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FSEA Announces 33rd Annual FSEA Gold Leaf Award Honorees Winners Celebrated at 2026 Print Embellishment Conference

Topeka, Kansas -- The Foil & Specialty Effects Association (FSEA) has revealed the honorees in its 33rd Annual FSEA Gold Leaf Awards Competition. The competition awards the “best of the best” in print embellishment and finishing under several categories, featuring an array of finishing techniques, such as hot foil stamping, embossing, specialty coatings, digital foil and spot coatings, laser cutting, special diecuts and cold foil transfer.

This year, FSEA received 450 submissions – breaking the record for the number of entries by more than 100 – from countries around the world, including the US, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, Australia, Switzerland, Taiwan and the United Arab Emirates.

“It never ceases to amaze me when seeing the wonderful designs and innovative uses of embellishments – from more conventional processes to new digital technologies,” commented FSEA Executive Director Jeff Peterson. “Print and print embellishments are alive and well. Our competition is a prime example of how popular print embellishments are in many different industries.”

Gold, Silver and Bronze are awarded in each category. From the Gold winners, two “Best of Show” honorees were recognized – one for best use of traditional foil and embossing techniques (Spectrum Packaging Corporation) and one displaying the best use of digital embellishment techniques (ADC Nederland).

Best of Show: Best Use of Foil & Embossing was awarded to Spectrum Packaging Corporation for The Chronicles of SPC. A Gold Award Winner in the category of Best Use of Foil/Embossing – Self Promotion (Holiday), SPC’s annual production features intricate diecutting, multi-layer, multi-pass foil stamping, embossing and spot UV across 27 individual components. Built around the concept of a hinged book, the outer structure consists of two separate cartons joined with tabs, allowing it to open and close like a book. When opened, the outer carton transforms into a bookshelf, revealing 12 individual folding carton “books” on the righthand side.

Best of Show: Best Use of Digital Embellishments was awarded to ADC Nederland for ADC Braille Children’s Book. A Gold Award Winner in the category of Best Use of Embellishments – Client Promotion/Brochure, the colorful, oversized, spiral-bound children’s picture book presents the story of a little monkey’s quest with bright, vivid illustrations and carefully chosen tactile elements. On the left-hand pages are large black text and transparent raised braille dots on white paper; on the right are colorful illustrations of the story with raised outlines and raised patterned fills of the main visual elements.

Award winners in the 33rd Annual FSEA Gold Leaf Awards, along with the categories in which the submissions won, are listed in this press release. To view photos of the pieces submitted by the Bronze, Silver and Gold honorees, visit www.fsea.com.

The Foil & Specialty Effects Association (FSEA) provides a wide range of resources to help companies remain profitable today and into the future. From cost-saving programs and educational opportunities to green initiatives proving the sustainability of foil decorated paper/board, the FSEA strives to provide its members with ideas, resources and solutions to grow in today's marketplace. www.fsea.com

Attached: FSEA logo, Best of Show Award Winners: Spectrum Packaging Corporation for The Chronicles of SPC and ADC Nederland for ADC Braille Children's Book.

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Hardback Book Cover

Gold: *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*, BindTech

Silver: *More Than a College*, Jostens

Bronze: *Wicked*, BindTech

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Softback Book Cover

Gold: *Current Magazine Volume 04*, SunDance

Silver: *Into the Fog*, Duplo USA Corporation

Bronze: *Zalen*, Jostens

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Greeting Card (Creative)

Gold: *Peace Dove*, Creative Paper Crafting

Silver: *Glamour Wreath*, Posty Cards

Bronze: *Grateful Poinsettia*, Hallmark Cards, Inc.

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Greeting Card (Difficult)

Gold: *Polar Bear Pop-up*, American Greetings

Silver: *Sparkly Snowman*, Hallmark Cards, Inc.

Bronze: *Valentine Butterfly*, American Greetings

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Greeting Card (Self/Client Promotion)

Gold: *Bulgari Greeting Card*, Carlo Gasperini & C. s.a.s.

Silver: *The Butterfly Christmas Card*, Dreyer Kliche, Copenhagen

Bronze: *Jostens Commercial Printing Holiday Card*, Jostens

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Folding Carton (Creative)

Gold: *Kingpen Vape & Vape Cart Boxes*, Treeform Packaging

Silver: *The Difference Bourbon Box*, Spectrum Packaging Corporation

Bronze: *Venus Hair & Skin*, Edelmann Packaging Mexico

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Folding Carton (Difficult)

Gold: *Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey*, LPI

Silver: *Ferrero Roc Cube*, Edelmann Packaging Mexico

Bronze: *Abercrombie & Fitch 100% Passion*, Diamond Packaging

Best Use of Foil/Embossing Folding Carton (Self Promotion)

Gold: *Daisy*, Dreyer Kliche, Copenhagen

Silver: *Sagittaria Christmas Box*, Carlo Gasperini & C. s.a.s.

Bronze: *Girl with a Wolf*, Grawer Polska

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Rigid Box

Gold: *Mont Luxury Box*, Silver Point The Print House

Silver: *Medal of Honor*, TPC Packaging

Bronze: *Alice in Wonderland Collectibles*, Graphic Packaging International

Best Use of Embellishments – Client Promotion/Brochure

Gold: *ADC Braille Children's Book*, ADC Nederland

Silver: *Hampden Dream Dog*, Hampden Press

Bronze: *Vista Color Cafecito Box*, Vista Color Corporation

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Self Promotion

Gold: *Xmas '25 Gift*, Erredue 1973 SRL

Silver: *Mini-Maine Adventure Kit*, J.S. McCarthy Packaging & Print

Bronze: *FPI x SDF Fusion PR*, Franklin Press, Inc.

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Self Promotion (Holiday)

Gold: *The Chronicles of SPC*, Spectrum Packaging Corporation

Silver: *SunDance Holiday Snow Globe*, SunDance

Bronze: *Silent Night*, Grawer Polska

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Self Promotion (Industry Supplier)

Gold: *The Butterfly - A4 Posters*, Dreyer Kliche, Copenhagen

Silver: *"Love the Real,"* H+M USA

Bronze: *spc Lab*, Harris & Bruno

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Presentation Folder

Gold: *Utility Perspectives Pocket Folder*, MetroVCS

Silver: *151 Kentucky Oaks*, Elite Print Finishing

Bronze: *Amaura Solene*, FolderWorks

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Presentation Folder (Self Promotion)

Gold: *Franken-Folder*, Admore Inc.

Silver: *Making Waves with Folders*, FolderWorks

Bronze: *Konica Minolta Summit*, Print Panther Direct

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Label (Creative)

Gold: *LeFontanelle*, FE Group srl/CARTES

Silver: *Oliver Toronga 'the Hunt for Mrs. Oliver,'* Label Avenue PTY LTD.

Bronze: *Private Property 2022*, Multi-Color Corporation - Americas Wine & Spirits

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Label (Difficult)

Gold: *Le Pich 2022*, Multi-Color Corporation - Americas Wine & Spirits

Silver: *Mai Kai Rum*, Multi-Color Corporation - Americas Wine & Spirits

Bronze: *Tealeaves Masala Chai Label*, Great Little Box Company

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Label (Digitally Printed)

Gold: *Quartese Limitless*, Tonutti/CARTES

Silver: *Eselo Agave - Front Label*, RLG Wine & Spirits

Bronze: *LEMOENCELLO*, MCC Label Paarl

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Label (Self Promotion)

Gold: *Dreyer Labels*, Dreyer Kliche, Copenhagen

Silver: *The Two Kings - Wine Label*, Univacco Technology, Inc.

Bronze: *"Gietz Vodka" Label*, Gietz AG

Best Use of Digital Embellishments - Label (Creative)

Gold: *Nebbiolo Churchill*, Multistampa/CARTES

Silver: *Castello di Montequieto Wine Bottle Label*, GAM Graphics and Marketing

Bronze: *Naturelle Rose*, Brazicolor

Best Use of Digital Embellishments - Label (Technical)

Gold: *Oro Del Sol Tequila Label*, CARTES/SOVEMEC

Silver: *Blue Ocean Dry Gin*, CARTES

Bronze: *Seriprint Rum*, Seriprint

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Business Card

Gold: *NEKD Business Card*, On Line Bindery

Silver: *CY Creative Business Card*, Print Panther Direct

Bronze: *bigDAWGS® NFC Business Card*, bigDAWGS®

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Announcement/Invitation

Gold: *Wedding Invite*, MetroVCS

Silver: *Gasperini Boegli - Deposizione dalla Croce - Rogier Van Der Weyden*, Carlo Gasperini & C. s.a.s.

Bronze: *Vivien*, Bella Figura

Best Use of Foil/Embossing Announcement/Invitation (Ensemble)

Gold: *Surreal at Sixty*, Marc Friedland Couture Communications

Silver: *Delilah at Wynn Las Vegas Grand Opening*, Marc Friedland Couture Communications

Bronze: *Delevingne*, Bella Figura

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Calendar

Gold: *Perpetual Calendar*, Erredue 1973 SRL

Silver: *Diamond Packaging 2026 Grandfather Clock Calendar*, Diamond Packaging

Bronze: *Alpha Femme Calendar*, Gravure Choquet

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Calendar (Industry Supplier)

Gold: *Sakurai '26 Calendar*, Sakurai USA, Inc.

Silver: *Gravure Choquet Calendar*, Gravure Choquet

Bronze: *Botanicals Reimagined: The Art of Cold Transfer Calendar*, Univacco Technology, Inc.

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Direct Mail

Gold: *Parkland Direct - Scented Wallet TED-C*, Parkland Direct

Silver: *Octopus Post Card*, Absolute Printing Equipment Service, Inc.

Bronze: *Parkland Direct – Zebra*, Parkland Direct

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Miscellaneous

Gold: *Theory 11 Playing Card Packaging Series*, Franklin Press, Inc.

Silver: *Chanel Holiday Display*, MetroVCS

Bronze: *Advent Health Foundation Central Florida Golden Gala Forty-Four*, SunDance

Best Use of Holographics

Gold: *Iron Horse Vinyards – Resilience*, RLG Wine & Spirits

Silver: *Hazen 2026 Super Bowl Stadium Edition Program*, Hazen Paper Company

Bronze: *Paris Hilton Iconic*, Diamond Packaging

Best Use of Holographics (Self Promotion)

Gold: *Hazen 2026 “La Rosa Volcanica” Calendar*, Hazen Paper Company

Silver: *Sentient Stardust*, Harris & Bruno

Bronze: *Tactive Holiday Card*, Tactive

Best Use of Embossing (Blind)

Gold: *Album Jay-Z and Kanye West*, Gravure Choquet

Silver: *NEKD Presentation Folder*, On Line Bindery

Bronze: *Happy Birthday Cake*, American Greetings

Best Use of Embossing (Creative)

Gold: *Diamond Packaging 2026 Grandfather Clock Calendar*, Diamond Packaging

Silver: *Mini-Maine Adventure Kit*, J.S. McCarthy Packaging & Print
Bronze: *Rivera Del Fiori Wine - Stone Church*, RLG Wine & Spirits

Best Use of Embossing (Registered)

Gold: *Sculpted Blooms Invitation*, The Occasions Group
Silver: *Praying Mantis – Black*, Multi-Color Corporation - Americas Wine & Spirits
Bronze: *April Wine CD*, Gravure Choquet

Best Use of Overprinting Foil

Gold: *CYPHER SEA CREATURES*, Hampden Press
Silver: *Tutankhamun Poster*, Kenbunsya Co. Ltd.
Bronze: *Medusa - Overprinted Holographic Label*, Univacco Technology, Inc.

Best Use of Digital Foil (Varnish Adhesive)

Gold: *Holiday Corporate Favor Boxes with variable*, bigDAWGS®
Silver: *Trading Card Variety Samples*, ProPrint
Bronze: *“TAYA-SHIKKITEN” PET Bottle Tag*, Kenbunsya Co. Ltd.

Best Use of Digital Foil (Toner Adhesive)

Gold: *Corvus Corax*, Indigo Ink Digital Printing
Silver: *Monarchy*, Indigo Ink Digital Printing
Bronze: *Salesforce Rainbow Rivalry Pit Passes*, Tactive

Best Use of Cold Foil - Self Promotion

Gold: *Paris Collection Box*, Erredue 1973 SRL
Silver: *Phoenix Color 2026 Monthly Planner*, Phoenix Color
Bronze: *Botanicals Reimagined: The Art of Cold Transfer Poster*, Univacco Technology, Inc.

Best Use of Cold Foil - Folding Carton

Gold: *Patrón Canister*, TPC Packaging
Silver: *Paris Hilton Pink Rush*, Diamond Packaging
Bronze: *Abercrombie & Fitch 100% Passion*, Diamond Packaging

Best Use of Cold Foil - Label

Gold: *Uncorked Cosmopolitan*, Multi-Color Corporation - Americas Wine & Spirits
Silver: *Linen Textured Cold Transfer Beer Label*, Univacco Technology, Inc.
Bronze: *Monte Alban Reposado*, Multi-Color Corporation - Americas Wine & Spirits

Best Use of Refractive (micro-etched) Foil

Gold: *Gietz New Year Greeting Card 2026*, Gietz AG
Silver: *Houston Museum Annual Pass Card Carriers*, Seidl Bindery LLC
Bronze: *Anova*, Carlo Gasperini & C. s.a.s.

Best Use of a Special Diecut

Gold: *Tomlin*, Bella Figura
Silver: *Re/Max Premiere Pop-up Business Card Set*, bigDAWGS®
Bronze: *Truist Bank SnowGlobe*, Elite Print Finishing

Best Use of Specialty UV Coating

Gold: *Album Glimmer of God*, Gravure Choquet
Silver: *Parkland Direct – Peacock*, Parkland Direct
Bronze: *Scrapped*, Jostens

Best Use of Laser Cutting

Gold: *Chiacchierino*, SOVEMEC/CARTES
Silver: *Pristine Snowflakes*, The Occasions Group

Bronze: *Cervo London Gin*, CARTES/FE Group srl

Best Use of Laminating Film

Gold: *Mighty Fine Tins for Edibles (4 SKUs)*, Treeform Packaging

Silver: *PAC Global 2026 Awards Future's Edge Summit*, Print Panther Direct

Bronze: *Now That's What I Call Tactive*, Tactive

Best Use of Letterpress

Gold: *Stout Design - Holiday Candy Promo*, Franklin Press, Inc.

Silver: *Valerie*, Bella Figura

Bronze: *Moon & Paper Poster*, Franklin Press, Inc.

Best Use of Unique Binding

Gold: *Outlander*, BindTech

Silver: *The Lucky Bag*, Jostens

Bronze: *Real Estate Presentation – La Rua Pensacola*, SunDance

Best Use of Unique Fold

Gold: *Packaging Options USA Self Promotion Gift Box*, Treeform Packaging

Silver: *Happy New Year 2026!*, Molly McCoy Graphic Design

Bronze: *Unbox Your Beauty*, Autajon Thoro Packaging

Film Casting - Cast & Cure®

Gold: *The Simulation Series 4, Card #93 - Octopus/ #27 - Common Sense (Orange Parallel)*, RR Donnelley & Sons, Based Trading Cards

Silver: *OBI-TRON-KENOBI Unmapped Brewing Co*, Commerce Label, Inc.

Bronze: *Monarchy*, Indigo Ink Digital Printing

Best Use of Embellishments (Sustainable Design)

Gold: *Desktop Postcard Charity Calendar*, Kenbunsya Co. Ltd.

Silver: *Prima 6oz Body Oil Bottle and Box*, Treeform Packaging

Bronze: *DSCOOP Field Guide*, Harris & Bruno

Best Use of Digital Embellishments - Selection Guide

Gold: *Hatteras Digital Embellishment Kit*, Harris & Bruno

Silver: *Out of This World Sample Kit*, Harris & Bruno

Bronze: *Wedding Suite Embellishment Kit*, Duplo USA Corporation

Best Use of Transfer Metallized Substrate

Gold: *Hazen 2025 Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Booklet*, Hazen Paper Company

Silver: *Kosas Beauty Holiday Collection*, Unifoil Corporation

Bronze: *Parkland Direct – Jellyfish*, Parkland Direct

Best Use of Transfer Metallized Substrate (Industry Supplier)

Gold: *Marvel Comic - Greg Horn Collection*, Unifoil Corporation/Color-Logic

Silver: *Spiderman Risen Puzzle*, Hampden Press

Bronze: *Easter Counter Card*, Color-Logic, Inc.

Best Use of Digital Embellishments - Calendar

Gold: *Jostens 2026*, Jostens

Silver: *Dreamworks 2026 Print Capabilities Calendar*, Dreamworks Graphic Communications LLC

Bronze: *SunDance 2026 Shine Bright Calendar*, SunDance

Best Use of Digital Embellishments - Folding Carton

Gold: *Mediterranean Box Series*, Hampden Press

Silver: *Holiday Corporate Gift Boxes, with variable*, bigDAWGS®

Bronze: *Black Diamond Premium Box*, Silver Point The Print House

Best Use of Digital Embellishments – Miscellaneous

Gold: *bigDAWGS® Yoga Banner*, bigDAWGS®

Silver: *Toren Family Siddur Case and Book Cover*, highresolution

Bronze: *PDP Fantasy Football Belt*, Precise Digital Printing

Best Use of Digital Embellishments – Client/Self Promotion

Gold: *Toronto Metropolitan University; Konica Minolta - created by students in the Graphic Arts Program*, Print Panther Direct

Silver: *The ARC Augumented Reality Center*, Harris & Bruno

Bronze: *NFL DRAFT videoFolder*, bigDAWGS®

Best Use of Digital Raised Coating

Gold: *Harbert*, Elite Print Finishing

Silver: *Galaxy Girl*, Harris & Bruno

Bronze: *Edgemark Folder*, Elite Print Finishing

Best Use of Embellished Poster (Client Promotion)

Gold: *Dave Matthews Band Tour Poster*, Hazen Paper Company

Silver: *Adidas 90 Year Anniversary*, Print Panther Direct

Bronze: *Stevie Van Zandt's Teachrock Fundraising Poster*, highresolution

Best Use of Embellished Poster (Creative)

Gold: *Iron Man Poster*, Shenzhen Jujin Paper Packaging Co., Ltd

Silver: *Golden Lady*, Silver Point The Print House

Bronze: *Laser Fight*, Harris & Bruno

Best Use of Embellished Poster (Difficult)

Gold: *Ornate Vase Poster*, Shenzhen Jujin Paper Packaging Co., Ltd

Silver: *Frame of Sustainability*, Silver Point The Print House

Bronze: *Queen of Hearts*, Graphic Packaging International

Best Use of Embellishments with Technology

Gold: *BFD!*, Marc Friedland Couture Communications

Silver: *Savy's 16th*, Marc Friedland Couture Communications

Bronze: *Gideon Portfolio videoBOOK (Hardcover)*, bigDAWGS®

Best Use of Foil/Embossing - Selection Guide

Gold: *Create Impact*, Neenah

Silver: *Kurz Selection Guide*, Gravure Choquet

Bronze: *Almaden Self-Promotional Folder*, On Line Bindery