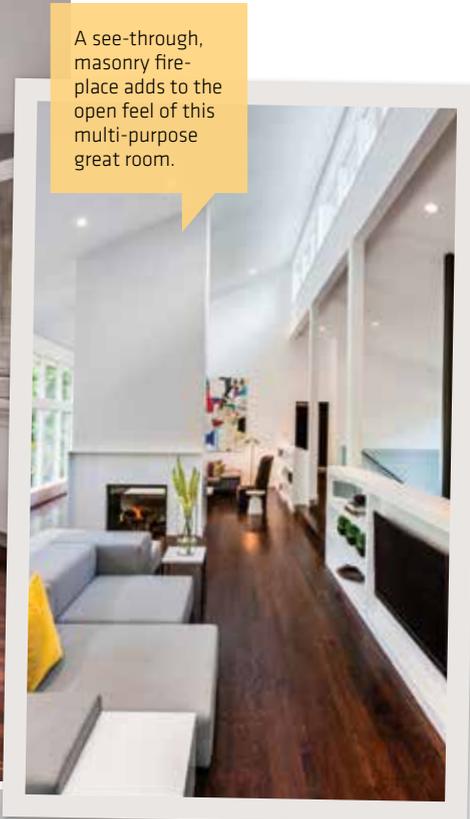


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A see-through, masonry fireplace adds to the open feel of this multi-purpose great room.

Spring Preview

THE PARADE OF HOMES TOUR STARTS MARCH 2—HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK AT A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES.

BY MEGAN KAPLAN



» SUPER MODERN + MULTI-FUNCTIONAL IN DEEPHAVEN

THIS WHOLE-HOUSE remodel brought an outdated 1987 ranch into the 21st century by rejiggering its floor plan to flow for a modern family. “The key idea was not to entirely reinvent or overwork the home, but to simplify it and create

a playful animated place,” says Tim Alt, owner of ALTUS Architecture. The first floor is one big bright-white open space broken up with half walls, peek throughs, and columns, bringing the concept of the “great room” into a new light. In the sunken living room, a low-slung multi-directional couch chosen by owner-designer Suzanne Kickhaefer centers the space and allows for flexible living. On one side, you can lounge in

front of the TV, which is tucked into a half wall, while on the other, you can sit with a glass of wine and look out at the view. A see-through two-story masonry fireplace is a warm grounding feature. The kitchen’s tricky trapezoidal arrangement was solved with a U-shape miter-folded marble counter. “Now it looks and feels more efficient and orderly, like a cook’s kitchen,” says Scott Harris, a senior project manager with Streeter

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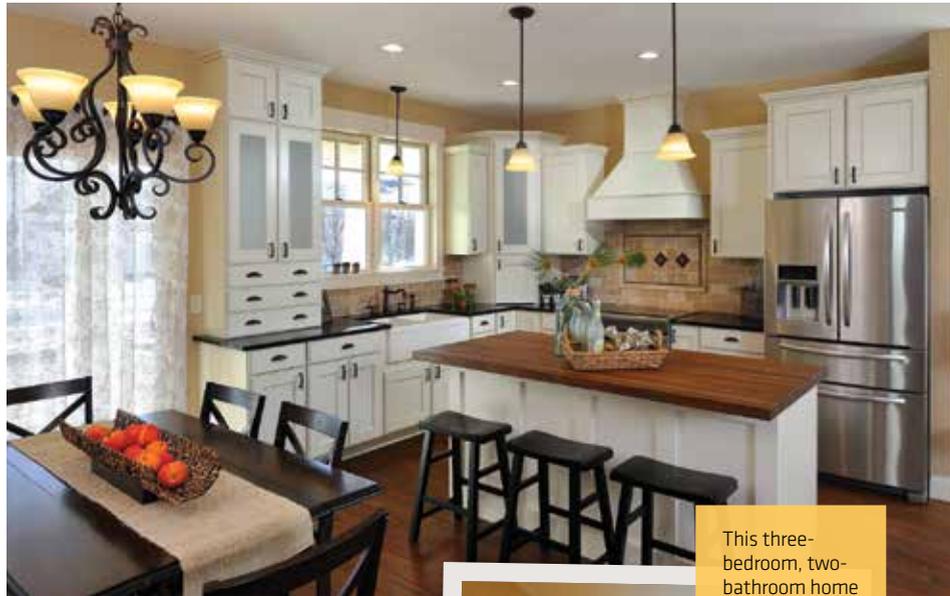
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& Associates. They also added Wolfe, Meile, and Sub-Zero appliances, a prep sink, and white high-gloss cabinets. Every design decision in the remodeling process was carefully considered, so everything has its purpose. Says Alt: “Now this home looks like it always should have.”

EXPERT TIP: When remodeling, “the thing to keep in mind is taking your

existing space and making it live better not necessarily bigger,” says Harris. “Think of your living room as a flexible space and design it in such a way where there is dual-functionality—a place where you could entertain 100 people or just as soon enjoy an intimate night playing board games.”

DETAILS: Located in Deephaven, stop No. R07 on the Parade.



This three-bedroom, two-bathroom home was awarded a MN Green Path certification.

» AFFORDABLY GREEN IN APPLE VALLEY

AIMING TO SET a new standard for green home construction, this three-bedroom, two-bathroom rambler built by Endres Custom Homes was constructed to create a better indoor air environment for a small family without breaking the bank. “We were able to keep costs down by building from the ground-up with energy-efficient construction and sticking to a modest footprint,” says builder Dustin Endres. To prevent water, air, mold, and other toxins from infiltrating, the exterior was wrapped with a continu-

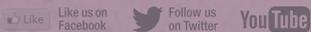


ous thermal mass of insulation. The 1,420-square-foot home, which was awarded a Minnesota Green Path certification, has a contemporary open floor plan, energy star appliances,

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soapstone and black walnut countertops, and eco-friendly details such as 100 percent wool carpeting, non-toxic paint, and LED lighting. There's a lot to feel good about in this little house.

EXPERT TIP: "You don't need to spend a fortune on a green house," says Endres. "Trading in square footage for a smaller home that's built for

high energy efficiency and better air quality will give you a long-lasting healthier home for your family." Keep in mind that even seemingly small decisions can make an impact, such as using non-toxic paint, all-natural carpeting, and energy star products.

DETAILS: Located in Apple Valley, stop No. 233.

» Event Info

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• SEE THE SHOWCASE

During the final Parade of Homes' weekend, you can walk through 60 remodeled homes during the Remodelers Showcase, from 1 to 7 PM on Friday, March 22, and from noon to 6 PM on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23. You'll get a chance to speak directly with remodelers, designers, and homeowners about their high-end bathrooms, gourmet kitchens, and whole-house renovations.

• GO GREEN

More than 100 of the homes featured this spring will be Minnesota Green Path homes—meaning they've been tested for energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality—with features such as geothermal heating and cooling, solar panels, and LED lighting.

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» NEW TRADITIONAL + FAMILY FRIENDLY IN HIGHLAND PARK

IN THE HEART of one of St. Paul's most established neighborhoods, a .66-acre lot has been carved up for three new properties. The first to be finished is this four-bedroom, three-bathroom family home, which fits right into the old neighborhood with its classic shake-and-stone exterior. But

what stands out from the rest is the attached three-car garage and all the interior amenities of a new home—showing what's possible with 3,200 finished square feet on an urban lot. "We're seeing a lot of urban renovation and new construction," says Vince Birdsley, managing partner at Copper Creek. "On this project, I'm most proud of how we were able to combine elements of older homes with newer modern finishes and traffic flows." The floor plan includes a

gourmet pass-through kitchen with one long center island that is open to the family room. A formal dining room tucked in next to it lends a traditional quality to the floor plan. Copper Creek was also able to install an energy-efficient geothermal HVAC system on this smaller lot—proof that green building is going mainstream.

EXPERT TIP: "Get your design-build team together as early in the process as possible—even before making a

purchase on a house," says Birdsley. They will be able to help you figure out whether to tear down or renovate—and might save you a critical—and costly—mistake in the end.

DETAILS: Located in St. Paul, stop No. 25. It's the featured Dream Home on the Parade, so bring a \$5 donation to support those in need. 📍

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