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Fall 2009

EXPO '09 WELCOMES

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Always looking to keep old favorites as well as welcome new faces, the HCBA has lined up three preservation and design superstars to headline this year's Expo: Kelly Edwards of HGTV's "Design on a Dime," Chicago's "Mr. Fix-It" Lou Manfredini and "The House Doctor" Bob Yapp.

HGTV's "do-it-yourself darling," Kelly Edwards transforms lackluster rooms into a unique and striking living space for \$1,000 or less. Kelly also shares home and lifestyle advice with ABC7, the Tyra Banks Show, Cosmopolitan and Good Housekeeping. At the Expo, Kelly will offer innovative, distinctive ideas to turn simple spaces into unique interiors on a budget and sign autographs for fans of stylishly thrifty design.

Back by popular demand, former host of PBS's "The House Doctor" Bob Yapp has been involved in hundreds of home preservation projects. At the Expo, Bob will demonstrate how 'green' technology integrates with home preservation during his workshop, "Preservation doesn't cost - it pays." He'll be on hand throughout the day to answer questions and give one-on-one advice.

Also back this year is Chicago native Lou Manfredini, WGN Radio's "Mr. Fix-It," the star of NBC's HouseSmarts and Ace Hardware's "Helpful Hardware Man." Lou has a reputation not only for building and renovating homes, but also for showing people how each home's systems and components rely on one another. So stop by his workshop for helpful hints from "Mr. Fix-It."

Turning Challenge into Opportunity

The Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo '09

Tough economic times present families with many challenges, but they also present opportunities. And we want to make sure that every Chicagoan - whether or not they own a wonderful Historic Chicago Bungalow - is aware of them. Instead of selling a home or buying a new one, many of you are choosing to stay in your present historic home and just make it better for you.

To make certain you have access to all the ideas and resources available, this year the HCBA has once again teamed up with the City of Chicago to present the Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo 2009. Being held this year on October 17th at the Merchandise Mart (Chicago River at Wells St.), the Expo will offer an expanded number of workshops, exhibitors and "experts" to inspire you and provide expertise and resources to make restoring, preserving and just plain old "freshening" of your home easier.

This year you'll be able to get advice from familiar faces like Bob Yapp and Lou Manfredini and new ones like HGTV's Kelly Edwards whose show "Design on a Dime" is sure to be a favorite in these cost-conscious times. But that's not all. This year, at your request, we've added more workshops on everything from wood preservation to kitchen and bath design; from how to get the most out of your existing energy system to solar and other newer energy saving systems; from how to take out a loan that you can afford to how to obtain State, City, utility company and HCBA grants (see chart on the back of the newsletter for the full workshop list). We're also bringing back the popular "Ask an Architect," where you can get individual counseling on your home rehab project, with other experts at your disposal. New this year, we'll have

a "Mortgage Check Up" desk where you can meet with an HCBA and City of Chicago lending partner who can help you figure out the best way to finance your home and home improvement projects.

Of course, at the Expo you'll also find a diverse array of more than 100 tradespeople, lending institutions and exhibitors showcasing furniture, appliances, heating/cooling systems, rugs, flooring, wallpaper and more.

We know you'll want to be there and we've made registration easier than ever by providing an online registration service. In fact, if you register early online at www.chicagobungalow.org, you will not only have faster entry into the Expo, but you'll also be entered to win a free home energy audit as well as an Energy Star washer and dryer. And of course, as always, admission is free. See you there!

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"ASK THE EXPERTS" AT EXPO '09

This year, the Expo will offer even more ways for owners of historic homes and anyone interested in green living to get all the resources they need. In addition to the more than 100 exhibitors and 20 workshops, the HCBA will be presenting a series of "Ask the Experts" booths – a way for Expo attendees to get personalized help on everything from architectural plans to mortgage payments to home maintenance.

The ever-popular "Ask an Architect" booth will again provide consultation sessions with professional architects with experience in updating historic homes to create more livable spaces while preserving their aesthetic integrity. Visitors can sit down with an architect from AIA Chicago and come away with ideas, advice and drawings to start their Bungalow or historic home project. To get the most out of your session, bring a photo of your home and a survey, if you have one.

In the midst of these tough economic times, many homeowners are taking another look at their home financing. New this year, the Expo will offer "Mortgage Check-Ups" – one-on-one sessions with lenders for homeowners who have questions about their home financing or are looking for professional advice.

Those with questions about historic preservation, rehabilitation and energy-efficiency projects will also have a chance for personalized help. After his workshop, "The House Doctor" Bob Yapp, one of this year's headliners, will be on hand all day to meet with attendees individually and answer questions about their home projects.

So make the most of this year's Expo – bring your questions, problems and concerns and get advice from the experts.

From the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association:

It's been a busy year for everyone, and it is no different here at the HCBA. While the economic downturn has slowed the housing sales market, for us it's meant greater interest than ever in the grants and loans and technical advice that have made the HCBA a valuable resource to every owner of a Historic Chicago Bungalow.

This year much of our activity has centered on making certain Chicago's treasure chest of Bungalows stay in good shape by helping to preserve them both physically and financially. Not only have hundreds of owners certified their Bungalows, but we've also provided more than 300 grants to Bungalow owners throughout the city to make their homes more energy efficient. Now these families are not only more physically comfortable in their homes but also have the financial comfort of reducing their energy bills by up to 30 percent. You'll be able to learn about these grants and a host of other HCBA advantages on October 17th at the Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo 2009. We'll also be presenting the winners of the Fifth Annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards at the Expo. We do hope to see you there.

This fall we'll be "breaking ground" on another Green Bungalow Block, this time in the South Shore community. On the 7600 block of South Cregier, we have purchased one bungalow to be fully rehabbed as an energy-efficient, modernized home while providing energy retrofits and modifications to an additional 20 homes on the block. While the home is under construction, we will use it as a living museum exhibit where you can see first-hand what changes and upgrades are possible in your own home – and the best materials to use in each case.

In the spring, this block will be the focal point of our Spring Bungalow Tours, inspiring us with the innovations that will be made on the inside and the outside of these gems.

Fear not, however; the winter will also be exciting for Bungalow owners with an expanded Seminar Series. Each month the HCBA will hold at least three seminars in different parts of the city on topics that we know are of interest to you. So, no need to worry if you can't attend every workshop you'd like at the Expo, as there's likely to be one on our fall, winter or spring Seminar schedule. And if you don't see the workshop or seminar you'd like, mention it to us and we'll try our best to add it to the schedule. Upcoming seminars are listed on our website; we encourage all Bungalow owners to see what topics are most interesting to them.

As always, we strive to reach out to your community, block club or neighborhood association and offer our assistance to Bungalow owners throughout Chicago. We hope to hear from you as we work together to invest in one of Chicago's neighborhoods' greatest assets – Historic Chicago Bungalows.

Annette Conti
Annette Conti, Executive Director

Attend this year's Expo, October 17th at the Merchandise Mart, and learn more about the companies listed below.* **ADMISSION IS FREE.**



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For more info on the Expo please call 311 or visit chicagobungalow.org.

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*Listed are the companies that are attending as of August 31, 2009.



SEE THE WINNERS OF THE 2009 RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION BUNGALOW AWARDS

Sometimes the best resource for Bungalow owners is other Bungalow owners. Each year the HCBA asks Bungalow owners to submit their interior or exterior Bungalow rehab, preservation or landscaping project to compete for the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards. Prizes are awarded in five categories: Interior Restoration, Interior Rehabilitation, Exterior Rehabilitation, Green Project and Landscape Design.

This year we will be announcing the awards at the Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo and displaying the winning projects (of this and other years) for your pleasure and inspiration.

So see what your neighbors and other Bungalow owners have done, and get inspired to start your own restoration, landscaping or green project. In fact there will be no better time for thinking about your project – at the Expo you'll be able to attend the workshops and meet the exhibitors that can make your Bungalow or other home improvement projects a reality.



Green Bungalow Block: South Shore Goes Green

“Going Green” means many things to many people. To the HCBA it means using energy saving, environmentally friendly technology to save homes and money. To show that ‘going green’ is something that everyone can do in a cost-effective, affordable manner, over the years we’ve sponsored three “green blocks” – one in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood, one in Auburn Gresham and one in the Hermosa neighborhood.



This year we are doing a fourth, and the 7600 block of South Cregier Avenue has been chosen as the site. As has been true with the three previous blocks, the center of the Green Bungalow Block Program will be a ‘model bungalow.’ To this end we’ve purchased a formerly foreclosed home on the 7600 block of South Cregier, which will be fully restored and made energy efficient with generous grants from the federal government through the City of Chicago, and our private partners the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation and Bank of America.

While renovations are being made to the model Bungalow members of the community are encouraged to come and learn about energy efficiency and historic preservation that is easy, affordable and saves money. Other Bungalow owners on the block will also be eligible to receive grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to make their homes more energy efficient. In the past, homeowners have used these grants to replace inefficient heating and cooling systems, repair windows, doors and roofs and – the biggest energy saver of them all – add insulation to attics, walls and basements.

Renovation will begin this fall, and all are invited to tour the model home and see the beginning of the process. Please check our website and sign up for our e-newsletters and e-blasts for more information on the tour dates. With some walls open and construction begun, you’ll be able to think and ask about your own plans for rehab. When the entire home and the rest of the block are completed in spring of 2010, the block will be the site of our yearly Spring Bungalow Tours – giving you a chance to see what can be done to make your historic home more livable.

“We are so excited to restore and rehab such a wonderful Bungalow,” said Executive Director Annette Conti. “Our model Bungalow on South Cregier is a great size and has so much potential for rehab and restoration. We can’t wait to transform it into a home that every Bungalow owner will love and also can afford.”

If the results here mirror those posted by the first Green Bungalow Block, completed in 2002 in the City’s Chicago Lawn neighborhood, the energy savings will be big. The Chicago Lawn Bungalow owners report savings of approximately \$100 per month on their energy bills.

Each year, in partnership with the City’s Department of Environment, Department of Community Development and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, the HCBA distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy savers Grants to aid Bungalow owners in restoring their homes and making them more energy efficient.





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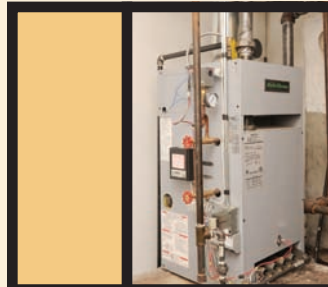
In order to keep up with the changing needs of Bungalow owners, the HCBA is continuously testing innovative and cost effective home rehab methods that help you meet your energy efficiency goals. This year, the HCBA was selected to participate in the Chicago Home Energy Savers (CHES) Pilot Program, which is administered by the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program and funded by Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company customers. This program seeks to achieve a minimum of 30% energy savings in Bungalows with cost effective natural gas technologies, and is currently being tested in 76 Historic Chicago Bungalows across the city.

Barbara Edwards, a five year HCBA member from Greater Grand Crossing, was chosen to participate in the pilot program. A notorious energy saver, Barbara continuously checks her house for air leakage and insulation issues. Every year, she goes through her home and seals her windows with plastic and cork insulation, changes her light bulbs to energy-efficient models and puts rugs under her doors to keep air from getting into her home. She attends HCBA Seminar Series workshops whenever she has the chance and watches home improvement shows for new ideas. "I believe that if you want to maintain your home, you have to work on it – that's what it's all about."

Even so, her bills still reached \$400 a month during the winter.

Now, thanks to the new Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings CHES Program, Barbara has gotten some help to make her home more energy efficient, not to mention more comfortable and affordable to live in. Over the past four months, the HCBA and the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program have worked together to provide Barbara with a full HERS energy audit, insulation and

airsealing throughout her home, a new energy-efficient boiler and even a new low flow shower head to save water. Already, Barbara can feel the difference. "I feel the upstairs staying cooler. I am very excited to have all of these improvements made to my house."



CHICAGOLAND NATURAL GAS SAVINGS PROGRAM

Looking to replace one of your appliances before October 31st? Check out the rebate program that is being offered as part of the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program. For more information go to: www.conservationrebates.com or call 866-964-7345.

The CHES program offers the HCBA the opportunity to collect invaluable data about cost effective energy saving techniques that have the greatest impact on homeowners' energy bills. "It has been such a wonderful experience to work with the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program to make these 76 Bungalows as energy efficient as possible," says Annette Conti, Executive Director of the HCBA. "The work completed under this pilot program will provide us with a better understanding of the most cost effective measures for energy-efficient rehab in existing homes. What's great is that we can use this knowledge and data for our energy savers Grant Program to help the many Bungalow owners who, like Barbara, understand the importance of energy saving."

The CHES program, which runs through the fall, also includes free seminars with information about how to change your habits to save on your energy bills. The seminars will be lead by Brandon Thiele from Chicago Energy Consultants. The next seminar is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 7:00-8:30 pm at Budlong Woods Public Library on the North Side. While all CHES Pilot Program participants are required to attend, the seminars are free and open to the public. Representatives from the Chicagoland Natural Gas Savings Program will also be at the Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo on October 17th at the Merchandise Mart. Stop by their booth for some more information on this and other Peoples Gas programs.

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 12:00 – 1:20 **Bob Yapp** "The House Doctor"
 2:00 – 3:00 **Kelly Edwards** of HGTV's "Design on a Dime"

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