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NARI Remodeled Homes Tour Set for June 3

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**NARI
Remodeled
Homes Tour
Sunday,
June 3, 2012
9:30am-4:30pm**

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at all tour sites. One ticket admits two adults. Tour maps are available at narimadison.org.

If you would like a complimentary ticket to the Tour, please call the TZ office, 241-2967.



The house in the Bay Creek neighborhood was the heart of the family. The tiny 1940's bungalow, while filled with so many happy family memories, did not have a large enough footprint for the kinds of modifications that would make the home safe and comfortable. As is the case with many blended families today, three generations, grandmother, mother, and granddaughter, were living together. They wanted to remake the home to make it more accessible and comfortable for the matriarch of the family, but age and health concerns required a re-thinking of the interior utilizing Universal Design principles.

As plans were developed, it soon became clear that the existing house would not be able to properly accommodate the much needed universal design elements. The difficult decision was made to raze the house so filled with memories and build a new sturdy, energy efficient, safe and comfortable home in its place. This house would become the new heart of the family and a place to make new memories.

This house was built on a lot with tight constrictions in an existing neighborhood. The home's design was intended to blend in with the historic homes in the area. Many elements of the old house were incorporated into the new design, including re-using some interior doors. On the inside are all of the modern conveniences, and it was planned with many universal design concepts in mind.

The landscaping and rain garden will be completed by the Tour. They are taking shape and will be beautiful! The new driveway will complete the exterior updates.

Sadly, just prior to completing the new family home, the grandmother passed away. Now the mother and granddaughter are all settled in. Even though the grandmother never got to live in the home specially designed for her needs, there is comfort in knowing that the home will accommodate their changing needs.



The Bay Creek homestead before (above) and after (below).



The guys truly loved building from the ground up and are sure proud about the work they did for this family.

Join us at the NARI Remodeled Homes Tour set for June 3, 2012. There are 15 sites on the Tour this year. A map of the tour sites can be found at narimadison.org.

We can't wait to show you this special project.



Captain's Corner

Since I have been recuperating from my knee surgery, I've had a lot of time to spend online. Did you know that TZ of Madison has a Google Places and Facebook page? There are two ways you can help us grow our presence on the web—

- 1) Google TZ of Madison and click on Google Places Review. The more reviews TZ has, the higher we will appear in area search results.
- 2) For you Facebook fans, go to the TZ of Madison facebook page and 'Like' us!

In the meantime, I will make sure that each site gets updated with new project photos and news. I look forward to "seeing" you on the web! Woof!



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The Importance of Good Design

by Chris Dietzen, Marling Lumber Company

Everyone knows what they want in their project, whether it is a new home, addition or remodeling. A designer will listen and ask questions until he can put the client's wants, desires and dreams on paper. A good design should have an end result of a seamless transformation where the existing house ends and the new remodeling project or addition begins.

One consideration is whether the project should be universal design (handicap accessible). All of us, as we age, need to make sure that we will be able to continue to live in our homes. A few of the items that can help are wider halls with wider door openings, lower countertops, and accessible showers, etc.

The interior design of your project is one of the most important physical features of your home. It will influence the way you look at and feel about your home. Items that need to be considered are room sizes, the way

the rooms flow together, size and type of windows and doorways, cabinetry and flooring, wall and ceiling finishes. A good designer will help you conceptualize the spaces.

The internet is a great source of information, but not all products that are found on the internet are available in our market area and not all designs can be built in Wisconsin because of weather conditions and building code differences. Designs and products that you find on the internet should be discussed between you and your designer/builder. A good designer will use as many standard materials as possible. Custom materials will add considerable cost to your project.

A good designer can make sure that your plans meet all building codes and your budget. As time goes on, the building codes and energy codes have become more involved and complicated. A good designer will note structural framing and energy efficient materials

and will also review the zoning codes for your property and make sure that your project meets all setbacks and other requirements.

Every client is concerned about keeping their project within their budget. A good design will enable the builder to give them a complete pricing bid with less allowances and a smaller contingency amount because of the amount of information included on the plans. Keep in mind that extra time spent on plans with a designer is much less expensive than having change orders once the project is under construction!

The relationship between a designer, client, and builder is an important one. Your home is one of the most expensive purchases that you will make and will appreciate in value through the years. The design of your project should be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

A great overnight chicken marinade perfect to top the season's spring lettuces. Enjoy!

Grilled Chicken with Spring Salad

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| 1 1/2 cups vegetable or olive oil | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 3/4 cup soy sauce | 1 tablespoon black pepper |
| 1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce | 1 1/2 teaspoons finely minced fresh parsley |
| 1/2 cup red wine vinegar | 4 -6 chicken breasts |
| 1/3 cup lemon juice | Fresh spring lettuces, rinsed |
| 2 tablespoons dry mustard | |

- 1) Marinade Chicken: In a medium bowl, mix together oil, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, wine vinegar, and lemon juice. Stir in mustard powder, salt, pepper, and parsley. Marinate chicken 4- 24 hrs. before grilling. The longer you marinate, the more flavor it will have.
- 2) Grill the marinated chicken until juices run clear. Thinly slice chicken.
- 3) Plate the rinsed lettuces and top with the thinly slice grilled chicken. The flavorful marinade makes salad dressing optional.