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**First-ever Fall Home Design Expo set for Oct. 18-20**

**FORT WAYNE, Ind.**— Homeowners hoping to give their home a facelift will find around 100 home improvement exhibitors during the inaugural Fall Home Design Expo, sponsored by Windows Doors & More, taking place Friday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 20 at Fort Wayne’s Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue.

“Remodeling adds comfort, convenience, value and space to a home,” says Dave Marquart, owner of Coliseum Productions. “So we’ve created a one-stop-shop where homeowners can meet one-on-one with experts, compare high-quality products, and prep for the holidays.”

“Some people are more concerned with basic home maintenance care for functionality purposes,” Marquart said. “While others invest in renovation projects more for appeal or enjoyment, maybe fulfilling their dream home with lavish granite countertops or steam showers.”

“Whatever the reason, home improvements return more at resale, which is why our show has everything you need to start planning,” Marquart added.

A wide array of booths will feature remodeling essentials related to kitchens, baths, carpet, doors, windows, insulation, room additions, home building, mortgages, roofing, decks, cooking, cabinets, refinishing, basements and much more.

Some highlights of the show include:

**Indiana Wine Experience.** Wine enthusiasts can indulge in a lavish wine event, presented by O’Daniel Porsche Audi, featuring wine tasting with Hoosier-based wineries, sweet treats courtesy of Fort Wayne Chocolate Fountain, cheese provided by the American Dairy Association of Indiana, giveaways, art and music by the J Taylors from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. 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.ticketmaster.com/acwmc](http://www.ticketmaster.com/acwmc) or the Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office.

**Taste of Home Cooking School.** Culinary specialist Chef Michael 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.

**Home improvement seminars.** Cindy Friend, local interior designer and owner of Cindy Friend Boutique, will host presentations on “Kitchen & Bath Trends: Why Details Matter” at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. Lowe’s Home Improvement staff will present more than a dozen workshops offering tips and techniques on how to save money and be more energy efficient during wintertime, use paint to add color and style, and how to install do-it-yourself flooring. For the complete schedule, log on [www.FallHomeShow.biz](http://www.FallHomeShow.biz).

**Sunday Winter Farmer’s Market.** Showgoers can stock up on fresh local produce, baked goods, homemade pet treats and enjoy face painting during Fort Wayne’s Winter Market, which relocates to the Coliseum for the first time on Sunday, Oct. 20. “It’s the perfect place to browse showcases, meet contractors, get quotes and leave with some groceries for the week!” Marquart said.

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 general admission tickets are \$10 for adults. Children 12 and under are free. Every paid ticket to the Indiana Wine Experience and Taste of Home Cooking receives free general admission to the Fall Home Design Expo.

Advance ticket sales for all events (Fall Home Design Expo, Indiana Wine Experience, and Taste of Home Cooking School) are available through [www.ticketmaster.com/acwmc](http://www.ticketmaster.com/acwmc) or the Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office. Parking is \$5 in the main lot.

The three Fort Wayne area 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](http://www.FallHomeShow.biz).

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**The Fall Home Design Expo, sponsored by Windows Doors & More, 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.**