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2010 NARI Remodeled Homes Fall Tour

Stop by and see
us on Sunday,
September 26
10:00am—4:00pm

Tickets for the Tour can be purchased at any site on the day of the event for \$10.

Please call Larry if you would like a free ticket to the tour, 241-2967.

For all tour site locations and complete tour information, go to the NARI website, www.remodelingmadison.org.

Remodeled Homes Fall Tour is September 26, 2010

“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.” This quote from Sam Keen reminds us to cherish these last warm weeks of the year. Where better to experience “deep summer” than in the relaxing oasis that was created for our homeowners in the University Heights neighborhood. This Tour site shows a transformed outdoor area and living space that creates a beautiful privacy within an urban environment.

The homeowners had everything they needed in their home except for a living area that would bring them closer to the outdoors that they so love.

To make the goal a reality an ambitious plan was proposed. This project had several integral components; a generously sized screened porch addition; new mudroom; re-designed kitchen cabinet and ceramic tile; dramatic landscape design; upgrades to insulation, roof and siding and a new driveway.

Previously, an energy audit had been done on

their home and it was clear that while planning an addition it was the optimal time to tick off some of those energy efficient upgrades. A new roof, added insulation and siding gave the homeowners the opportunity to freshen up the exterior to their home.

The back of the house was where the real transformation took place. A generously sized screened porch addition gave the homeowners the outdoor living space they craved. A vaulted ceiling with beautiful pine bead board gives the porch a permanent three season feel. Removable Plexiglas window panels give the homeowners the option of additional warmth in the colder months.

A separate backdoor and mudroom keeps the foot traffic confined to its own area. The backyard was transformed into a lushly terraced space. A gorgeous blue stone walkway and tiered patio provide a delightful shaded area to entertain. Low watt lighting is sprinkled throughout the landscape. The entire backyard is framed by a beautiful custom built fence with copper topped posts.

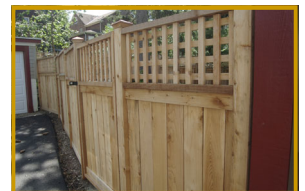
The entire transformation is indeed a sight to behold! Stop by. We hope to see you



Above: Before pictures show a traditional exterior and small back entry.

Below: New siding and a historical color palette give this exterior a fresh new look.

It's all in the details; custom fence and blue rock pavers help create the back yard oasis.



at our Tour site on September 26!



TZ of Madison would like to thank the following NARI members for their work on this project:

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VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

Never Too Early!

by Dan Luck, President Bella Domicile, Inc.

Don't forget! Energy improvement projects completed by 12/31/10 qualify for energy tax credit!



When considering a kitchen remodeling project, there is one bit of sage advice that is timeless, it never goes out of style. Here it is: it's never too early to begin the process. In fact, to ensure a successful project, one that is enjoyable and rewarding it's necessary to start early.

Remodeling a kitchen is a journey that requires a certain amount of investment of time and energy, assuming you want it done right. Even though you may be thinking that the actual start date of the project may be few years away, there are plenty of homework activities you can start immediately.

Talk, Ask and Listen: Start talking with friends, neighbors or relatives who have already been through the experience. What did they like, dislike about the process? Would they remodel again? What nuggets of information can you glean from them that can benefit you?

Start a Journal: Write down all the design de-

tails and features that catch your eye. Create a wish list of all the elements that you'd like to see in your kitchen. Don't worry about costs or practicality, save that for later, right now just dream.

Read, Clip, and Save: Buy as many kitchen specific magazines as feasible and clip the photos of projects that interest you.

Write down and add to your journal what caught your eye, which design elements interest you.

Visit Showrooms: Stop in and visit with several of the kitchen & bath showrooms in your area. Pay attention to the displays being shown. Can you picture yourself working in that space? Do they fit your lifestyle? Are the displays up-to-date, complete, clean and tidy?

Notice how you are greeted and how much attention the staff gives you; this may be an indication of how much attention you will be given once the project starts. Finally, interview a kitchen designer. Can you see yourself working with this individual, partnering

with you to realize your dream?

Develop a Budget: Determine in advance, what you can or are willing to invest in this space. Don't worry if you don't know construction or material costs. Right now you're trying to establish a figure to be used as a guideline before the process begins.

Research and Interview Remodeling Contractors: Learn as much as you can about the whole remodeling process by interviewing a NARI Remodeling Contractor such as TZ of Madison. Cast your vision for the space and they will assist you in answering all your questions, and alleviate any fears or concerns you may have.

Remodeling a kitchen is easier than it sounds, provided you get an early start. Follow these simple and easy steps and watch how fun and rewarding a kitchen remodel can be. Remodeling a kitchen is a great investment, one that can provide instant enjoyment with lasting value.

TZ NEWS

Congratulations to Larry and Karen who celebrated 30 years of marriage last month! In honor of this occasion, Larry and Karen took their boat *Slippery* up the Mississippi for a five day tour.

Interestingly, they declined to provide any photos for the newsletter!

Happy Anniversary Larry and Karen!

As we are sharing milestones, Larry also celebrated his 40th high school reunion. He had fun reconnecting with his East High pals over a long weekend last month. No pictures supplied from that event either. Hmmmm.....

TZ's Commitment to Education

As many of you already know, continuing education on the techniques and trends in remodeling is very important to TZ of Madison, Inc.. As such, we are proud to announce that Jesse Taff CLC&CAPS can now add the letters UDCR to his

resume. Jesse recently spent 8 weeks attending classes for the NARI Universal Design Certified Remodeler (UDCR). After a challenging three hour exam, we were notified that all of his hard work had paid off. Congratulations to Jesse on his accomplishment!

TZ of Madison, Inc. encourages its staff to pursue continuing education as part of the company's mission. We are pleased to be able to offer our customers employees who exemplify that commitment through UDCR, CLC, MCR, & CAPS certifications.