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Finally, the winners are here!

Summer 2003 Takara Belmont Grand Design Award Winner

This year for the first time Takara Belmont is shaking things up a bit by providing multiple category awards. The top award, The Grand Design Award, is as it always has been - with a \$1,000 cash prize, web site feature, and Waterford crystal trophy. In addition, we have decided that it is about time we honor more salons, and offer our respect to those of different sizes. Now we offer three different classifications: The Grand Design Award, the Gold Design Award (\$500 + web feature) and the Silver Design Award (\$250 + web feature). Congratulations to all, and thanks for everyone that contributed to the contest this year!

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GRAND Design Award, Jonpaul's Tonsorial

Congratulations to [Dr. Jonpaul and Cathy Leskie](#) of Jonpaul's Tonsorial in Duluth, Georgia, Takara Belmont's Grand Design Award Summer 2003 award recipient. We are very proud to present this award, which honors the most distinctive salon concepts in the country, to such an outstanding salon and spa.

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GOLD Design Award



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SILVER Design Award



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JONPAUL'S TONSORIAL

Salon & Spa Design Details

In times where everyone is striving to be "politically correct", Jonpaul's Tonsorial of Atlanta, Georgia takes a bold stance. In an age of unisex everything, Jonpaul's Tonsorial services men - only men.

"We provide world class service that is unique to the American gentleman" says [Jonpaul](#), who conceptualized the idea while consulting in London. "I had the opportunity to visit Truefitt & Hill - the oldest barbershop in the world, who are barbers to the British Royalty since 1805. Their history of catering to the London gentry set the standard in Europe. At Jonpaul's, we want to set the standard here in the United States."



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Professionals, company executives and other men of sophistication are seduced by Jonpaul's antique cabinetry - his use of granite and travertine - the teak floors, chandeliers, ornate ceilings and beautifully crafted furniture by Takara Belmont and Koken.

The flooring is a pleasant mix of materials, but is highlighted with teak hardwood and accented by fine quality oriental rugs, which enhance the feeling of splendor and quality that his clientele are attracted to.

Probably the biggest challenge for the owners, Jonpaul and Cathy, was having to go against the grain of what most people think of as a salon setting. Something unique was of importance for the Tonsorial, and something unique this environment surely is.

Some of the more interesting features are the furniture and equipment pieces: The Classic Chair by Takara (manufactured a few years ago), custom built work stations which tie into the salon design, and an antique Koken shoe shine stand which dates back to 1918. It was restored to pristine condition, and is a focal point of the salon. A handmade antique Italian coat rack keeps it company.

"The fact that all of our efforts are being honored by both Salon Today's Salon of The Year Grand Prize, and now Takara Belmont's Grand Design Award, will certainly give us the attention we need right now. We are very pleased with the success we have had over the last year" says Jonpaul.



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Dr. Jonpaul & Cathy Leskie

Congratulations to Dr. Jonpaul & Cathy Leskie!

Powered by professionalism, world class service, and creativity, Cathy and Jonpaul Leskie are the creative minds behind Jonpaul's Tonsorial – A Sanctuary of Fine Grooming for the Distinguished Gentleman.

Two years ago Dr. Leskie conceptualized the idea while on business in London. Being a harried business man, he thought it would be great if there was a place just for men, where men could sit back and relax and experience the "World Class" art of Jonpaul's Tonsorial.

Jonpaul wanted to exceed those standards by expanding the traditional tonsorial (barbering) services to include spa services, custom clothing and cosmetic enhancements like Botox and Radiance treatments. "Every day, we strive to create the most pleasurable experience for all our clientele by focusing on every last detail. From pouring a glass of wine or latte, to cleaning a client's glasses, to walking them to their car with an umbrella in a rain storm, it's all about world class service."

Taking a concept to design is where Dr. Leskie excels. He is a pioneer and innovator with over 30 years experience in technology, business, and service operations industries. He has a proven track record of successes in developing, planning, launching and directing business operations in all realms of business from start-up companies to Fortune 100 companies worldwide. His vast experience and opportunities touched many industries, but not the hair and spa industry, and that's where his wife Cathy comes in.

Even though Cathy has been working with Jonpaul for the last five years consulting, Cathy is a licensed Master Barber and has been involved in the industry for 12 years. She has experienced all levels in the salon industry, starting out as an assistant, then working behind the chair, and eventually managing multiple salons. Her advanced education at Sassoon in London and Redken in New York added value to her creativity and exceptional talent.

The combination of both talents paid off when Jonpaul's was created. It is a sanctuary for the harried executive, a place where a man can go and get a precision haircut, straight razor shave, manicure, pedicure, massage, facial, microdermabrasion, Botox and a shoe shine while enjoying a complimentary cup of European coffee or a glass of wine. They also offer the services of a custom clothier where a client can have a custom suit or shirt designed and made from a selection of the highest quality fabric from around the world – personally delivered to his home or office.

"We have many industry challenges ahead of us. We are just focusing on men. We are expanding outside the normal hair and spa services. Our design, stations and layout is unique to the industry" says Cathy. But décor and atmosphere are not the only accolades Jonpaul's wants to be known for. It's all about the experience and world class service that Jonpaul's has a devoted commitment to. Clients may love the atmosphere; however their experience and service is what will bring them back to Jonpaul's.