



MINNESOTA RIVER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION'S
TOUR OF HOMES

Don't let the deadline pass you by!

**2010 FALL TOUR OF HOMES
REMODELERS SHOWCASE**
Saturday & Sunday, October 9 & 10, 11 AM-5 PM



Registration Deadline is Tuesday, August 17, 2010

*Turn in your registration materials at the MRBA Office
443 Belgrade Avenue, North Mankato*
Home Entry Fee: \$500 for MRBA Members \$1000 for Non Members

Minnesota River Builders Association
443 Belgrade Avenue, North Mankato, MN 56003
Phone: 507-625-7138
Email: mnrba@hickorytech.net

The MRBA Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase is just around the corner. We hope all of you are having a productive 2010 and have homes you would like to enter in this year's Fall Showcase.

Enclosed in this mailing you will find all the information you need to enter your home(s).

Application for Entry Please complete this application and return to MRBA by **Tuesday, August 17.**

One Before Photograph of the project and 2 After

Company Logo

Home Information (see Entry Form)

Please include a list of MRBA members who worked on your home.

Features of the Project Describe your project to the public. Please take the time to fill this out as accurately as possible. Use no more than 100 words. Those that do not meet these criteria will be edited.

Participation Agreement This form must be completed and signed in order to enter a home in the tour.

Insurance An insurance certificate is required for participation in the Tour of Homes. It **MUST** accompany your entry.

Entry Fee \$500 for members
\$1000 for non members
Fee for each additional home from the same builder is **\$250** for members, **\$500** for non members.

We look forward to outstanding Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have regarding the tour.

Amy Scott
MRBA Executive Officer

2010 Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase Participation Agreement

This Participation Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2010 by and between the Minnesota River Builders Association (MRBA) and _____, builder.

The purpose of this Participation Agreement is for the mutual understanding of said Builder and the MRBA for the showing of a house(s) in the 2010 Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase.

The builder agrees that the house(s) entered in said Showcase shall conform to the rules and regulations established by the Tour of Homes Policy Committee for the 2010 Fall Tour of Homes, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of this agreement.

The builder agrees to pay an entry fee of \$500 for members, \$1000 for non members. Fee for each additional home from the same builder is \$250 for members, \$500 for non members. Builder shall forfeit the registration fee if he withdraws his entry after September 7, 2010. After Sept. 7, information will still be included in guidebook and marked "Not Available for Showing". If home is pre-sold, home must be available for showing on Sunday, October 10, if home is to be shown only one day of tour.

A second check in the amount of \$500 for deposit on the signage is required at time of registration.

The MRBA agrees that portions of the entry fees shall be used for the purpose of producing and promoting the Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase to ensure public attendance to the greatest extent possible. All methods of the Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase promotion shall be determined by the Tour of Homes Committee.

Builder agrees to have his/her house(s) open for public showing during the published times of the Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase. The builder agrees that builder or representation of the builder's company MUST be present during all tour hours. The Tour of Homes Committee kindly asks that you respect the public's time and privacy. We require that there be no high sales pitch being conducted during the tour hours. Should you have any questions, please contact the MRBA

"Builder shall at all times during the Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase maintain insurance on the home(s) entered in the Fall Tour of Homes as follows:

1. General Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance against claims for bodily injury, death, and property damage occurring on, in, or about the home(s) and the adjoining streets, sidewalks, and driveways, such insurance to afford protection of not less than \$1,000,000.00 with respect to bodily injury or death to all persons in any one accident and not less than \$250,000.00 with respect to property damage in any one occurrence, or such other amounts in excess of the amounts as set forth above as MRBA shall reasonably request;
2. Such other insurance as MRBA may reasonably request;
3. Such insurance shall be written by companies of recognized financial standing that are well rated by a national rating agency and are legally qualified to issue such insurance in the State of Minnesota, and such insurance shall name as the insured parties, MRBA, or its assigns and Builder, as their interests may appear. Such insurance may be obtained by Builder by endorsement on its blanket insurance policies, provided that (i) such blanket policies satisfy the requirements specified herein and (ii) MRBA shall be furnished with the certificate of the insurer to the effect that (a) the amount of insurance allocable to the home(s) is not less than the amount required by this Participation Agreement and (b) the protection afforded MRBA and Builder is not less than the protection which would have been afforded under a separate policy or policies relating only to the home(s). MRBA shall not be required to prosecute any claim against any insurer or contest any settlement proposed by any insurer, provided that Builder may, at its cost and expense, prosecute any such claim or contest any such settlement, in such event, Builder may bring any such prosecution or contest in the name of MRBA, Builder, or both, and MRBA shall cooperate with Builder and will join therein at Builder's written request upon receipt by MRBA of any indemnity from Builder against all costs, liabilities, and expenses in connection with such cooperation, prosecution, or contest;
4. Builder shall deliver to MRBA promptly after the execution and delivery of this Participation Agreement the original or duplicate policies or certificates of insurers satisfactory to MRBA evidencing all the insurance which is then required to be maintained by Builder hereunder; and

5. Builder shall indemnify and save harmless MRBA from and against any and all liability, loss, damages, expenses, costs of action, suits, interests, fines, penalties, claims, and judgments (to the extent that the same are not paid out of the proceeds of any policy of insurance furnished by Builder to MRBA pursuant to this Participation Agreement) arising from injury or claim of injury, during the term of this Participation Agreement to person or property of any and every nature, and from any matter or thing growing out of the Spring Tour of Homes.”

Violation of Tour of Homes rules and guidelines may result in suspension of future Tour of Homes privileges.

The address of the house(s) entered in the 2010 Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase is (are):

1) _____

2) _____

By signing here the Builder agrees to strictly adhere to the foregoing Agreement and Tour of Homes Guidelines.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Builder/Company Name

Signature

MRBA Representative

Minnesota River Builders Association
2010 Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase
Application for Entry

The information listed below will be used in the tour guide booklet for the Fall Tour of Homes Remodelers Showcase. Please be accurate and specific in your description. (Fill out one entry form for each home.)

Builder/Company Name: _____

Builder: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

FAX: _____ Email Address: _____ License # _____

TOUR ENTRY INFORMATION

Showcase Home Street Address: _____

Subdivision: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Specific Directions to home:

Type of Project (kitchen, bath, family room etc.): _____

Project completion date: _____ (Project must have been completed within the last 18 months)

Home/Project to be shown: Both Days Sunday Only

Is this house handicapped accessible? Yes No

Please return with your contract the following items for your builder page in the guidebook:

1. Description of Project (100 words or less)
2. Photos of Project (Before and After) **Please email photos to mnrba@hickorytech.net**
3. Company Logo, Address, Phone, website
4. List of MRBA Members who worked on this home.
5. Certificate of liability insurance
(If you had a home in the 2010 Spring Tour, MRBA should have a copy of insurance. Please call Amy to check if still current)

TOUR OF HOMES REMODELERS SHOWCASE GUIDELINES

MISSION STATEMENT: The Tour of Homes is dedicated to promoting home ownership and the promotion of local craftsmen, through the use of progressive home designs, coupled with the use of innovative products and ideas, resulting in a positive image of home builders to the community.

The following safety rules and Tour/Showcase Guidelines are intended to help builders display their best work in a safe and consistent manner. Exceptions to any of the rules or guidelines must be pre-approved by the committee board.

Safety

1. All homes must be code compliant.
2. Builder agrees at Builder's expense to carry and maintain adequate liability insurance and will provide proof of insurance to the MRBA prior to the event.
3. All equipment, tools and building debris must be removed from the home prior to opening day (including dumpsters).
4. Stairs must be of a permanent and finished product including treads and risers. Entry stairs must be safe and secure with platform or landing that is code compliant
5. Safety rails and handrails must be conformed to occupancy standards and regulations
6. Must have at least 4' even and level walking path, free of cracks. Must be safe and secure and must be code compliant
7. All garage doors must be installed
8. Garage flooring must be poured – if not, this area must be roped off
9. Basement flooring must be poured – if not, this area must be roped off
10. If patio decking is not completed, the doors must be made inoperable
11. Any doors without proper landing should be made inoperable

13. All unsafe or hazardous materials will be stored in areas not accessible to the public.

14. All wiring and outlets accessible to the public should be turned off at the panel box or installed properly to eliminate shock hazards.

15. There will be no construction going on during the tour hours.

16. Must have natural daylight or household lighting – if too dark applicable areas must be roped off.

17. Must conform to the IRC Building Code.

A project will only be considered completed when these safety rules have been met.

Guidelines

1. All Builders must be in good standing as of July 20, 2010 to be allowed to participate in the MRBA Tour of Homes. Good standing is defined as, but not limited to, paid membership, licensed builder, no legal judgments against them or their company, and a good, honest reputation is upheld. Non members can pay the non member established rate.

2. Each participating builder will be required to sign an application and participation agreement for entry and pay his entry fee on or before the deadline.

3. All Projects will be inspected by the Tour of Homes Committee on Wednesday, October 6. If a home is closed for showing for any reason, notification will be made immediately to the Builder. No refund of fees will be issued after September 7, 2010.

13. Builders may have the following signs displayed outdoors:

- a. Builder's company sign**
- b. MRBA Tour of Homes signs provided by the committee**
- c. Signs of MRBA members who worked on the EXTERIOR finishes of the home**
- d. Realtor's sign if home is for sale and only if realty office is a MRBA member**

14. Interior signs are allowed for businesses that have worked on the project only if they are MRBA members. Builders are encouraged to help keep all interior signs tasteful and uniform. **If a builder wishes to allow a non-MRBA member to display an interior sign he will be charged \$100.00 per vendor.** Non-members can be listed on the builder's own printed material (non-display) with no penalty.

15. Questions and final decisions on all matters of the general policy and the day-to-day operations of the Tour of Homes will be referred to the Chairperson of the Tour of Homes Committee for discussion with the committee and the MRBA.

16. The MRBA and the Fall Tour of Homes reserves the right to accept or deny any application as they see fit.

17. We will have a *mandatory meeting* for all builders participating in the Fall Tour. At this we will hand out money bags, tickets, booties and all signage. Attendance at this meeting is required unless prior arrangements are made with Amy Scott at 625-7138.

Meeting location will be announced.

Thursday, October 7, 8:30 AM
YOU MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING

18. All signage, ticket sale bags and other material must be returned between the hours of 8 -11 AM on Monday, October 11. If you need special arrangements, please contact Amy Scott prior to the above noted date.

4. Each Builder will be required to pay an entry fee for each house entered. A late fee will be charged for homes registered after the deadline. The entry fee and deadline dates will be determined by the Tour of Homes Committee.

5. There shall be an admission charge as established by the Committee. MRBA will furnish the tickets to be purchased. It is the responsibility of the Builders to make sure that a ticket is purchased prior to the public viewing.

6. The remodeling project must have been completed within the previous 18 months from the Showcase registration deadline.

7. All homes must be on their own titled lot and must rest on a continuous block, wood or concrete perimeter foundation. They must have a pitched and shingled roof, residential siding, and have a width of not less than 24 feet.

8. The house should be of excellent exterior design appeal

9. Builder is encouraged to use new and innovative products.

10. It is the Builder's responsibility to have his home open and manned during official tour hours.

11. Builders are encouraged to have their tour house decorated and furnished in at least the living area. The minimum living area is interpreted to mean the living room, the dining room, family room, one bedroom (preferably the master bedroom), and kitchen.

12. In an effort to provide consistency to the public, builders are encouraged to route people in the front door and out the garage if possible. Builders will also be provided with over the shoe booties to alleviate confusion as to whether shoes should be on or off.