



Lantern Masters, Inc.

A Family Company Designs And Manufactures
Elegant Lighting Fixtures For An International Clientele

In 1978 when Jackie and Stu Olesker followed their dream and opened their own lighting business in Los Angeles, they hoped they would become successful when Southern California architects, builders and interior designers recognized them for their ability to design and manufacture a uniquely and outstanding product. Today their fixtures are sought by professionals not only in California but throughout the United States, and also internationally.

Sharyn Olesker, daughter and partner, works closely with their skilled craftsmen at their factory in Los Angeles County where all manufacturing takes place. Lantern Masters' Westlake Village office studio, with more than eight hundred sample light fixtures on display, is


where new design inspiration begins. Clients, many flying in from all over the world, love to come there to see designs that are exclusive to Lantern Masters. Fixtures include interior chandeliers, sconces and pendants and exterior lighting such as wall-mounted lanterns, posts and pilasters. To begin the creative process, Jackie and Sharyn work closely with their clients, with Sharyn doing some basic sketching to capture the concept for preliminary approval. Following placement of an order for new designs, Stu does a full scale CAD design that is submitted to the client for final approval, and prior to the manufacturing process. "Attention is given to the proper scale, illumination and finish for every fixture" says Sharyn. "No detail is overlooked."

OPPOSITE Gordon's Two Tiered Chandeliers—Three custom oversized octagonal chandeliers, of forged twisted iron, have been scaled to fit this massive beamed ceiling in the living and dining rooms, providing ample illumination and softening the sheer volume of these rectangular rooms, shown at "Private Residence"

TOP LEFT Jackie Olesker, President, standing in front of some of Lantern Masters "authentic reproductions" of historic exterior lanterns. TOP RIGHT Stu Olesker, Senior Vice President/ founder and first "artisan" of Lantern Masters and Sharyn Olesker, daughter/partner Vice President of Manufacturing, "at gas torch" working on the Imperial Pilaster Lantern

Lantern Masters is a perfect example of a small, family owned business, manufacturing locally, while successfully operating on an international scale.

"Just six years ago we catered to the regional designer and architect and those clients who lived close enough to drive to our showroom," Jackie says. "Now because of our website and magazine advertising we are doing about fifty percent of our business at a greater distance. Combining the use of email, webcams and the telephone it is easy to have a "job site meeting with all parties present."

The design process begins by working with the architect and or designer and defining the architectural period of the project. For exterior lighting design Jackie and Sharyn also look to the structure; including shapes of windows, doors, roof lines and the expanse of the facade. For interior lighting they study the furnishings, crown mouldings, cabinetry and other interior details. Lighting must reflect and compliment the personalities of those who will live in the home. Many of these fixtures—at the properties in which they are installed—reflect a sense of timeless design, as if they have been there forever. It is the Olesker family's hope that they will become the "antiques of tomorrow." 



ABOVE Stu Olesker, Senior Vice President, "at the spot welder," the founder and first "artisan" of Lantern Masters.

TOP RIGHT Completed Imperial Pilaster Lantern shown at "Private Residence"

RIGHT Bonnie's Extra Large Pendant with Light Seedy Slumped Glass—shown at "Private Residence"

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