



Furnishings and Accessories for the Cozy Country Home  
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**Retailer of the Year - 2007**

Country Business Awards Committee  
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Thanks to Country Business Magazine and Living and Giving (The Chicago Market) for sponsoring the Retailer and Vendor of the year contest. A profession has reached a unique pinnacle when it has risen to the occasion to seek out its members for recognition of superior performance in its chosen craft.

The opportunity to be recognized by ones peers is significant and it is an honor for The Rusty Bucket to participate in the 2007 contest. We have selected a scrapbook format to respond to this years criteria with each of the eight sections content providing back-up materials and examples supporting our answers to the contest entry questions. Additionally, the scrapbook theme presents a chronicle of the planning, development, implementation and evolution of The Rusty Bucket. From sharing a Dream, discovering a flea market bucket, naming our endeavor, drafting a Mission Statement, the grand opening, pictures of many happy customers and submitting our entry to the Country Business Retailer of the Year Contest.

To be considered part of so many retailers in our industry that are, by their name and reputation alone, recognized for being outstanding in such a competitive field is an honor in and of itself. We look forward to seeing so many in up coming markets and we wish all a productive and profitable year end.

**Sincerest Regards, remembering that without Customers we are not!**

Pam Thorpe,  
**Shopkeeper**

Mack Thorpe,  
**Co-Owner**

*"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he had imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."*

Henry David Thoreau