News Release

 **Media Contacts**

Heather West, Heather West Public Relations

Email: heather@heatherwestpr.com; Phone: 612-724-8760

Angela Dickson, marketing and communications director, FGIA

Email: adickson@fgiaonline.org; Phone: 630-920-4999

August 30, 2024

FGIA Presents Residential Fenestration Trends, Tips for Professional Development on Main Stage at GlassBuild America

SCHAUMBURG, IL – The Fenestration and Glazing Industry Alliance (FGIA) will be appearing on the Main Stage at [GlassBuild America](https://www.glassbuildamerica.com/news/glassbuild-main-stage) several times throughout the trade show, taking place September 30-October 2 in Dallas, TX. The GlassBuild Main Stage is a can’t-miss venue, which will be hosting three days of learning, networking and industry celebration. There, FGIA will offer educational sessions on residential fenestration trends and leveraging industry resources for professional development. FGIA will also be participating in the Women in Glass + Fenestration event taking place on the last day of the show. Centrally located on the trade show floor in booth 19009, Main Stage sessions are open to all GlassBuild America attendees. [Register now](https://www.glassbuildamerica.com/registration).

**Industry Trends**

On Monday, September 30, speakers Amy Becker, FGIA Glass Products Specialist, and Jason Seals, FGIA Certification Services Manager, Fenestration, will present, “Residential Fenestration Trends | Performance Innovations and Security Screens.”

Becker will cover performance innovations, including regulations driving sustainability and energy performance, including decarbonization and ENERGY STAR. She’ll also address advanced manufacturing practices, such as automation, R&D investment and improved technology and will wrap up with product innovations for efficiency like glazing packages and framing materials.

Also, during this session, Seals will summarize the history of the security screen market in Australia, which has served as a roadmap for adoption in North America. The FGIA Security Screens Task Group has been diligently developing a North America specification, and Seals will give brief explanations of the security screen testing covered by that document and the development of a certification program for security screen products.

**Professional Development**

Janice Yglesias, FGIA Executive Director, will lead a session called, “Leveraging Your Network for Efficient Professional Development” on Tuesday, October 1. Professional development is vital to a company’s success. The importance of onboarding and advancement opportunities for employee retention and satisfaction can’t be stressed enough, but how can industry leaders efficiently provide these essential tools to their team without sacrificing quality?

Yglesias will outline resources available within the fenestration and glazing industry, including connections with suppliers, industry organizations and beyond. She will also cover the pros and cons of online versus in-person education options and will share case studies showcasing how to make the most of professional development.

**Women in Fenestration**

Once again, the Main Stage will be a place for industry to come together to network and connect, including the third annual [Women in Glass + Fenestration Keynote and Networking Breakfast](https://www.glassbuildamerica.com/news/women-glass-fenestration-breakfast-meetup) taking place on October 2. Becker, Yglesias and Angela Dickson, FGIA Marketing and Communications Director, will also participate in this networking and educational presentation at the show.

For more information about FGIA and its activities, visit [FGIAonline.org](https://fgiaonline.org/).

*Your trusted industry resource, setting the standards for fenestration and glazing.*