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Date Set for Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo

Building for the Future by Preserving the Past: October 17, 2009

CHICAGO (February 25, 2009) – Chicago’s largest and most popular home restoration, preservation, and energy-efficient renovation exposition, the Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo, has been scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 10am to 4pm at the Merchandise Mart. The 2009 Expo will feature an expanded lineup of vendors, services, and products for Historic Chicago Bungalows and more. The Expo was rescheduled after the original April date was cancelled.

Created in 2002 as the Historic Chicago Bungalow Expo and expanded in 2006 to include green home renovation resources, this event is continually evolving. Vendors and workshops address the needs of anyone looking to preserve, update, or improve energy efficiency in their home.

As in past years, more than 8,000 attendees will have the opportunity to meet with and view the offerings of more than 150 vendors and service providers, 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.

In accordance with popular demand, this year the Expo is increasing the workshops offered and will have workshop tracks for bungalow owners, those interested in home preservation, home renovations and energy efficiency, as well as specialty workshops on grants and special loans available, interior restoration, and much more. One of the most popular workshops, “Working with an Architect,” will return this year, giving homebuyers and homeowners the chance to meet one-on-one with AIA architects to discuss their ideas and plans at no cost. Also available will be similar sessions held by non-profit and City advisors for those who seek advice on programs available to finance home purchases or renovations. Sessions will include individual “Mortgage Checkups” with finance specialists.

“We are excited to be expanding the Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo to include all of the resources Bungalow owners and others need to preserve and renovate their homes, as well as make them more energy efficient,” said Annette Conti, Executive

Director of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association. “Homeowners and potential homebuyers will find the event to be even more comprehensive than past Expo events.”

Admission 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.

For more information on the 2009 Expo, please visit the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association at www.chicagobungalow.org.

The non-profit Historic Chicago Bungalow Association and the City of Chicago Departments of Community Development, Planning, and Environment produce The Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo. Mayor Richard M. Daley launched the Bungalow Initiative in 2000 to celebrate and ensure the longevity of Chicago’s historic bungalow neighborhoods. By offering owners and potential buyers financial and technical resources to aid in the preservation and acquisition of Chicago bungalows, this program has helped more than 10,000 homeowners throughout the City to purchase, restore, and modernize bungalows for today’s lifestyles and energy needs.

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