



Thoughts on quality living, from your hometown builder

SPRING 2007



Kitchen Remodels that Change the Way You Live

Kitchen Tour cooks up creative planning ideas!

It's where all great parties begin and end...where hundreds of heart-to-heart talks have transpired...where thousands of meals have been created and consumed.

It's your kitchen, the hub of your home. As a beautiful, functional space, it can add immensely to the richness of your life. This spring, the first annual **Schmidt Homes Inspired Living Kitchen Tour** can help make your dream kitchen a reality.

Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, March 24** to attend this free kitchen planning event, held from noon to 5:00 p.m. at five adjacent Schmidt Homes in southeast Northfield. A highlight will be **Tea Time with Peggy Hanson**, Northfield's resident tea expert. Delectable home-made treats will be served in classic British fashion

all afternoon, with special presentations on the art of serving tea at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. You'll also have the opportunity to talk with kitchen product experts on the latest high-tech features and stunning looks in countertops, appliances and cabinetry.

Best of all, every attendee will receive a **FREE coupon for an unbelievable 60% off Wellborn cabinets** from Schmidt Homes!



Don't miss "Tea Time with Peggy Hanson" on March 24!

We invite you to begin your Tour at 2110 Erie Drive, where you'll pick up a **FREE goodie bag of gourmet tea essentials**. Step across the street to our four Ontario Circle bungalow homes for more inspired planning ideas and complimentary snacks!

Whether you're thinking of remodeling or are in the market for a new home, our Inspired Living Kitchen Tour will give you a first-hand look at exciting trends in kitchen design, from Northfield's hometown builder.

It's All About You!

Today's kitchens are about creating personalized, multifunction spaces...and avoiding high-fashion trends that may or may not fit your lifestyle. As the heart of your home, your kitchen should reflect your individual taste and personality! Eclectic is "in" . . . with top designers blending the unusual and artful into decorating schemes, and mixing and matching wall colors, wood finishes and hardware.

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It's free & fun...

Inspired Living Kitchen Tour

When: Saturday, March 24, noon to 5:00 p.m.

What: Kitchen planning event for remodelers or new home buyers, with presentations on serving tea by Peggy Hanson

Where: Five adjacent Schmidt Homes in Northfield. Take Division Street south to Jefferson Pkwy., go east, then south to 2110 Erie Drive, the first home on the Tour.

★ SPECIAL BONUS! ★

Complimentary British-style tea; free goodie bags; free coupon for 60% off Wellborn cabinets!



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Message from the President

Ahh, Spring...the Season of Rebirth, Renewal, Remodeling!

As I write this, the sun is shining, the snow is melting, and once again – despite five decades of seasonal disillusionment – I begin to believe that spring is around the corner. Come what may, I’m ready for spring...the season of rebirth, renewal, and (for us at Schmidt Homes) remodeling.

Our exciting spring lineup of events is all about how to achieve the kind of transformation in your home that will really *change the way you live*. First on the calendar is our **Inspired Living Kitchen Tour** on Saturday, March 24. Free and open to the public at our models in Hills of Spring Creek and Ontario Circle, it features special presentations on the art of serving tea by etiquette expert **Peggy Hanson**. You’ll sample homemade taste treats, pick up goodie bags, and **receive a FREE coupon for 60% off Wellborn cabinets from Schmidt Homes!**

For women who like wine and roses and chocolate – and most females I know fall into this category – we’ve created a different kind of kitchen remodeling event scheduled for Saturday, May 12, the day before Mother’s Day. That’s when our showroom will be the setting for our first ever **dream kitchen planning party**, complete with free appetizers, kitchen planning advice, and – you guessed it – wine, chocolate and roses. You’ll have ample opportunity to consult with design experts on how to translate your ideas into reality. Our showroom displays of countertops, fixtures and cabinetry will stimulate your imagination with a nearly limitless range of options. Please RSVP this complimentary **Wine, Roses and Chocolate** event today, as attendance is limited! Simply call us at 507-663-0482.

Capping off a great spring is what promises to be one of the blockbuster

events of the year: **Discover Dundas**, scheduled for Saturday, June 23, to coincide with the town’s sesquicentennial celebration. Held in conjunction with College City Homes, this FREE family event will acquaint you with the fast-growing Dundas community, including Schmidt Homes’ Stoneridge Hills neighborhood in the heart of the picturesque Cannon River Valley. We’ll be cooking burgers and hot dogs, have contests and games for the kids, and some great live music. More details to follow, but take my word for it -- this extravaganza will kick off your summer in fine fashion. We’re looking forward to a really great time.

In closing, I’d like to welcome our friends and neighbors to this first issue of *Over the Back Fence*. Our mission is to provide you with conversational “news you can use” on home-related topics that will enhance your quality of life. As I’ve often said, we wouldn’t be in the homebuilding business if it weren’t for the support of this wonderful community. I enjoy serving you as your hometown builder...a job I’ve loved for more than 25 years! Call me directly anytime at 507-663-0482. If I’m out at a jobsite, I’ll get back to you just as soon as I can.

Steve Schmidt
President, Schmidt Homes

Top 10 Reasons to Buy a Schmidt Home Today!

- 10** Limited-time special pricing during Spring Preview
- 9** General housing prices at all-time low – great buyers’ market!
- 8** Many of our standard quality features are other builders’ “extras”
- 7** Quality Schmidt Homes have higher resale value than comparably priced homes
- 6** Personalized customer service that guarantees your satisfaction
- 5** Over 25 years of experience built into every home
- 4** Interest rates are lowest in 50 years – but expected to rise in 2007
- 3** Schmidt Homes are in outstanding family neighborhoods
- 2** 100% Energy Star Certified for energy bill savings
- 1** Waiting erodes your buying power!



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About Peggy Hanson

For more than twenty years, Northfielder Peggy Hanson has been giving presentations on the art of serving tea, a sacred 4:00 p.m. ritual in her own home. Certified in Afternoon English Tea Etiquette at the Washington School of Protocol, Peggy says: "It's so important to slow down, relax and recharge with a gentle ritual such as afternoon tea. There's always more laundry to fold . . . but having this break in your day centers you, connects you with family and friends, and provides the emotional and physical rest to energize the remainder of your day."

The latest trend in open-concept kitchens is to design them with the same quality features as any other room, with ornamental moldings, specialty lighting and furniture-quality cabinetry. Kitchen storage planning has achieved unprecedented levels of customization, with built-in wine racks, innovative drawer organizers and pull-outs.

Sinks, faucets and countertops have taken on a personality of their own, and are available in a multitude of styles and materials. Chef-style cooking equipment remains popular, and bolder colors are making their way into the kitchen palette.

Schmidt Homes' Custom Approach

Our experienced team of kitchen designers and installers builds each kitchen from "scratch" to meet your specific needs. If you're remodeling, we'll help

you keep what you like, eliminate what you don't, and achieve an architecturally and functionally satisfying result. We'll seamlessly integrate the new with the old, as you benefit from having *one* contractor coordinate product selection, ordering and installation.

If you're interested in a new home, our wide range of kitchen and great room layouts and amenities offers luxurious living at an outstanding value. Schmidt Homes' trademark personalized service ensures your satisfaction at every stage of the project.

The Finest Names in Kitchen Design

Take our **Inspired Living Kitchen Tour** and meet the experts behind our high quality kitchen products – from exquisite Wellborn cabinetry to beautiful, durable DuPont Corian and Zodiaq countertops to art-inspired Kohler faucets. We'll also be happy to arrange a complimentary consultation in our Northfield showroom, which displays a wide selection of these and other kitchen products.

Maximum Recommended Humidity Levels to Control Window Condensation

Outside Air Temperature

-20°F or below
-20°F to -10°F
-10°F to 0°F
0°F to 10°F
10°F to 20°F
20°F to 40°F

Inside Relative Humidity

Not over 15%
Not over 20%
Not over 25%
Not over 30%
Not over 35%
Not over 40%

March/April

Seasonal Home Maintenance Tips

- Check and clean mechanical ventilation system (HRV/ERV). Check your manual and follow manufacturers' recommendations.
- Clean or replace furnace filter.
- Clean snow from air intakes, exhausts and meters.
- Remove excess snow from roof to prevent ice dams.
- Check gutters and downspouts and clean if needed.
- Inspect basement/crawl space for seepage or leakage.

- Do safety checks: smoke detectors, fire escape routes, fire extinguisher, carbon monoxide alarms, door and window locks.
- Check and repair any damaged screens.
- Adjust thermostat for season change.
- Observe humidity levels and adjust the setting on the humidistat or air exchanger control as needed to eliminate condensation or frost on windows (see chart).

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