

**2009 NARI
Remodeled
Homes Fall
Tour**

**Sunday,
October 11, 2009
9:30am—4:30pm**

Tickets are \$10 and available at each site. Sites are listed on the NARI website, www.remodelingmadison.org.

NOTE: We will not have a house in the Fall Tour this year.

**What's New for Phase 2 of Your Life?
Future Lifestyles Show October 28, 2009**

TZ of Madison is one of the sponsors of the 2009 Future Lifestyles Show. The expo will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 in Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center. The expo runs from 9:00am to 2:00pm with an Early Bird Seminar at 8:15am. Parking and admission to the event is free.

In addition to being a sponsor and exhibitor, Larry and Jesse will be presenting their seminar "Designing and Building Solutions for Living Safely, Comfortably and Longer in Your Home". Their seminar begins at 10:15 am.

This year's show includes all the information you need as a retiree, someone getting ready to retire or someone with the responsibility of taking

care of a parent. Seminars topics include; Medicare, Medicaid, Aging in Place, financial strategies and IRA planning. Dane County Lifestyles is also sponsoring travel, health and food seminars.

A wellness area hosts businesses that provide health screenings including flu shots, bone density, spinal and blood pressure screenings plus much more.

The show will have fun opportunities including dance lessons, chair massages, interactive demonstrations, psychic readings, caricature artists. Not to mention hourly \$50 drawings and raffle drawings for prizes.

Complete show information and schedule can be found on the website for Lifestyles magazine, www.danelifestyles.com.

If you are able to visit the show be sure to stop by our booth or seminar to say "Hello!"



These pictures are from our visit to the Kohler showroom in Kohler, WI. This Kohler designed bath, shows that ADA function can be funky as well!



SAVE THE DATE!

The 20th Annual NARI Expo is set for Friday, January 15 through Sunday January 17, 2010. The Expo will be held at the Marriot Madison

West in Middleton. As always parking is free.

TZ of Madison, Inc. has a booth again this year. We will send out more information on Larry's seminars, ticket prices

and free ticket opportunities in January. In the meantime, **SAVE THE DATE!**

Project Spotlight

Prepare Your Home for Winter—Save \$\$

Under the stimulus legislation, the percentage of the cost and lifetime cap for home improvements have been tripled to 30% and \$1,500, respectively.

The list of eligible improvements has been expanded and the deadline for applying has been extended through the end of 2010.

Installing energy-efficient windows, doors, roofing and insulation as well as furnaces, air conditioners and heat pumps all qualified for the credit.

Despite the slow economy we are managing to stay busy at TZ! One trend that seems to be driving remodeling projects right now is energy efficiency improvements. While improving your home's efficiency is always a good idea (and fall timing could not be more perfect) we find that homeowners are also interested in taking advantage of 2009/10 energy tax credit (see side bar).

We have seen several projects come across our desk that include new windows, doors, roofing, siding and insulation. We recently completed a two story home in Cherokee. The owners have been in their

home for over 20 years and wanted to update the exterior and make energy efficient improvements at the same time. A home performance evaluation showed where to best concentrate the efforts.

The goal was to reduce energy costs by replacing windows and adding insulation. We added 1/2" of Styro-foam insulation to home after removing old, cracked vertical cedar siding and replaced with new 7" fiber cement siding.

Better insulating performance of the attic area was achieved by adding to and improving soffit ventilation. An addi-

tional layer of blown in cellulose was also added to achieve an R value of 48.

We installed a larger, more efficient patio door so the homeowners could enjoy a more expansive view of the golf course from their family room. All windows and doors are Energy Star rated.

New shutters with a color change gives this home a fresh new look.

The homeowner can look forward to Old Man Winter knowing their home will be a little warmer, views a little larger and they have a little extra in their pockets to boot!



The before photos above show the old, dated windows and small patio door. They were drafty and difficult to clean. **The after photos below** show a fresh, updated color palette for the home. Windows are tight, easier to clean and the homeowners have improved their gorgeous view!

