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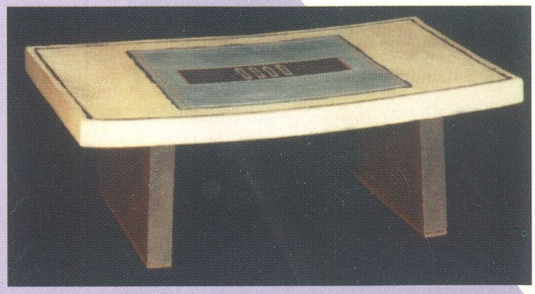
SIDIM, the ninth annual Montreal International Interior Design Show, was decidely more about imaginative design than business design. Visitors to the show, May 22 to 24 at the Place Bonaventure, had their selection of interesting exhibits including Maison Jardin, for residential exhibitors, the Tribune des Designers, featuring products from about 50 Quebec designers, and the Quebec Eco-Design area for projects that promote enviromental sustainability.

One area focused on Architecture by Design, involving the role that architecture plays and where architecture begins.

Bright lights, swinging music added to a generally upbeat mood among the approximately 250 exhibitors.

Marc Joannette and Isabelle Langevin, Bernierville, Que., of Auparavant create beautiful screens. Joannette builds the frames, Langevin designs and paints them. Where fabric is used, the material is designed and hand dyed by textile artist Marie-Helene Langevin.

Nathalie Khayat, Montreal, is a ceramist who uses clay to make table chests and stools to sit on. She creates ceramic objects whose place, role, form and function in a living space integrate domestic spaces and the celebration of daily rituals.