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## Contemporary, classic blend at Homearama

**A**MID MODERN innovations in home convenience and technology, there are equal innovations in classic architectural design — including Cotswold Tudors, Georgian Colonials and reproductions of local mansions — at this year's Homearama in Oakland Township.

Located on spacious lots with an expansive hilltop view in the Hills of Oakland subdivision, Homearama opens to the public on Aug. 31 and runs daily until Sept. 24.

Although every home offers the latest features in home conveniences, visitors will also marvel at the workmanship and attention to detail reminiscent of the past, with custom woodwork and crown moldings, beamed ceilings, as well as a generous use of brick, marble, cedar, fieldstone, and other natural materials in this year's showcase of 10 fabulous homes.

THERE ARE HINTS of very classic designs in each home, revealed not only in the names but in the descriptions selected by the builders:

- "The Meadowbrook" by Capitol Homes Inc.;
- "Heirloom" by Koch Development;
- "Bayview" by Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co., a traditional colonial;
- "Jacquelyn Maria," by F & M Construction, a classical traditional;
- "The Francesco" by Mocerri/Ferro, a classical contemporary;
- "The Stonecrest" by Hunters Creek Homes, a traditional split colonial;
- "Graystone Manor," by Damascus Development Corp., a Cotswold Tudor;
- "The Barclay," by Robert R. Jones Associates, a Savannah North style; and
- "The Jeffersonian," by Kellett & Saylor, historical Georgian.

But there is nothing conventional or old-fashioned about design. Trendsetting innovations in design are visible throughout Homearama.

For instance: An octagon garden room off the great room in F & M Construction's "Jacquelyn Maria" also provides access to the kitchen and to a circular staircase with vaulted ceilings that leads to a balcony off the master bedroom.

"THE BARCLAY," the Savannah North style home of Robert R. Jones Associates, has a great room with a circular, two-story walk-in bay window and a traditional marble fireplace with floor to ceiling pilasters.

In the "Jeffersonian" by Kellett & Saylor, an elegant gathering room, three steps down from the rest of the house has ample space for entertaining on a grand scale.

Spectacular design elements are featured in the exterior of the "Heirloom" by Koch Development, including 12-foot front doors in a beautifully arched, tiered, brick entry with stone surround.

The master bedroom suite allows the home builder to create a mood of privacy and relaxation for the homeowner. Custom-domed cathedral ceilings are highlighted in the "Meadowbrook" by Capitol Homes Inc., and a vaulted gazebo ceiling, 16-feet high in Damascus Development's "Graystone Manor."

THE "BROOKSHIRE," by Oliver Homes, has a master bedroom with a pan ceiling, walk-in double closets, whirlpool and double sinks, marble floors, counter and shower. And a first-floor master suite in "The Stonecrest," by Hunters Creek Homes Inc., features a beamed cathedral ceiling, skylights, french doors to a private cedar deck and a double shower.

Bonus rooms in homes give home owners options. The double step-down master bedroom suite in the "Bayview" has a 21-foot-by-7-foot closet leading to a potential studio or office over the garage.

In the "Francesco," by Mocerri/Ferro, the foyer opens into an expansive walkout (lower level) with entertainment center, billiards and walk-behind bar.

Fine examples of innovations can be seen in the kitchens of Homearama, the center of activity in every home, regardless of the owner's lifestyle. Each kitchen features the very latest in creative design and built-in convenience.

Looking beyond the modern kitchens, innovation is at its best in "Graystone Manor," where a media room replaces the predictable living on the first floor, offering the home owner a theater screen and surround sound.