

B'ham builder erects dream house

John Shekerjian, a Birmingham builder of custom houses, is putting finishing touches on the Home of the Year as commissioned by Better Homes and Gardens magazine and APA-the Engineered Wood Association. The house goes on display Jan. 20.

The 3,300-square-foot house is in Novi's Autumn Park Subdivision, Nine Mile and Beck.

It's a striking representation of the ideal American family house with design features that fit contemporary family lifestyles.

The Home of the Year is also a celebration of innovative and creative uses of wood and engineered wood products.

The first floor has a kitchen/morning room, great room with fireplace, dining room, office, utility room, half bath, art hall and master suite.

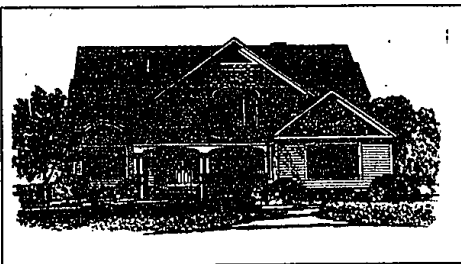
The master has a separate tub and shower, two walk-in closets and a dual sink vanity.

Two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a library/gallery are on the second floor.

The layout provides a delicate balance between comfortable living and architectural splendor, APA reported.

The house is going up to Code Plus building standards established by APA. That means a longer-lasting, more weather-tight roof, squeak-free floors and structurally sound walls.

Code Plus builders agree to use premium building materials and construction techniques that go above and beyond normal building code requirements.



Home of the Year: John Shekerjian, a Birmingham builder, was selected to construct this dream house commissioned by Better Homes and Gardens magazine and an association representing wood building products.

The house will be featured in the August issue of Better Homes and Gardens.

"We interviewed builders and we chose John (Shekerjian) on a variety of items — reputation in the community, construction technique," said Maryann Olson, spokeswoman for APA. "He's a good, quality builder."

T. Randolph Grange of Burlingame, Calif., is the architect.

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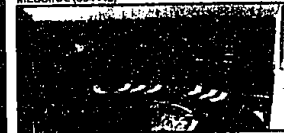
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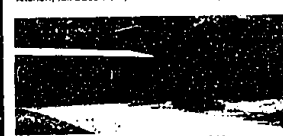
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