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“How-to” workshops help homeowners tidy up for holidays

FORT WAYNE, Ind.— The first-ever Fall Home Design Expo, sponsored by Windows Doors & More, is offering daily home improvement and interior design seminars Friday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue, to prepare homeowners for gatherings in the coming holiday season.

“Now is the perfect time to freshen up the interior look of your home, especially if you’re expecting company or plan on entertaining for the holidays,” said Aaron Murray, manager at Lowe’s Home Improvement off North Lima Road.

Lowe’s Home Improvement staff will host workshops offering tips and techniques on how to be more energy efficient during the wintertime, use paint to add color and style, and how to install do-it-yourself flooring.

The schedule is:

Friday, Oct. 18:

1 & 7 p.m.- Laminate Flooring
2 & 6 p.m.- Painting: Walls/Trim
4 & 8 p.m.- Winterization

Saturday, Oct. 19:

12 & 5 p.m.- Laminate Flooring
1 & 4 p.m.- Painting: Walls/Trim
2 & 6 p.m.- Winterization

Sunday, Oct. 20:

12 p.m.- Laminate Flooring
1 p.m.- Painting: Walls/Trim
2 p.m.- Winterization

Cindy Friend, local interior designer and owner of Cindy Friend Boutique, will also host presentations on “Kitchen & Bath Trends: Why Details Matter” Saturday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m.

Guests will find over 100 exhibitors related to kitchens, baths, carpet, doors, windows, insulation, room additions, home building, mortgages, roofing, decks, cooking, cabinets, refinishing, basements and much more.

Other highlights of the show include the Indiana Wine Experience, presented by O'Daniel Porsche Audi, which takes place Friday, Oct. 18 from 6-9 p.m. and features Hoosier-based wineries, sweet treats courtesy of Fort Wayne Chocolate Fountain, cheese provided by the American Dairy Association of Indiana, art, giveaways and live music by the J Taylors. Daniel's Vineyard will even host a grape stomp in vats holding 2,000 pounds of Noiret grapes.

Santa Claus will emcee a silent auction and fundraiser in which all monies raised will benefit the Fort Wayne Children's Foundation, an organization whose mission is to help prevent child abuse within the community.

Tickets are \$20 per adult (age 21+), and \$30 per couple through www.MemorialColiseum.com.

As part of the Taste of Home Cooking School, culinary specialist Chef Barna will host step-by-step demonstrations on easy-to-prepare seasonal recipes starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 on the cooking stage. Cooks with all levels of experience will have a chance to win door prizes, too. Admission to the Taste of Home Cooking School is \$20 through the Coliseum ticket office, and includes free admission to the Fall Home Design Expo.

Every paid ticket to the Indiana Wine Experience and Taste of Home Cooking School receives free general admission to the Fall Home Design Expo.

Showgoers can stock up on fresh local produce during Fort Wayne's Winter Farmer's Market on Sunday, Oct. 20.

Show hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Fall Home Design Expo admission tickets are \$10 for adults, which includes all workshops. Children 12 and under are free. Advance ticket sales for all events (Fall Home Design Expo, Indiana Wine Experience, and Taste of Home Cooking School) are available through the Coliseum ticket office or online at www.MemorialColiseum.com. Parking is \$5 in the main lot.

Fort Wayne Lowe's Home Improvement stores, and Windows Doors & More will offer \$3 off general admission coupons prior to the show.

For more information, log on www.FallHomeShow.biz.

The Fall Home Design Expo is presented by Coliseum Productions, an Indianapolis-based company that also produces Fort Wayne's annual Outdoor Sports, Lake & Cabin Show set for Jan. 24-26, 2014 at the Coliseum.