

Show takes legwork out of home improvement

The fifth annual Spring Home and Garden Show is ready to make homeowners breathe a little easier once again as the professionals gather the best home and garden products and services together.

Sponsored by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA), the show will be open Thursday, Jan. 30, to Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Novi Expo Center.

Design features that were considered luxury items in the 1980s will be standard in new homes by the turn of the century. The show will display the latest assortment of products and services for the home and garden.

"Many of the design elements that are gaining in popularity will be displayed at the show such as storage systems for walk-in closets and kitchen pantries, kitchens with center islands, luxurious fixtures for bathrooms and windows and sunrooms for natural lighting," said Scott Jacobson, president of BIA and of the S.R. Jacobson Development Corporation in Bingham Farms.

"On the high end of the market, more homes will include restaurant-type kitchen appliances, fully dedicated media rooms with built-in large screen television and security/lighting/energy management systems."

Special features of the show include "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed presenting "Cooking and Better Living With Garlic" and other ideas for using the "stinking rose." Reed, who has appeared on Home & Garden TV Network, will cook garlic dishes, share anecdotes and play "bulb ball."

Members of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association will bring professionally landscaped gardens to life with more than 2,000 spring flowers in bloom, water features, landscape lighting, brick paver patios and pathways, decks and gazebos.

NewsTalk Radio AM-1270 WXYT will broadcast the "Ask the Handyman" show featuring master handman Glenn Haege and the "Money Talk" show featuring Rick Bloom Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 1-2 until 3 p.m.

Haege has an extensive background in the do-it-yourself industry. He invites industry experts to be guests on his radio show and answers home improvement questions from callers. Bloom covers topics such as tax laws, investments, money management and real estate, and answers listeners' questions with financial advice.

BIA's Remodelers Council will present "ABCs of Remodeling," covering how to plan your remodeling project, designing your remodeling project, selecting a remodeling contractor, contract, specifications and warranties, building and trade permits and inspections, zoning regulations and financing your remodeling.

Presenters include Eric Brakke of Four Seasons Sunrooms in Southfield, Fred Capaldi of the Capaldi Building Company in Rochester Hills, Mike Harris of The Harris Group in Dearborn Heights, Dick Jacobs of Standard Federal Bank in Troy, David Kellett Sr. of the Kellett Construction Co., Michael Sarb of Midwest Structures in Dearborn and Jim Viazanko of the E.V. James Co. of Farmington Hills.

Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association of Plymouth will host Richard Trethewey, master plumber and heating contractor, of PBS-TV's "This Old House." The Air-Master Heating & Air Conditioning Co. of Berkeley and Andy's Statewide Heating & Cooling of Orion will welcome the actor who plays Dave Lennox. The Lighting Bug will brighten your visit, featured by Ray Lighting Centers of Sterling Heights.

Events
The Treasure Chest contest,

set up at various locations throughout the show, will award prizes from Farmer Jack, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, The Oakland Press, WXYZ-TV, WXYT Radio and Air Conditioning Engineers of Utica. Rainbow Home Cleaning System of Warren will provide the grand prize.

Expert demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling will be given throughout the show. The arts and crafts area will have working painters, weavers, wood craftsmen and

stained glass makers. More than 300 exhibitors will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. BIA also sponsors the International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the Home Improvement Show and the Fall Remodeling

Show at Novi Expo Center. The Novi Expo Center is at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 9-10 a.m. Thursday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children 6-12 and free for children under 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, call (810) 737-4478.

Here's schedule for home, garden show

Here is the program for guest appearances and home and garden demonstrations at the fifth annual Spring Home and Garden Show. The show is sponsored by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

Thursday, Jan. 30

3 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed: "Cooking and Better Living With Garlic" and other ideas for using the "stinking rose"
4 p.m. - Observer & Eccentric Columnist Dave Mully: "Mortgage Shopping"
5 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed
5 p.m. - Kim Austin, WVVWV Radio
6 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Eric Brakke of Four Seasons Sunrooms, "ABCs of Remodeling"
7 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed

Friday, Jan. 31

3 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed: "Cooking and Better Living With Garlic" and other ideas for using the "stinking rose"
3 p.m. - Richard Trethewey, master plumber and heating contractor, of PBS-TV's "This Old House" at Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association exhibit
4 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers

Council: Michael Sarb of Midwest Structures and Dick Jacobs of Standard Federal Bank, "ABCs of Remodeling"
5 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed
5 p.m. - Brian Hatfield, WYCD Radio
6 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Eric Brakke of Four Seasons Sunrooms, "ABCs of Remodeling"
7 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed

Saturday, Feb. 1

10 a.m. - WXYT's "Ask the Handyman," Glenn Haege
10 a.m. - Richard Trethewey, master plumber and heating contractor, of PBS-TV's "This Old House" at Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association exhibit
10 a.m. - The Lighting Bug at Ray Lighting Centers exhibit
11 a.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Eric Brakke of Four Seasons Sunrooms, "ABCs of Remodeling"
11 a.m. - WKQI's Kim Stevens
Noon - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed, "Cooking and Better Living With Garlic" and other ideas for using the "stinking rose"
Noon - WXYT "Money Talk," Rick Bloom
1 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Jim Viazanko of E.V. James Company, "ABCs of

Remodeling"
1 p.m. - Dave and Tammy Lockhart, WNIC Radio
1 p.m. - The actor who plays Dave Lennox at Air-Master Heating & Air Conditioning Company exhibit
2 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed
3 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: David Kellett Sr. of Kellett Construction Company "ABCs of Remodeling"
4 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed
5 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Mike Harris of The Harris Group, "ABCs of Remodeling"
6 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Fred Capaldi of Capaldi Building Company, "ABCs of Remodeling"
7 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed

Sunday, Feb. 2

10 a.m. - WXYT's "Ask the Handyman," Glenn Haege
10 a.m. - Steve Striker, WVMV Radio
10 a.m. - The Lighting Bug at Ray Lighting Centers exhibit
11 a.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Eric Brakke of Four Seasons Sunrooms, "ABCs of Remodeling"
Noon - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed, "Cooking and Better Living With Garlic" and other ideas for using the "stinking rose"
Noon - WXYT "Money Talk,"

Rick Bloom
Noon - Lisa Dillon, WCSX Radio
Noon - The actor who plays Dave Lennox at Andy's Statewide Heating & Cooling exhibit
1 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Eric Brakke of Four Seasons Sunrooms, "ABCs of Remodeling"
2 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed
3 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Jim Viazanko of E.V. James Company, "ABCs of Remodeling"
4 p.m. - "Garlic Guru" Tom Reed
5 p.m. - BIA's Remodelers Council: Eric Brakke of Four Seasons Sunrooms, "ABCs of Remodeling"
Daily
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abrading the glass surface to create a dull, nontransparent area. The three most common methods for getting the job done are acid-cream etching, sandblasting and diamond-burr engraving. Each of these techniques can be approached with a modest investment of time, space and cash.

Etching glass not only makes an enjoyable project, but the results add character to your home.

Whether you choose to etch an entry door, sidelight panel, bathroom window or mirror, you have the ability to transform ordinary architectural and design features with distinctly personal detailing. When choosing glass to etch, keep in mind that the best material is one-quarter-inch thick plate glass or laminated safety glass. Standard one-eighth-inch thick window glass can be used but the results will not be as good.

And, the thinner glass is much more apt to break when placed under the mechanical stresses of diamond-burr engraving and sandblasting. If you wish to work with one-

eighth-inch glass, the best technique is acid etching.

The only type of glass that should not be etched is tempered glass. Tempered glass has been heat-treated in a way that creates great tension within the material. When the surface is etched, the internal stresses may cause the glass to shatter. Generally, tempered glass is labeled as such in a corner of the pane.

If you are planning to etch a door or window with double-glazed panes, you should check with the window manufacturer to see if you will void any warranty by etching. In this case, it might be better to etch another panel and mount it over the insulated pane.

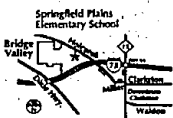
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