

Celebrate Manufacturing Day 2016



Coffee By Design Named 2016 Maine MEP Manufacturer of the Year

In conjunction with National Manufacturing Day, the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership announces Coffee By Design as the 2016 Maine MEP Manufacturer of the Year. The Portland-based firm that began as a coffeehouse with a part-time barista has grown into a sustainable business committed to quality and committed to community, and that works only with other businesses that share its standards and beliefs in environmental and economic sustainability.

www.coffeebydesign.com

National Manufacturing Day, October 7, 2016

celebrates the important role of manufacturing in the national economy and highlights the many high-skill and higher paying jobs that modern manufacturing provides. www.mfgday.com

Maine MEP is a program of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology MEP. The national MEP system is a network of manufacturing extension centers that provides business and technical assistance to small manufacturers in all 50 states. www.mainemep.org

Invitation to attend the 2016 Manufacturer of the Year award presentation: Friday, October 7, 11:00 a.m. at Coffee By Design, 1 Diamond Street, Portland. To confirm your attendance please RSVP to MFGDAY@mainemep.org or call 207-623-0680.



About Coffee By Design

Owners: Mary Allen Lindemann and Alan Spear

Visions: a playground for coffee geeks; a superior coffee experience in coffee in quality; service and community involvement local and worldwide

Operating principles: sustainable, organic, traceable, and transparent

Members: Specialty Coffee Association of America, Roasters Guild, Barista Guild, International Women's Coffee Alliance, International Jury, Specialty Coffee Association of Panama's Best of Panama Competition, Specialty Coffee Association of Bolivia's Cupping the Mountain's Peak.

1994: 1st CBD coffeehouse, Portland

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2015: U.S. SBA Maine Small Business Persons of the Year

2016: Opened IDEXX, 6 coffeehouses, 1 artisan specialty coffee roaster, 52 employees, nearly 400 wholesale and mail order customers nationwide, 35 coffees and blends from 17 countries.