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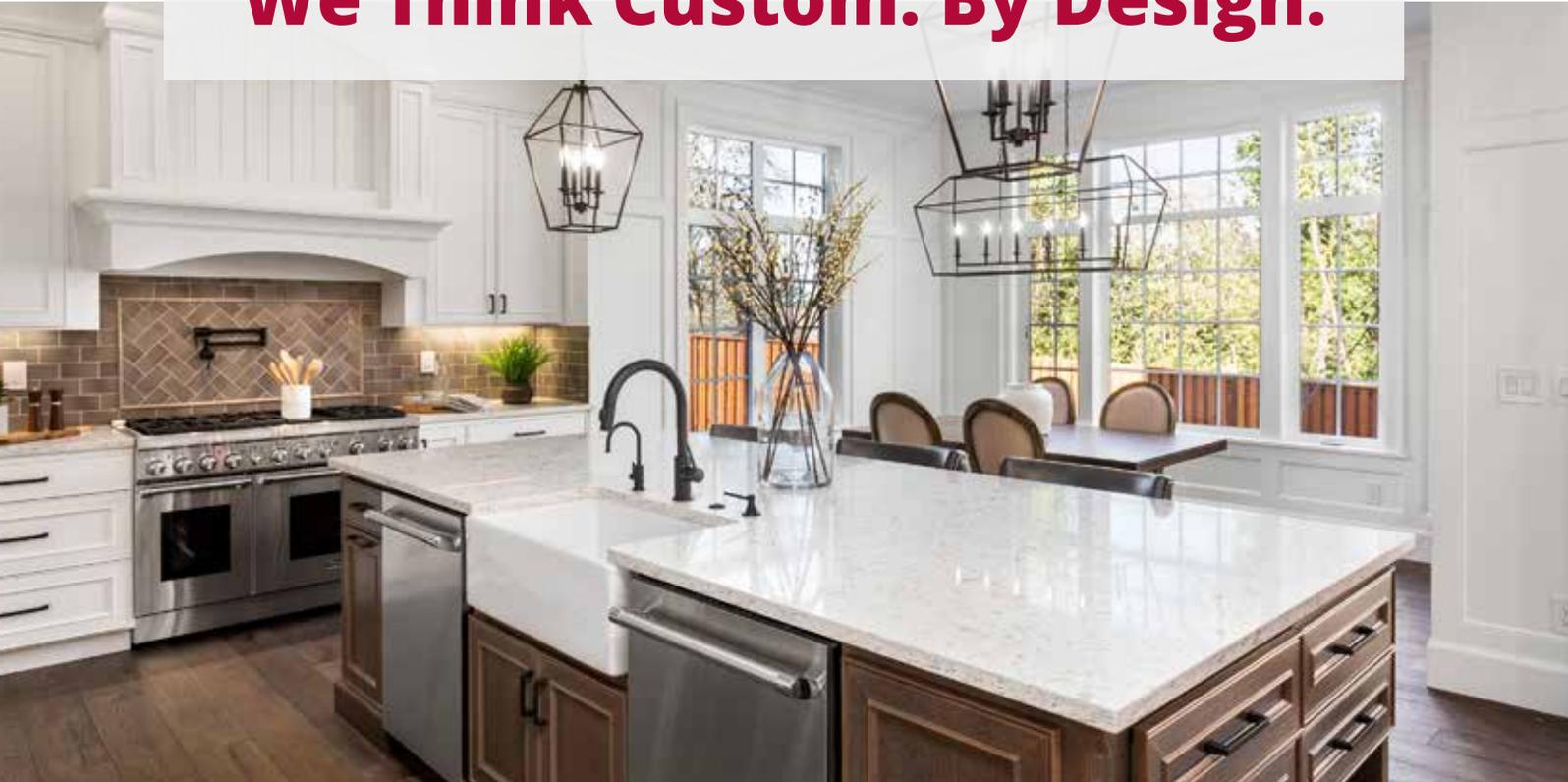
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THURSDAY

February 29, 12 pm - 8 pm

FRIDAY

March 1, 10 am - 8 pm

SATURDAY

March 2, 10 am - 8 pm

SUNDAY

March 3, 10 am - 6 pm

LOCATION

PA Farm Show Complex, Main Hall

Maclay Street Entrance

2300 North Cameron Street

(Cameron & Maclay Streets)

Harrisburg, PA 17110

*Enter parking lot through Gate J and you'll be directed to the entrance.

TICKETS

Adults (box office March 2-5): \$11

Adults (online through March 1): \$9

Children ages 12 and under: Free

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Senior Day - Thursday, Feb. 29:

Guests ages 60+ receive a \$3 discount off regular adult admission price. Senior admission price is \$8 on February 29 at the box office ONLY. Not valid with any other offers.

Hero Day - Friday, March 1: All active military personnel, veterans, fire, police and first responders receive one FREE admission with a valid ID at the box office.

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Welcome to the 2024

PA Home + Garden Show!

As the largest home and garden show in central Pennsylvania, it is our goal to immerse you in a vibrant marketplace for all things home-related. We work with local experts year-round to plan and present features that are designed to inspire your own home projects, and invite you to connect with the show's many home and garden professionals.



This year, we are pleased to offer more than 200 exhibitors, experts and designers, all ready to share their knowledge and the latest trends in order to provide you with an abundance of design inspiration, valuable tips and new ideas.

We invite you to explore our expanded Garden Area (doubled in size from last year), and enjoy new garden displays and innovative living spaces. Make sure to support local artisans and retailers in our specialty markets - and take something home to help you welcome Spring in your own home!

Jenna Naffin, Show Manager

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EXPLORE

The Expanded Garden Areas



FEATURE GARDENS & OUTDOOR LIVING

Welcome Spring with a stroll through the expanded Garden Area's inspirational gardens, water gardens and outdoor living exhibits from some of the region's top landscapers! We've doubled the size in order to bring you even more examples and ideas for outdoor living. Check out the new trends and must-haves from A.H. Reiff Landscape Supply and QnC Construction, Burdge's Water Gardens, and Jesse James Hardscaping.



BLOOMBOX IN BLOOM

In addition to their bountiful display in the expanded Garden Area, the show's entry area is also enlivened with fresh garden plants from Lancaster-based BloomBox online garden center and delivery service.



PLANTS ON THE GROW

Meet Fern, the mobile plant shop from Ashcombe Farm & Greenhouses! You'll find her welcoming visitors in the expanded Garden Area. Fern is green on the outside and inside, as she's stocked with an abundance of spring plants and garden-related decor.

WINE GARDEN

Take a break while visiting the Garden Area and visit Juniata Valley Winery's relaxing Wine Garden, where you can sample (and purchase) from a variety of their locally-produced wines.



LET IT GROW!

No matter your level of gardening experience, you'll want to stop by to get all your garden questions answered by the experts from the PA Hardwoods Development Council, Capital Area Beekeepers Association, Capital Area Cleanup, PA Governor's Invasive Species Council and other horticultural groups.



ROSIE THE FLOWER TRUCK

Palmyra Greenhouse's popular Rosie the Red Flower Truck delights all who meet her! Select some fresh blooms and other flower-related items from the vintage flower-filled vehicle that has even inspired the children's book, *Rosie and Friends - Adventures of a Red Flower Truck*.



ZOOK CABINS

Looking to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life? Look no further – learn about the cabin life! Stop by the Zook Cabins feature to talk to the experts about their cabin structures and take a tour of their popular A-Frame model.

HE SHED VS. SHE SHED

Need to create some extra space, or just want your own personal getaway spot? You'll be wowed by the creative, custom-built sheds constructed by the talented, skilled students from Cumberland-Perry Area Career & Technical Center and Dauphin County Technical School – and will want one of your own!





MAIN STAGE

Gain some valuable, professional know-how from the experts at the Main Stage! Special appearances by HGTV star renovators and designers **Steve Ford** (Friday, March 1 at 6 pm, and Saturday, March 2 at 11 am) and **Mina Starsiak Hawk** (Saturday, March 2 at 1 pm), along with informative presentations by local professionals throughout the show.

WHISKEY BACKYARD

Hazard's Distillery is the fun spot to stop and play some backyard games, and it's where you can also sample (and purchase) some of their hand-crafted, locally-produced libations.



BACKYARD OASIS

Stroll through a backyard oasis created by Backyard Bliss that's got something for everyone: a colorful picnic display for adults, and a teepee sleepover setup for the little ones, with an inflatable movie viewing area for all to enjoy.



BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN

The exciting 2024 trend of "bringing the outside in" can be seen in this inspirational designer room by Fitz Haus Interior Design, with furnishings provided by David's Interiors in collaboration with Master Designer Duane Bell. Blending comfort, style and eco-consciousness, the cozy living area and welcoming bar puts the emphasis on family togetherness and entertainment, and provides ideas for creating personalized, inviting spaces in your own home.

SHOP THE SPECIALTY MARKETS

PLANT BAR & GARDEN MARKET

Presented by Plantscapes by Design, the Plant Bar is where you can design and create your own potted plant to bring home. Choose from a variety of succulents and other plants, select a pot from the wide selection, and top your custom creation with moss or stone. Their Garden Market showcases an appealing springtime mix of houseplants, one-of-a-kind decor and gift items from which to shop.



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We've got your unique shopping opportunity for one-of-a-kind home décor and gifts! You'll find local artisans and retailers offering original artwork, antiques, specialty foods, and homemade and finely-crafted items in an open market style area.

THE BARKING LOT

Don't forget your furry, four-legged family members! Visit the Barking Lot pet market for all the toys, treats and accessories you'll want to bring home for them. A portion of all sales is donated to Canine Rescue of Central PA, to help it continue to protect and improve the quality of life for homeless dogs.



Special Offers AND EVENTS

Events take place on the Main Stage. Presentation times and topics are subject to change.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

SENIOR DAY

All show visitors age 60 and over receive a \$3 discount on admission at the box office (with valid ID).



FRIDAY, MARCH 1

HERO DAY

All active military personnel, veterans, fire, police and first responders get one free admission at the box office (with valid ID).



4 PM: A DISCUSSION OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TRADES

Cumberland-Perry Area Career & Technical Center

5 PM: PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS: A YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE FROM TECH SCHOOL INTO

INDUSTRY Bob Brightbill & Chris Patrick, Dauphin County Technical School and Bob Means Plumbing

6 PM: STEVE FORD

Licensed contractor, renovator, author and western Pennsylvania native and resident Steve Ford, known from his work on HGTV shows *Restored By the Fords*, *Home Again With the Fords*, *A Very Brady Renovation*, *Rock the Block* and more, shares his extensive experience with construction and design.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

11 AM: STEVE FORD

Licensed contractor, renovator, author and western Pennsylvania native and resident Steve Ford, known from his work on HGTV shows *Restored By the Fords*, *Home Again With the Fords*, *A Very Brady Renovation*, *Rock the Block* and more, shares his extensive experience with construction and design.

12 PM: DOGGY FASHION SHOW

Everyone loves to see the adorable, adoptable dogs from Canine Rescue of Central PA strutting their stuff in style! Help us to help find their fur-ever homes.



1 PM: MINA STARSIK HAWK

Celebrity guest expert Mina Starsiak Hawk, star of HGTV's popular home renovation series *Good Bones* and *A Very Brady Renovation*, *Rock the Block* and *Battle On the Beach*, shares some of her extensive experience in home renovation (*read more about Mina on page 11*).

2:30 PM: PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS: A YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE FROM TECH SCHOOL INTO INDUSTRY

Bob Brightbill & Chris Patrick, Dauphin County Technical School and Bob Means Plumbing

3:30 PM: HOME OWNERSHIP TIPS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY

Nicholas Feagley (Howard Hanna Real Estate), Nikki Shank (Fulton Bank), and Heather Ebersole (AllState)

4:30 PM: UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF A LOG AND TIMBER HOME PACKAGE

Andrew Harter, Timberhaven Log Homes

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

11 AM: SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIVE GARDEN: INVITE BUTTERFLIES AND GROW MORE FOOD

Join Pollinator Steward and award-winning author and photographer Heather Andrews to learn how to create a low-maintenance, sustainable environment for you, your family and pets.



12 PM: A DISCUSSION OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TRADES

Cumberland-Perry Area Career & Technical Center

1 PM: ASK THE EXPERT PANEL: REALTOR, MORTGAGE, INSURANCE, TITLE

Nicholas Feagley (Howard Hanna Real Estate), Nikki Shenk (Fulton Mortgage), and Heather Ebersole (AllState)

2 PM: UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF A LOG AND TIMBER HOME PACKAGE

Andrew Harter, Timberhaven Log Homes

3 PM: HOW'S YOUR WATER

Nick Roth, Negley's Water



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CANINE RESCUE OF CENTRAL PA

Canine Rescue of Central PA is receiving a portion of the proceeds from purchases made at The Barking Lot pet market to help support their important work in helping dogs in helpless situations. Don't miss the Doggy Fashion Show on the Main Stage Saturday, March 2 at 12 pm to see some of their adorable, adoptable dogs strutting in style!



THE FOUR DIAMONDS FUND & CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Show visitors are invited to donate a book for the Book Bank at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA, to help to build a "library of love." In exchange, they will receive \$2 off tickets at the box office. The children undergoing treatments at the center will be able to enjoy the books together with their families during a difficult time for them.



DAUPHIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND CUMBERLAND-PERRY AREA CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

Trade students from Dauphin County Technical School and Cumberland-Perry Area Career & Technical Center constructed impressive sheds for the show's 'He Shed vs. She Shed' feature, and applied their landscaping skills to the exhibit area. Learn more about the programs offered by these two career and technical high schools serving a total of 24 area school districts and offering programs of study including construction, manufacturing, arts and technology, health and human services, hospitality, transportation and more.



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Welcomes Celebrity Guest Expert

MINA STARSIK HAWK

See the star of HGTV's hit home renovation series *Good Bones* on the Main Stage - Saturday, March 2 at 1 pm

With her keen real estate acumen and strong sense of purpose, Mina Starsiak Hawk is dedicated to the art and the business of saving old homes.

Mina founded the home renovation company Two Chicks and a Hammer in the late 2000s, with the goal of revitalizing Indianapolis one property at a time. She became the star of the hit HGTV network show *Good Bones*, currently in its eighth season. With dozens of homes rehabbed and more than 13 million viewers per season, the show is one of the network's most successful series, and generated the spinoff show *Good Bones: Risky Business* and the soon to air *Good Bones* spinoff where Mina will be renovating a lake house she and her family recently purchased.

Mina has also starred in the popular HGTV series *A Very Brady Renovation*, *Rock the Block* and *Battle On the Beach*, and is developing another new series for HGTV.

When she is not running her business, filming television shows, and working on national campaigns, Mina is a devoted mom to son Jack and daughter Charlotte. She is the author of the kid's book *Built Together*. Mina and her family currently reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Mina shared these tips just for attendees of the PA Home + Garden Show:

What is a fairly easy but high-impact DIY project that you recommend? PAINT! Paint is affordable in the grand scheme of improvements and low risk for problems.

What is one DIY project you tell people to NOT attempt on their own? Anything that can flood or set their house on fire, so no electrical or plumbing.

Is there an older or outdated home trend you'd actually like to see more of? Which one do you hope doesn't come back? I would be happy to never see shiplap again. I love marble; it is timeless and can work almost anywhere with any style.

What's a tool that you find yourself using almost every day, and why? A drill – for hanging art, assembling furniture, hanging curtains.

What's your "absolutely NO WAY, I'm NEVER using that" color? Orange.

What's the most important takeaway or insight you've gained from working on the homes in your *Good Bones* series? Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong. Hope for the best, but plan for the worst. Always budget extra time, money and patience.

What project(s) are you currently working on? Getting my new location of Two Chicks District Co home decor retail store up and running!

SPRING HOME AND GARDEN CHECKLIST

IN THE YARD AND GARDEN:

- Clear flower beds of old mulch and leaves
- Divide perennials
- Plant perennials, cold-hardy annuals and vegetables
- Edge garden beds, walkways and driveway
- Apply mulch, ground cover plants, or materials
- Clean patio / outdoor furniture, and check all surfaces
- Inspect garden hoses, sprinklers, fittings and attachments
- Tune up / charge up mower and other lawn equipment
- Clean and sharpen shovels, pruners, loppers and trowels
- Prune summer-blooming trees and shrubs; plant any new trees and shrubs when ground has thawed
- Lawn maintenance: Rake and remove dead grass, replace with topsoil and seed, fertilize
- Test irrigation systems. If using a timer, reset for Spring weather and sun exposure.

AROUND THE HOUSE:

- Check exterior faucets
- Clean rain gutters and adjust downspouts
- Clean windows and screens; recaulk windows where needed
- Clean curtains and blinds
- Inspect air conditioning, replace filter, and schedule servicing, if needed
- Inspect, repair and reseal wooden decks, fences and railings
- Examine roof, shingles and exterior chimney for winter damage
- Clean out fireplace; have chimney inspected and cleaned
- Swap out heavy comforters and blankets with lighter ones



DID YOU KNOW?

- The average last frost date range for USDA hardiness zones 6b and 7a is April 11-20.
- According to HomeGuide.com, the average whole-house remodel costs \$15 to \$60 per square foot, depending on which rooms need renovating: kitchen and bathroom renovation costs \$100 to \$250 per square foot based on the size and quality of materials, and a complete gut renovation costs \$60 to \$150 per square foot.
- Americans spend most of their investments on home improvements during the months of April and June.
- From Opendoor's 2023 Home Decor Report: Outdated bathrooms topped the list of the biggest turn-offs for 53 percent of prospective home buyers, beating out old carpet (at 49 percent), outdated kitchen features (at 41 percent), textured ceilings (at 32 percent) and outdated appliances (at 30 percent). And updated bathrooms were cited as a higher priority for prospective home buyers than updated kitchen decor, new flooring or appliances, and a well-maintained yard.
- As your home ages, your maintenance costs are likely to rise. Around 80% of US homes are at least 20 years old, and more than 50% of houses in the US were built before 1980.

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HIRING A REPUTABLE CONTRACTOR

by Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg

If you're planning a home project or remodel, hire a professional with excellent credentials. Doing your research upfront is the single biggest step to making sure that the job gets done right. Use this checklist to help you select the right contractor for the job.

- ✓ Do they belong to a builders association? Association members are respected professionals in their communities and have access to the latest industry information and training. They are invested in their profession and are committed to service, integrity and stability. Your local builders association is the best place to start your search.
- ✓ How long have they been in business? It typically takes 3-5 years to establish a financially sound business. Will they be around after the construction is complete to service any warranties?
- ✓ Do they have a permanent address?
- ✓ Will they provide you with references? Great references should not be hard to find for a reputable remodeler who is established. Ask those references if they would hire the contractor again.
- ✓ Have you seen their work? Both completed and in progress?
- ✓ Are they accessible? How promptly do they return your calls? Remember, you will need to be in contact with them throughout your project and possibly afterward.
- ✓ Will they provide a clearly written contract?
- ✓ Be cautious of unusually low priced bids and always get more than one bid.
- ✓ Ask if your contractor builds to Pennsylvania's statewide building code. If they use subcontractors, do they also build to code?
- ✓ Home improvement contractors in Pennsylvania MUST be registered with the Attorney General's office. Although this registration is not an endorsement of the quality of their work, it is the law. Visit the AG's website at attorneygeneral.gov to verify the registration of a contractor.
- ✓ Ask for an insurance certificate to verify current workers' compensation and general liability insurance.

Fun and Fresh Outdoor Living Spaces

By Karen L. Chandler

Now is the perfect time to think about how to make your outdoor living space a true staycation for any day of the week.

Do you have a small space? Lots of homeowners are getting creative and adding small patios and decks to maximize the ways they use even tiny yards. And no matter the size of the yard, large and small covered and screened decks and porches are gaining in popularity to increase the months you can enjoy your outdoor spaces.

What's the biggest trend in 2024? Design experts believe that blending indoor and outdoor living will be the focus this year. Your construction pro can help you blend your interior and exterior spaces with large, glass doorways and floors that blend from indoors to outside using options like stone, wood, and tile. And your décor choices in colors and furniture styles should blend to continue your indoor-outdoor living theme. Think about these year's color trends in nature-inspired shades!

How about cooking al fresco? Outdoor kitchens are still a popular choice for homeowners who enjoy entertaining guests with counters and bars, refrigerators, custom pizza ovens, and built-in fireplaces, all convenient on a deck or patio. An expert contractor can design and build an outdoor kitchen with all the options you need for fun meals ahead.

Are you ready to ditch your plastic patio furniture? 2024 brings growing options for comfortable outdoor seating that doesn't discolor and crack like those rickety plastic chairs. Polyvinyl furniture and resin wicker are comfortable, sturdy, and hold up under harsh weather conditions. And the new performance fabrics give lots of cushion and throw pillow options that tolerate sun and rain for lots of seasons to come.

Do you dream of an inspiring outdoor space? Interesting colors and patterns are big for outdoor living this year. The neutral shades of a few years ago are fading out and being replaced by the colors of summer, bringing to mind a tropical vacation, a cool forest, or cheerful citrus. If 2024 isn't your year to replace your outdoor furniture, play with color in pillows, throws, and a patio umbrella to set the stage on your porch, deck, or patio. If bright tones aren't your thing, natural materials are also big this year, so add some plants and terracotta, jute, and rattan touches to create a relaxed feel.

No matter how you update your outdoor spaces this year, 2024 could be the year to spend some time in your own great outdoors. ■





Create Some Curb Appeal

By Karen L. Chandler

When warmer temperatures come to Pennsylvania, it's the perfect time to head to the front yard and check out your home's curb appeal. If you need some updates or just a fun and fresh look, we have some great ideas for you to try.

Just like the color trends of 2024 are inspired by nature, so are the exterior materials you can choose for your home.

Real Wood, Stone, Brick, or Siding

Incorporating wood into your home's exterior will both warm up the façade and add texture to the design. Think about a real wood front door, garage door, porch posts, or shutters. If you'd like to start small, large wooden planters or warm wood seating options will make a welcoming entrance.

Whether you choose to use stone or brick on your home's exterior, or incorporate it into walkways or other design features, the natural feel of both materials will work in a rustic design or add to a modern feel. Both are the perfect way to add even more texture and interest to the look of siding.

The warm shades of nature are big in this year's siding options, so warm neutrals, off-whites, blues, and greens are right on trend. The perfect blend of neutrals with pops of color will give a ton of curb appeal for your home. Siding has come a long way and the low-maintenance and wide variety of vinyl and concrete siding can be used in an array of home styles giving a long-lasting bang for your buck.

Easy Landscape

Do some research or seek out a landscape contractor to learn which shrubs and plants will be the most low-maintenance and an easy way to keep your curb appeal at its best. Things to know are how much sun and shade are in your landscape beds and how much time you have available to prune, weed, and water. Incorporating an irrigation system is a huge time saver and a great choice to keep the landscape looking fresh during the growing season.

Creating Harmony

If you've chosen some ideas to incorporate into your home's curb appeal this year, you may be looking forward to the warmth of earth tone colors, some attractive landscape updates, and the texture of modern materials. For a final touch, consider adding symmetry to your exterior design by choosing your home's focal point. If it's your front door, paint it a warm color to compliment the home's façade or add large planters on each side in a beautiful color or natural texture. Matching outdoor seating with beautiful throw pillows and cushions can highlight two sides of your front porch. New lighting flanking your front door will also add to your symmetric and harmonious feel.

No matter if you're looking to follow the trends of 2024 or create your own inspiring curb appeal, this spring and summer will be the perfect time to give your home a fresh look that's guaranteed to welcome everyone to your front door.



FOCUS ON YOUR LAWN

By PA Builders Association

Mowing

You can strengthen the roots of your grass by cutting off the top third. If you cut your lawn too short, your grass is susceptible to weed infestation. To keep your grass straight and strong, change direction each time you mow. Put the rake away. Grass clippings and leaves are full of nutrients and reduce your need for fertilizers.

Hydration

An inch of water per week, through rainfall or in combination with irrigation, will produce a verdant lawn. The amount of watering your lawn needs depends on seasonal changes, sun and shade. Plus, many states, municipalities and HOAs have specific rules regarding when and how much residents can water their lawns. The best time to water your lawn is in the early morning or early evening. Generally, there is less wind and heat during those times of the day. Water will penetrate the soil and generate less run-off.

Fertilization

Fertilization encourages leaf growth, reduces weeds and protects the richness of the soil. The amount of nutrients from fertilizer needed depends on the type of grass you have. Apply fertilizer based on your grass variety to avoid damaging your lawn. Most fertilizing packages will provide details on how and when to apply the material. Any unused fertilizer is effective for one year if the material is stored in a sealed container located in a cool, dry place.

Overseeding

Lawns with bare areas can benefit from overseeding. This technique adds grass seed to an existing lawn. New grass installation is recommended if more than half of your lawn is in poor condition. Before overseeding, determine the underlying cause of your yard damage such as weeds or insects to prevent further lawn destruction. The type of seed needed to improve the density of your lawn depends on the variety of grass in your yard.



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2024 COLOR TRENDS ARE NATURE-INSPIRED

By Karen L. Chandler

The top colors this year are all about nature, whether a sandy neutral and brilliant blue to start us dreaming of a tropical vacation, or the deep green of a shady forest.

Follow along for the best of the best and think about how to incorporate the newest colors into your indoor décor and paint. And with warmer temperatures on their way, it's the perfect time to add some trendy shades to your outdoor living spaces.

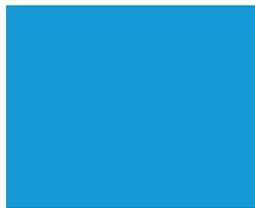
BLUE NOVA BY BENJAMIN MOORE

You'll think of the blue and violet of a summer sunset when you choose Blue Nova. It blends well with warm neutrals and will create anything from a peaceful, moody room to an amazing kitchen island. A perfect shade for outdoor décor.



BLUEBIRD BY KRYLON

An amazing choice for outdoor furniture and décor, Bluebird is the perfect option to pair with bright colors and bright whites, and can create a modern feel.



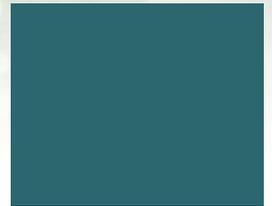
UPWARD BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

Upward is a breezy blue neutral that pairs perfectly with the other neutrals of summer. This new twist on a neutral adds a calming feel to any room and can look either blue or gray depending on your lighting.



BAY BLUE BY MINWAX

This stain will surely make you think of a Caribbean vacation and offers an intense color that can be incorporated into either sophisticated or beachy décor.



LIMITLESS BY GLIDDEN

Warm neutrals are on the scene for 2024 and Limitless is a warm beige, verging on buttery yellow. Limitless can be used in any size area and is guaranteed to make your spaces feel warm and welcoming.



RENEW BLUE BY VALSPAR

A beautiful sky blue, Renew Blue is the perfect addition to give a calm feel to any indoor or outdoor space. A guaranteed winner to pair with warm neutrals and bright whites to give a summery feel all year around.



CRACKED PEPPER BY BEHR

This year's soft black is a grounding, inky shade that suggests the darkest soil in the forest and the bark of a birch tree.



Use Cracked Pepper in décor styles ranging from midcentury modern all the way to rustic farmhouse designs.

PERSIMMON BY HGTV HOME BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

A youthful twist on citrus, Persimmon is a neutral and warm apricot shade sporting pink undertones that is just the right shade add a happy note and a personal touch to any space. Pair Persimmon with other warm neutrals for an amazing living room or bedroom or take it outside for a beautiful front door.



IRONSIDE BY DUTCH BOY

Picture the deepest green in a shady forest and you'll understand the beauty of Ironside. The moody dark olive will create a space that is both sophisticated and cozy.



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Is Your Garage Safe from Intruders?

By Karen L. Chandler

When it comes to having a garage door that is safe from intruders, it's time to think like a burglar. If you can think of a way to invade your home through the garage, someone else can too! Garage doors may not be the most likely place for an intruder to enter, but about 110,000 burglaries occur each year through that access point.

Secure the door.

1. Get a remote opener or use a key code to open your garage door. Doors that open manually are more susceptible to a break-in.
2. Change your garage door code once or twice a year to a new and unused code, especially if you're going on vacation or traveling.
3. Consider turning off the power to your garage door when you're away for an extended period to prevent the door from opening at all.
4. If you keep your garage door remote in your car, be sure it's in a safe place and not visible to anyone looking into your vehicle.
5. If you or your family sometimes forgets to close the garage door, you can install a timer that closes the door every day at a specified time.
6. Keep the door leading to the inside of your home locked in case an intruder does manage to enter your garage. And be sure all your exterior doors and all windows remain locked and secure. Think about keeping ground level windows covered so no one can see what's inside your garage or your house.

Add some lighting.

1. Install outside lighting or motion sensors around the perimeter of your garage, especially near the door and any garage windows. Be sure to light up areas that are sheltered by landscaping and provide a place for an intruder to hide. Even better, remove or cut low any shrubs or trees that create a safe haven for a burglar looking for access.
2. Interior lights are a big help to create an area that's likely to suffer a break-in. Illuminate the interior of the garage

near the doors and windows, and either put those lights on timers or consider motion sensors. There are also lighting options that can be synced to a cell phone and controlled on demand or set to turn on any time the garage door opens.

Consider cameras.

1. Placing a security camera aimed toward your garage is a huge help and can reduce the likelihood of a break-in by about half. Connecting your cameras to your cell phone will allow you to know minute by minute what's happening at home.
2. A camera showing the interior door leading from your garage is an added safety measure on the off chance a burglar does enter the garage and may protect the inside of your home from invasion.
3. Even if you don't have a security system at your home, simply installing security signs in your yard can deter intruders from considering an invasion at your property.

Activate an alarm.

1. Installing a home alarm will let both you and your neighbors know if there's a potential break-in occurring. Alarms are a huge help during nighttime hours or if you're away from the house.
2. Consider contacting a security company to determine what type of alarm system is best suited for you and your property.

Many homeowners leave their garages off their list of concerns when it comes to security. Don't forget to think like a burglar and potentially prevent a break-in at your home.

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