

B.C. design boosting

While the Interior Design Show Vancouver will host international stars like Barbara Barry and Tom Dixon when it takes over the Vancouver Convention Centre Sept. 22 to 25, its Studio North marketplace puts a spotlight on local talent. After making its debut last year, Quake Furniture returns with a slew of nature-inspired designs. Interior designer Lisa Turner and master craftsman Azad Kaviani's barrel-shaped Quake Table (bottom left) reimagines bark as a thin aluminum, laser-cut lattice, rendered in decadent bronze, silver and sleek black, topped with a wood or marble surface. Cristian Arostegui G.'s curved concrete Sofi Bench was crowned the winner of last year's Prototype design competition, but the Victoria-based designer behind Arostegui Studio has more innovations up his sleeve. Based on solar patterns, the Solero Table (right) features a striking powder-coated steel frame, finished in oil-rubbed bronze, with abstracted rays extending out. Designers Oscar Trainor and Kennedy Telford of Oscar & Kennedy have expanded on the minimal Q9 wood chair that they debuted at IDS Toronto this past January. The Architect's Desk Set (top left) combines warm Eastern Maple, Baltic Birch and Formica laminate and will no doubt attract mid-century-modern fans looking to add something playful to their work environment. — **ANYA GEORGIJEVIC**

IDS Vancouver single day adult tickets for the general public are \$14 in advance or \$16 on site Sept. 24 and 25. For more information, visit www.idswest.com.

