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HCBA Announces Expo 2009 Workshop Schedule

Topics to include historic preservation, rehab and financing

CHICAGO (October 5, 2009) – With the **Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo 2009** less than two weeks away, the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association has announced a series of information-packed workshops where visitors can learn everything they need to rehab their homes and make them more energy efficient – including how to get grants and loans to pay for their projects.

Workshops will run all day during the Expo, which will take place on **Saturday, October 17 from 10am to 4pm at the Merchandise Mart**. Topics appeal to a wide range of interests and needs – from “Designing your Dream Kitchen and Bath” to “Greening Your Vintage Home” to “Working with an Architect.” There will be workshops focusing specifically on issues faced by owners of historic homes, like woodworking, avoiding the money pit and historic preservation. For those interested in green living and energy efficiency, there will be discussions on alternative energy strategies and ideas for “going green.” And all homeowners can benefit from the workshops on money-saving tips, interior and exterior design ideas and advice on landscaping and kitchen and bath rehab. The Expo 2009 workshop schedule is:

10:30 – 11:20

Designing Your Dream Kitchen and Bath

Working with the City: Everything You Need to Know about Permits, Zoning and More
Greening Your Vintage Home

11:30 – 12:20

From Doors to Floors: Everything You Need to Know about Woodwork

Avoiding the Money Pit: Lessons in Successful Home Remodeling

Alternative Energy Strategies and the Chicago Green Homes Program

12:30 – 1:20

Working with an Architect

Grants and Loans for Preserving, Restoring and Green Your Home

Whole House Check-Up: Strategies for Saving Green by Going Green

1:30 – 2:20

Metal Work: Arts and Crafts for Every Home
Your Home Improvements: The Financial Steps to Make It Happen
From Garden to Roof: Landscaping Your Home

2:30 – 3:20

Vintage – The Ultimate Recycling: Using What You Have to Get What You Want
Grants and Loans for Preserving, Restoring and Greening Your Home
Whole House Check-Up: Strategies for Saving Green by Going Green

Attendees will also have the chance to hear presentations by our three special guests. At 10:30, Lou Manfredini will present “HouseSmarts: Getting the Most Out of Your Rehab for the Least Amount of Hassle and Money.” At 12:00, “The House Doctor” Bob Yapp will present “Preservation Doesn’t Cost – It Pays.” And at 2:00, Kelly Edwards, host of HGTV’s hit show “Design on a Dime,” will show Expo-goers how to get the most out of their home design.

Also this year, visitors can stop by 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 more than 130 exhibitors who will fill the Merchandise Mart’s 8th 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.

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