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## **HCBA Announces New “Ask the Experts” at Expo** *Architects, lenders, preservationists and more to offer one-on-one advice*

CHICAGO (September 8, 2009) – With more people than ever choosing to invest in and improve the homes they have rather than buying new ones, this year’s **Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo** being held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Merchandise Mart will be an important place for home owners to find innovative and cost-saving ideas.

Topping the list of places to visit during the Expo will be three “Ask the Experts” areas. Throughout the day there will be experts ready to provide prospective buyers and homeowners with answers to their individual needs and questions. Returning will be the “**Ask an Architect**” area where American Institute of Architect members will provide free consultations on how to update historic homes, add new rooms or convert attics and basements into more usable space. To get the most out of your session, bring a photo of your home and a survey, if you have one. New this year is “**Mortgage Check-Up**” where homeowners who have questions about financing home purchases or rehabs can find trustworthy, professional advice.

In addition, **Bob Yapp “The House Doctor,”** one of this year’s headline speakers, will be on hand all day to meet with attendees individually and answer questions about home rehabilitation and restoration.

Of course attendees will also gain inspiration and knowledge from the 20 workshops and more than 100 exhibitors who will fill the Merchandise Mart’s 8<sup>th</sup> floor – offering everything from arts and crafts furniture and tiles to energy efficient appliances, from restoration services to great deals on financing renovations or fundamental repairs.

Admission to the Expo is free, street and lot parking are available, and the Merchandise Mart can be easily reached by public transportation, with a Brown Line CTA stop immediately in front of the building.

Presenting sponsors of the 2009 Expo include Abt Electronics, Bank of America, Comcast, the Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust and Peoples Gas. Other sponsors include Chicago Association of Realtors, DNR Construction, Inc., Harris Bank, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, Illinois Housing Development Authority, JL Construction and Park National Bank.

For more information on the 2009 Expo, please visit the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association at [www.chicagobungalow.org](http://www.chicagobungalow.org).

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