwater goods market.

With this acquisition, the four brands of Bradbury, Hayes, Hilleng, and Diecraft will be under one umbrella. ■



Wayne-Dalton Introduces Wood Specialist Group

In November, Wayne-Dalton announced the creation of the Wood Specialist Group in Mt. Hope, Ohio, to oversee specialty wood door fulfillment.

"A custom wood garage door is like a fine piece of furniture—both take tremendous expertise and experience to design, craft, and assemble," says Dave Osso, brand manager. He says the group is a team of "experienced and talented employees to drive the process in a streamlined manner from start to finish."

The group will also help customers find the best solution among wood door options, such as the right wood species for the application. ■

Amarr Launches Garage Door Design Contest

In October, Amarr Garage Doors announced the Great Garage Door Design Competition, seeking ideas for the next generation of garage doors.

Amarr welcomed designs from architects, draftsmen, graphic artists, and anyone. Entries could be detailed sketches or simple drawings submitted in a pdf format via e-mail.

The contest ended Dec. 31, 2010. A panel of Amarr judges will announce the winner(s) on Feb. 28, 2011. The winner(s) will receive a \$500 cash prize and will earn royalties based on sales if Amarr decides to manufacture and sell the winning design. ■

Laforge Receives Innovation Award

In October, Hon. Paul Robichaud, minister of economic development, presented an innovation award to Pat and Anne Laforge of Laforge Doors of Grand Falls, New Brunswick. Laforge was recognized for 30 years of innovation to offer stronger and more durable doors in Canada and Europe.

In all, 15 companies in New Brunswick were recognized. Pat Laforge says the secret to success was to "not be afraid of change, and adapt to new methods in the industry." ■





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Designer Doors Featured on Hometime

In October, Designer Doors was featured in the PBS television series, "Hometime." The show's cast and crew followed construction of the garage doors from start to finish.

The Oct. 9 episode featured Designer Doors garage doors and was filmed in part at Designer Doors' facility in River Falls, Wis. Installation by Twin Cities Garage Door is also shown. Now in its 24th year, "Hometime" is seen by more than one million people per week. ■

Raynor Dealer Participates in DIY Network Show

In 2010, a Raynor garage door was used in an episode of DIY Network's "Sweat Equity," filmed in Robbinsdale, Minn. The show highlighted a couple remodeling their dilapidated two-car garage, which was demolished and rebuilt from the ground up.

Northern Door of Vadnais Heights, Minn., participated in the show by installing a Raynor ShowCase garage door with AccuFinish. The new garage went from two single-car garage doors to one double-car door. ■



ASO Hosts Gate Safety Conference in UK

In October, ASO GmbH hosted a Gate Safety Conference in Birmingham, U.K. The event was filled to capacity with more than 200 participants.

Topics included the development of the gate industry, industry standards, problems affecting installers, and safety directives. ASO is planning future conferences worldwide. ■



Wayne-Dalton Door Featured at 2011 Builders' Show

In January 2011, Wayne-Dalton's Model 9700 will be unveiled in the "KB Home GreenHouse: An Idea Home Created with Martha Stewart" at the International Builders' Show in Orlando, Fla.

The Model 9700 will feature the Westfield design with six square windows and Aspen hardware. Dave Osso, brand manager, says the door matches the home's focus on design and energy efficiency. The KB Home GreenHouse is the first net-zero-energy single-family home in the Builder Magazine Concept Home series. ■

Carlo Gavazzi Plants Are Now ISO Certified

In August, Carlo Gavazzi announced that the company had fulfilled a global policy to certify all of its manufacturing locations according to ISO 14001:2004.

ISO 14001 is the world's most recognized standard for establishing and maintaining an effective environmental management system. All Carlo Gavazzi's Automation Components factories are now implementing measurable programs to manage and reduce the impact on the environment. ■

North Central Door Selected for ABC Makeover Show

The Oct. 17 episode of ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" featured two North Central Door Special Reserve carriage house doors.

The home, located in Neenah, Wis., featured the Arboleda family, who were

selected partly because of their work fighting childhood obesity. The two Special



Reserve doors were installed by American Overhead Door of Appleton, Wis. ■

Asta Door Marks 20th Anniversary

Asta Door in Acworth, Ga., celebrated its 20-year anniversary as a supplier of rolling doors.

Jim French started the company in 1990 when he purchased the Georgia division of Porvене-McKee. He had been a Porvене-McKee employee for 18 years. After he retired as president in November 2007, his son, Jimmy French, was promoted to president. ■

From left: Jim French, Jimmy Gray, Larry Ingle, Becky Corley, Doyle Lamanac, Jimmy French



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