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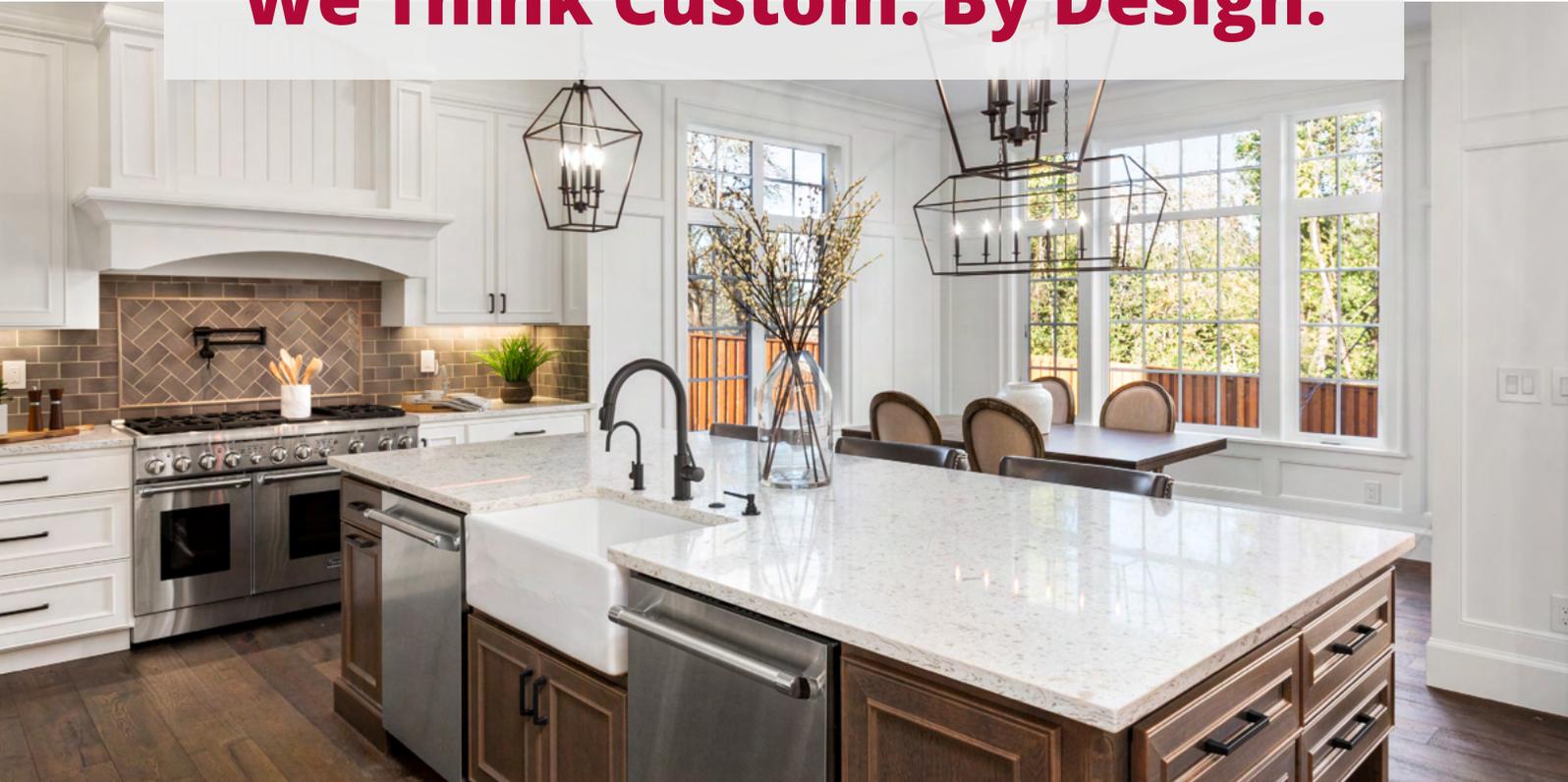
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Letter from the Executive Vice President



Welcome to the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg.

On behalf of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg (HBA), welcome—and thank you for being part of this year’s Home Show.

Whether you are a homeowner planning a future project or a professional working within the residential construction industry,

HBA exists to connect people, elevate standards and strengthen the building community throughout Central Pennsylvania.

Our association proudly represents a diverse network of builders, remodelers and associate members—trusted professionals who are committed to quality craftsmanship, ethical business practices and continuing education. For consumers, HBA serves as a reliable starting point when choosing a professional to build, renovate or improve your home. For those in the industry, HBA provides opportunities to collaborate, grow your business and stay engaged with the issues shaping our profession.

This magazine is part of a broader collection of consumer resources offered by HBA. Our online Buyer’s Guide is designed to help homeowners easily search for qualified professionals by category, service and specialty—making it simple to connect with trusted experts when you’re ready to take the next step. Physical copies of the Buyer’s Guide are also available at the HBA Home Show booth, and we encourage you to stop by, ask questions and learn more about the benefits of working with HBA members.

In addition to the Buyer’s Guide, our website offers a variety of online consumer resources, including tips for hiring a builder or remodeler, guidance on navigating the construction process and educational content to help homeowners make informed decisions with confidence. These tools are designed to support you before, during and after your project—reinforcing our commitment to transparency, professionalism and consumer protection.

Beyond supporting today’s projects, HBA is deeply invested in building the future of our industry. Workforce development and education are central to our mission. Through partnerships with schools, career and technical programs, and industry leaders, we

work to introduce students and job seekers to rewarding careers in construction. Our long-standing Scholarship Program—established in 1987—continues to support students pursuing building-related education, helping develop the skilled workforce our communities rely on.

Another signature initiative that brings our mission to life is the HBA Showcase Home. More than a beautiful home, the Showcase Home is a collaborative effort among our members that highlights innovation, craftsmanship and the value of working with qualified professionals. Proceeds from this project directly support our programming, workforce development and scholarship efforts—allowing the home you tour today to help build opportunities for tomorrow.

As you enjoy the Home Show, I encourage you to explore the resources available through HBA, connect with our members and visit our booth to learn more. Whether you’re planning a project, seeking trusted expertise or exploring a career in the building industry, HBA is here to guide and support you every step of the way.

Warm regards,

Amanda E. Henry
Executive Vice President
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg ■

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SHOW HOURS

THURSDAY March 5: 12 - 8 pm
FRIDAY March 6: 10 am - 8 pm
SATURDAY March 7: 10 am - 8 pm
SUNDAY March 8: 10 am - 6 pm

LOCATION

PA Farm Show Complex, Main Hall*
2300 North Cameron Street (Cameron & Maclay Streets)
Harrisburg, PA 17110

*Enter parking lot through Gate J and you'll be directed to the entrance.

TICKETS

Adults (online through March 4): \$9
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\$4 AFTER 4 PM : Can't spend the day with us? Don't miss out on meeting the exhibitors you need to see! Come after 4 pm at a discounted rate to shop before we close for the day!

Senior Day - Thursday, Mar. 5: Ages 60+ (with I.D.) receive a 50% discount off regular adult admission at the box office. Not valid with any other offers.

Hero Day - Friday, Mar. 6: All active military personnel, veterans, fire, police, first responders, nurses, doctors and teachers receive one free admission (with valid I.D.) at the box office.

Friends & Family Day - Sunday, March 8: After 1 p.m., purchase two tickets for the price of one, and enjoy special family activities such as free face painting for kids.

Book Bank Benefitting the Four Diamonds Fund & Children's Miracle Network: Bring a new book to donate to the Book Bank at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA to help to build a "library of love," and receive \$2 off tickets at the box office (see more info on page 12).

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Welcome to the 2026 PA Home + Garden Show!

Thanks for coming to the 2026 Pennsylvania Home + Garden Show! It's where you'll be surrounded by fresh Spring plants and flowers in the extensive garden area, and where you can connect with the area's top home professionals. All are here to help you achieve your own home and garden improvement goals.

Get some up-close views of displays and features that are designed to inspire your own home projects—this year, you'll find everything from color-rich interiors to innovative living spaces and structures.

You'll also find an abundance of new ideas and valuable tips in the form of advice and insights from our exhibitors, designers, gardening experts and celebrity guests. They are all ready to share their expertise with you!

Local artisans and retailers are ready to welcome you to our specialty markets, too. There you'll find the latest items for your four-legged family members, and fresh plants, flowers and unique decorative items for making your home and outdoor spaces even more special.

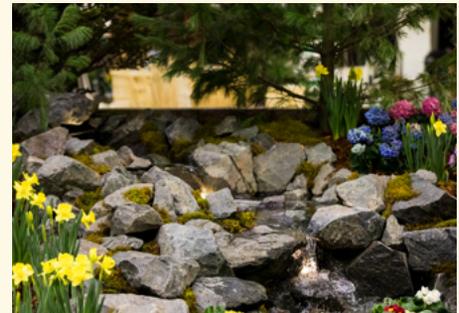
Please make yourself "at home"—we're glad you're here!

Jenna Naffin, Show Manager ■



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FEATURE GARDENS & OUTDOOR LIVING

We brought some of the region's top landscapers—A.H. Reiff Landscape Supply/ QnC Construction, Burdge's Water Gardens, Jesse James Hardscaping and DJR Landscape—to create sumptuous yet practical areas that show how to use some of their ideas to maximize your outdoor living options.



WINE GARDEN

Experience some of the region's best wines while strolling the Garden Area! Juniata Valley Winery's relaxing Wine Garden is where you can sample (and purchase) from a variety of their locally-produced wines.

PLANTS ON THE GROW

Fern, the mobile plant shop from Ashcombe Farm & Greenhouses, is a family-pleaser! Everyone loves to climb aboard to peruse her abundance of Spring plants. She's surrounded by exquisite garden decor and gifts to help bring Spring into your home.



ROSIE THE FLOWER TRUCK

Bring home a bouquet from Palmyra Greenhouse's popular Rosie the Flower Truck! She's filled with fresh Spring blooms and other fun, flower-related items available for purchase. Learn how she has even inspired the children's book, *Rosie and Friends: Adventures of a Red Flower Truck*.

PLANT BAR & GARDEN MARKET

Create your own custom-planted houseplants to bring home! At the Plant Bar by Plantscapes by Design, you can choose from a variety of succulents and other plants, find a pretty pot from a wide selection and top your custom creations with moss or stone. You'll also find a delightful mix of ready-to-bring-home houseplants, one-of-a-kind decor and gift items to shop from.



POTTING SHED PERFECTION

The talented students of Dauphin County Technical School have built a garden/potting shed that is perfect for spring planting! This handcrafted shed will help you grow, organize, and enjoy your garden all season long. Relax beside it after a day in the soil and savor the beauty you've created. **Available to the highest bidder during the show!**



TINY HOME

Built by Students. Built to Work. Students from Dauphin County Technical School Electrical Construction & Maintenance, HVAC, Carpentry and Masonry programs have collaborated to build an 8' x 22' tiny home—complete with fully functioning electrical and water systems. Whether you're looking for a drag-and-drop hunting cabin for two or a simple in-law quarters, this tiny home is a practical and affordable option. Stop in and take a look. Even if this model isn't exactly what you're searching for, custom builds through Dauphin County Technical School may be the perfect solution for your next playhouse, she-shed or specialty project.



WHISKEY BACKYARD

Have fun sampling (and purchasing) Hazard's Distillery's hand-crafted, locally-produced libations and playing some family-friendly backyard games in the Whiskey Backyard.



GROW + GATHER + CREATE

A cozy she-shed for relaxation, a lush greenhouse for cultivating greenery and a versatile studio shed for unleashing creativity—discover how these stylish structures from Stoltzfus Storage Sheds can transform your home into a personal retreat where you can grow your garden, gather with friends and create your next masterpiece.



STREET OF SMALL SPACE LIVING

Small spaces can deliver big potential! See how this curated collection of compact living solutions—a high-end park model, a stylish cabin and a cozy A-frame cabin—can enhance your lifestyle, add value to your property and bring simplicity and sustainability to your life.



SPRING LUXURY PICNIC & TABLESCAPE

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the season with an enchanting Spring-inspired display from Backyard Bliss that blends luxury picnics, elegant event décor and artfully designed tablescapes to inspire gatherings of all sizes. Let their design transport you into a world of stylish get-togethers and seasonal charm—your next beautiful moment starts here.

MAIN STAGE furnished by David's Interiors

Informative presentations by a range of experts take place on the Main Stage throughout the show. Check PAHomeShow.com and show signage for the full schedule of local professionals sharing their valuable insights. Visit the Main Stage to hear from and meet our two celebrity guest experts, who are sure to enlighten your visit:

- **Richard Karn**, who portrayed Al Borland on the hit TV show *Home Improvement* and is a former host of *Family Feud*, on Friday, March 6 at 6 pm and Saturday, March 7 at 11 am
- **Virginia Chamlee**, whose book *Big Thrift Energy* is the comprehensive guide to finding valuable secondhand treasures, on Thursday, March 5 at 5 pm and Friday, March 6 at 1 pm



ASK A DESIGN EXPERT!

Here's a rare opportunity to get some free expert advice about your home design. Have questions about colors, furniture, floor plans, lighting, space solutions or anything else? Just bring them to Abby Fitzgerald, designer and owner of Fitz Haus Interior Design, in the Ask A Designer! Booth #328, where she is ready to assist you!



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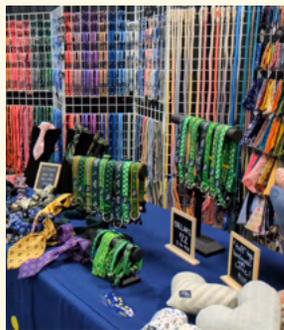
Steal these gorgeous ideas! The expert designers at David's Interiors have created fully-decorated rooms that celebrate rich, saturated hues and layered tones, which are sure to inspire you to embrace color as a statement and turn your home into a masterpiece of bold elegance.



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HARRISBURG'S HOMEGROWN MARKET

We've got your unique shopping opportunity for one-of-a-kind home décor and gifts! You'll find local artisans and retailers offering original artwork, specialty foods and homemade and finely-crafted items in this open market area.



THE BARKING LOT

For your furry, four-legged family members, visit the Barking Lot pet market for all the toys, treats and accessories you'll want to bring home for them. A portion of all sales is donated to Canine Rescue of Central PA, to help it continue to protect and improve the quality of life for homeless dogs. And don't miss the Doggy Fashion Show on the Main Stage on Saturday, March 7 at 12 pm.



Explore additional shopping opportunities located throughout the show!

Special Offers AND EVENTS

Check the show website PAHomeShow.com for the full events schedule. Events take place on the Main Stage furnished by David's Interiors. Presentation times and topics are subject to change.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

SENIOR DAY

All show visitors ages 60 and over receive a 50% discount on admission at the box office (with valid ID).



5 PM: VIRGINIA CHAMLEE

Main Stage presentation by celebrity guest expert, writer, artist and author **Virginia Chamlee**, whose book *Big Thrift Energy* is the comprehensive guide to finding valuable secondhand treasures, followed by a meet-and-greet

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

HERO DAY

All active military personnel, veterans, fire, police, first responders, nurses, doctors and teachers get one free admission at the box office (with valid ID).



1 PM: VIRGINIA CHAMLEE

Main Stage presentation by celebrity guest expert, writer, artist and author **Virginia Chamlee**, whose book *Big Thrift Energy* is the comprehensive guide to finding valuable secondhand treasures, followed by a meet-and-greet

4 PM: THE SOLAR GIRL

Going solar in 2026 and going forward! Learn how solar can save your family money

5 PM: TIMBERHAVEN

Understanding the nature of a log and timber home package

6 PM: RICHARD KARN

Main Stage fireside chat with celebrity guest **Richard Karn**, known to millions of TV viewers from his roles on the hit TV shows *Home Improvement* and *Family Feud*, who will also talk about his carpentry experience and take audience questions, followed by a meet-and-greet

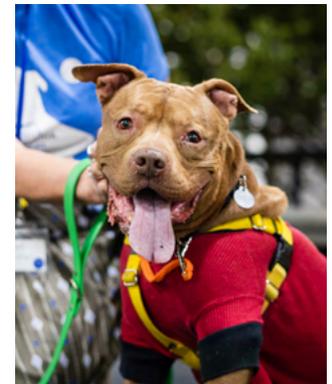
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11 AM: RICHARD KARN

Main Stage fireside chat with celebrity guest **Richard Karn**, known to millions of TV viewers from his roles on the hit TV shows *Home Improvement* and *Family Feud*, who will also talk about his carpentry experience and take audience questions, followed by a meet-and-greet

12 PM: DOGGY FASHION SHOW

Everyone loves to see the adorable, adoptable dogs from Canine Rescue of Central PA strutting their Spring finery in style on the Main Stage! This popular event helps to bring more attention to the sweet pups seeking their fur-ever homes.



1 PM: TIMBERHAVEN

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2 PM: THE SOLAR GIRL

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3 PM: NICHOLAS FEAGLEY, HOWARD HANNA REALTOR

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Bring your family and friends to enjoy 2-for-the-price-of-one tickets after 1 PM and be treated to fun family activities, including **free** face painting for kids!

11 AM: TIMBERHAVEN

Understanding the nature of a log and timber home package

12 PM: NICHOLAS FEAGLEY, HOWARD HANNA REALTOR

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PA HOME + GARDEN SHOW AND THE COMMUNITY

CANINE RESCUE OF CENTRAL PA

Canine Rescue of Central PA is receiving a portion of the proceeds from purchases made at The Barking Lot pet market to help support their important work in helping dogs in helpless situations. Don't miss the Doggy Fashion Show on the Main Stage on Saturday, March 7 at 12 PM to see some of their adorable, adoptable dogs strutting in their Spring finery.



THE FOUR DIAMONDS FUND & CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Show visitors are invited to donate a book for the Book Bank at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA, to help to build a "library of love." In exchange, they will receive \$2 off tickets at the box office. The children undergoing treatments at the center will be able to enjoy the books together with their families during a difficult time for them.



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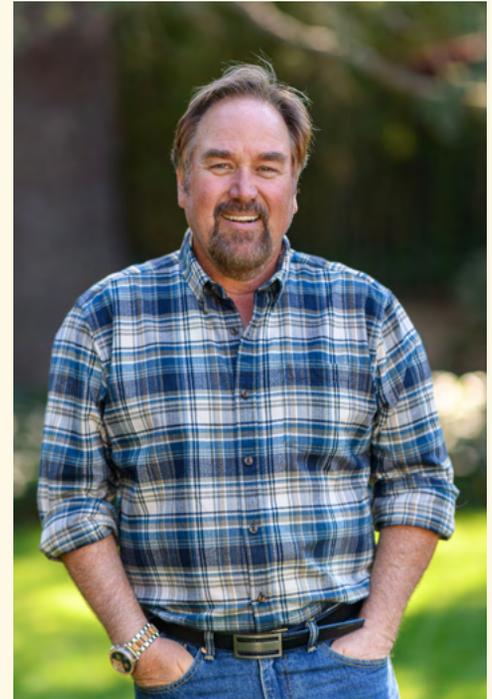
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CELEBRITY GUEST RICHARD KARN

Friday, March 6 at 6 pm and Saturday, March 7 at 11 am

Richard Karn is well known to television audiences for his extraordinary eight seasons performing as “Al Borland” on the long-running hit sitcom *Home Improvement*. He also performed for four seasons as host of the iconic game show *Family Feud* and can be seen on the hit Hulu comedies *More Power*, which reunited him with *Home Improvement*’s Tim Allen, and *Pen 15*.

His other TV performances include *Last Man Standing*, *That ’70s Show* and *The Detroitters*. His film credits include *Air Bud-Seventh Inning Fetch*, *Air Buddies*, *Snow Buddies*, *Gordon Family Tree*, *Mr. Blue Sky*, *Amanda and the Fox*, *The Horse Dancer*, *Horse Camp*, *A Daughter’s Nightmare*, *Picture Perfect*, *The Pooch and the Pauper*, and the Hallmark Christmas movies *Christmas in Mississippi*, *The Perfect Christmas List*, *Check Into Christmas* and *A Dog for Christmas*. His theatre work includes *Shear Madness*, *I Ought to be in Pictures*, *Spelling Bee*, *Aladdin* and his *Winter Wish*, *The Foreigner*, *Losing It*, *Gameshow* and *Me and My Girl*.



CELEBRITY GUEST VIRGINIA CHAMLEE

Thursday, March 5 at 5 pm and Friday, March 6 at 1 pm

Virginia Chamlee is an artist, writer and the author of the best-selling book *Big Thrift Energy*. Her original art and prints are available via Anthropologie, Chairish and Artfully Walls and have been featured in high-end residential projects as well as commercial projects (including in the green room at *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*). Commissions are available, as well.

Part resource, part inspiration, *Big Thrift Energy* is a comprehensive guide that offers tips for thrifting that you never knew you needed, like how to shop for the good stuff, how to upcycle and style vintage treasures in your home and even advice for flipping your most-coveted items to turn a profit.

SPRING HOME AND GARDEN CHECKLIST

IN THE YARD AND GARDEN:

- Clear flower beds of old mulch and leaves
- Divide clumping perennials
- Plant perennials, cold-hardy annuals and vegetables
- Edge garden beds, walkways and driveway
- Apply mulch and/or ground covers
- Clean patio/outdoor furniture; check and repair them, if needed
- Inspect garden hoses, sprinklers, fittings and attachments
- Tune up/charge up mower and other lawn equipment
- Clean and sharpen shovels, pruners, loppers and trowels
- Prune summer-blooming trees and shrubs; plant any new trees and shrubs when ground has thawed
- Lawn maintenance: Rake and remove dead grass, replace with topsoil and seed, fertilize
- Test irrigation systems. If using a timer, reset for Spring weather and sun exposure.

AROUND THE HOUSE:

- Check exterior faucets
- Clean rain gutters and adjust downspouts
- Clean windows and screens; recaulk windows where needed
- Clean curtains and blinds
- Inspect air conditioning, replace filter, and schedule servicing, if needed
- Inspect, repair and reseal wooden decks, fences and railings
- Examine roof, shingles and exterior chimney for winter damage
- Clean out fireplace; have chimney inspected and cleaned



DID YOU KNOW?

- Americans spend most of their investments on home improvements during the months of April and June.
- It is recommended that homeowners set aside 1% (for newer homes) to 3% (for older homes) of their home's value **annually** for maintenance. For a \$400,000 home, this translates to \$4,000–\$12,000 in savings on repairs.
- Home improvement spending was expected to climb from \$472 billion in late 2024 to \$477 billion by Q3 2025, a 1.2% increase.
- The U.S. home improvement market is projected to grow by 10% between 2024 and 2027, reflecting a strong outlook for renovations and maintenance.
- The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) has approved Phase V of the Act 129 program, which is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2026, and run through 2031. This will likely introduce updated or renewed utility incentive structures. ■

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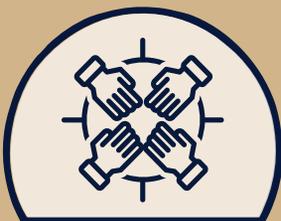
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The demand is especially strong for essential trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, roofing, HVAC, framing and finishing. These careers are the backbone of residential construction and play a critical role in addressing housing needs while ensuring quality, safety and craftsmanship.

What is often overlooked is just how rewarding and accessible these careers can be. Pennsylvania's construction industry supports hundreds of thousands of jobs, with strong wages, long-term stability and clear advancement opportunities. Many entry-level roles begin through paid apprenticeships or on-the-job training, allowing individuals to earn while they learn. In many cases, skilled trade professionals complete their training with little to no student debt and see significant income growth as they advance.

Choosing a career in the building industry can offer a faster path into the workforce than traditional four-year degree programs, lower education costs and hands-on learning from day one. With demand remaining high, skilled trades provide job security, flexibility and the opportunity to work in a field

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At the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg (HBA), workforce development is more than a goal—it is a responsibility. We recognize that some careers within the industry may require more formal training through a college degree. Since 1987, the HBA has proudly supported students pursuing careers in construction and related fields through its Scholarship Program. Each year, the Association awards multiple scholarships to local students based on academic achievement, career goals, involvement in school activities and financial need, with special consideration given to those entering the building and construction industry, architecture, engineering, interior design and related fields.

These scholarships include named awards such as the Howard C. Gale Excellence Scholarship, Wayne Yohe Memorial Scholarship, Dustin Lenker Memorial Scholarship and the Garman Builders Phil Shatto Legacy Scholarship. Together, they reflect the Association's long-standing commitment to investing in education, opportunity and the future workforce. Workforce development is about more than filling open positions. It is about strengthening local businesses, supporting families and ensuring the skills and craftsmanship that define our industry are passed on. Through education, training and scholarship support, the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg is helping build not just homes—but careers, communities and a stronger future for Central Pennsylvania. ■



Scholarship Opportunities

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The Home Builder Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg scholarships are made possible through the generosity of HBA members who believe that investing in education today strengthens the workforce of tomorrow.

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- Applicants demonstrating academic achievement, school involvement, and financial need
- Extra consideration given to students entering construction or construction-related fields

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The Wayne Yohe Memorial Scholarship

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The Garman Builders Phil Shatto Legacy Scholarship

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The Residential Crisis: Building for the Future

Pennsylvania's housing market is under immense pressure; the Commonwealth currently ranks 44th in the nation for new housing production. Research from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Pew Charitable Trusts shows that between 2017 and 2023, new permits for housing were at only 3.4%, while the number of households increased by over 5.1%.

According to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Pennsylvania currently faces a shortfall of at least 100,000 housing units. However, this shortage isn't merely a matter of land availability or permits—it's a matter of personnel. Without more framers, plumbers and electricians, "affordable housing" remains a theoretical concept rather than a reality. This labor shortage is estimated to cost the home-building sector roughly \$10.8 billion annually due to longer construction timelines and lost production.¹

The "Great Retirement" of the Baby Boomer generation is one factor behind this reality. With the median age of Pennsylvania's construction workforce hovering around 42 years of age, the industry is bracing for a massive exit of expertise over the next few years. For every five tradespeople retiring, only one is currently entering the field.

For the next generation, this represents a massive opportunity in:

- **Residential Electricians:** Needed for the surging demand in home automation and EV charging installations.
- **HVAC Specialists:** With the 2026 focus on energy efficiency, technicians who can install and maintain high-efficiency heat pumps are in high demand, with median salaries in PA reaching approximately \$61,120.
- **Carpenters and Framers:** Critical for "starter home" developments and multi-family units that are essential to solving the affordability crisis.

Perhaps the most compelling argument for the next generation is the financial trajectory. In a 2026 economy where traditional four-year degrees often come with mounting debt, Pennsylvania's building trades offer a debt-free path to a secure, prosperous future:²

Trade Occupation	2026 Est. Median Salary (PA)	Training Path
Electrician	\$62,350+	4-5 Year Apprenticeship
HVAC/R Technician	\$61,120	2 Year Degree or Apprenticeship
Plumber/Pipefitter	\$62,970	4-5 Year Apprenticeship
Construction Manager	\$95,000+	Degree or Experience-based



The Shapiro administration and local organizations alike are aggressively tackling this shortage. In early 2026, the state announced over \$15 million in grants specifically for "Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career" programs.

Additionally, the industries are actively working to diversify the workforce, focusing on bringing more women and minority workers into the trades. Currently, women make up about 11.2% of the construction workforce (approximately 4% of whom are in frontline "tools-in-hand" roles)—a 20-year high, but a number that industry leaders are eager to double.

At its core, the building trades are about legacy. A software update might be obsolete in six months, but a home built by a Pennsylvania mason or carpenter will stand for a century. The next generation of workers isn't just filling a labor gap; they are the architects of the state's physical future, building the very foundation of the Commonwealth. ■

Resources:

- 1 *Home Builders Institute (HBI) Fall 2025 Construction Labor Market Report*
- 2 *Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024-2026*



In 2026, the “Tiny Home” is no longer a viral social media trend or a niche hobby for minimalists. It has matured into a sophisticated sector of the construction industry, offering a high-tech, sustainable alternative to traditional housing. Whether it’s a permanent foundation, an “accessory dwelling unit” (ADU) or a mobile retreat on wheels, building a tiny home today is an exercise in architectural precision and intentional living.

The 2026 Blueprint: Efficiency by Design

A tiny home is typically defined as one that is under 400 square feet of living space so every cubic inch is a premium asset. The most successful builds prioritize verticality and multi-functionality:

- **The “Swiss Army” Interior:** Builders are moving away from fixed walls toward modular designs. Think Murphy beds that reveal home offices, or stairs that double as a pantry and closet.
- **Natural Light as a Square Footage Hack:** Architects now use oversized, high-efficiency windows and skylights to “blur” the line between the interior and exterior. This psychological trick makes a small space feel significantly larger.

The Technical Backbone: Building for Performance

Because tiny homes have a smaller thermal envelope, they are more susceptible to extreme temperature swings. Modern standards emphasize “Passive House” principles:

- **Advanced Insulation:** Many builders have swapped traditional fiberglass for Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) or closed-cell spray foam. These materials provide superior R-values (thermal resistance) with much thinner profiles, saving precious interior space.

- **Mini-Split Systems:** The go-to HVAC solution for small spaces is the ductless mini-split. These units are whisper-quiet and capable of heating or cooling a small space for minimal cost.
- **Smart Grids:** Many tiny homes are “solar-ready,” featuring integrated roof-top arrays and compact lithium-battery banks that allow for partial or total off-grid independence.

The “Earn Your Space” Mindset

Building tiny is a philosophical challenge as much as a structural one. It requires a purge of physical belongings, but the payoff is often a degree of financial freedom. With a DIY tiny home build cost ranging from \$35,000 to \$65,000, many tiny home owners end up living mortgage-free—trading square footage for time and mobility.

The Future of Small

In the workshops of the Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS), the future of Pennsylvania’s building trades is taking a compact, yet impactful, shape. As of early 2026, students across multiple disciplines—including Carpentry, Electrical Construction and HVAC—are not just practicing joints or wiring circuits on mock-up walls. Instead, they are collaborating on a fully functional, 8' x 22' tiny home, a project that serves as a masterclass in modern construction and social responsibility.

The project’s impact ripples far beyond the school’s campus in Harrisburg. DCTS has long been a partner in regional efforts to address housing shortages. For example, the school’s work aligns with the broader “Veterans Grove” initiative in Harrisburg—a community of 15 tiny homes built by Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans.

By participating in tiny home builds, DCTS students see the direct human impact of their labor. Their 2026 PA Home + Garden Show model, often auctioned to fund future projects or donated to community partners, serves as a proof of concept: affordable, sustainable housing is possible when a community invests in its local workforce.

Communities like “Veterans Grove” in Harrisburg prove that tiny homes can be a part of the solution to homelessness and urban density issues. Whether you are a student at a technical school or a retiree looking to downsize, the tiny home offers a chance to build a legacy that fits into a much smaller, smarter footprint. ■



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The Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Harrisburg (HBA) is proud to welcome the public back inside an extraordinary home with the return of its Showcase Home in 2026.

The HBA Showcase Home is not held every year, making each one a special opportunity to experience the very best of local homebuilding, design and craftsmanship. The last Showcase Home was presented in 2023, and anticipation is high as the

tradition resumes once again Mother's Day Weekend, May 7-10, 2026.

This year's Showcase Home is a \$2 million+ custom residence built by Roland Builder, located in the scenic Boulder Ridge Estates community overlooking the Susquehanna Valley, just off Linglestown Road in Harrisburg.

A Home Designed for Today's Lifestyle

Thoughtfully designed to balance beauty and livability, the 2026 Showcase Home blends traditional architectural elements with modern sophistication. Warm tones, rich textures and natural materials are layered throughout the home, creating bright, inviting spaces that feel both elegant and comfortable.

Whether you're building, remodeling or simply gathering ideas, this home offers inspiration at every turn—from its layout and finishes to its seamless connection with the surrounding landscape.

More Than a Home Tour

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for families and guests of all ages over Mother’s Day Weekend. The home will be furnished and professionally decorated, showcasing current design trends—and as a unique feature of the event, all furnishings and décor will be available for purchase. Guests can also explore cutting-edge appliances and home technology, connect with participating local vendors, and speak directly with industry professionals who helped bring the home to life.

At the conclusion of the tour, visitors may browse gift items from local vendors and enjoy light refreshments, making the Showcase Home a relaxed and engaging experience for everyone.

A Trusted Builder with a Lasting Legacy

Founded in 1976 by W. Lee and Rosalie Roland, Roland Builder has earned a reputation for creativity, quality and craftsmanship throughout Central Pennsylvania. A second-generation, family-owned company led by President Brent Roland, the firm continues to build custom homes that enrich the daily lives of families while honoring the values on which the company was founded.

“Roland Builder built the HBA’s 2023 Showcase Home, and we are excited to be partnering with them again,” shared Amanda Henry, Executive Vice President of the HBA. “Designed for modern living, this home is a showstopper—offering a thoughtful balance of comfort, functionality and style.”

Brent Roland added, “The Showcase Home is a great opportunity to collaborate with the HBA, highlight quality construction and connect with both industry peers and the community. It truly is a win-win.”

Supporting the Future of the Building Industry

Admission to the 2026 Showcase Home is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to make a voluntary donation to the HBA Scholarship Fund, which helps support students pursuing careers in construction and the skilled trades—investing in the next generation of builders who will shape our communities.

A Must-See Central Pennsylvania Experience

Whether you’re seeking design inspiration, considering a future building project or looking for a meaningful way to spend Mother’s Day Weekend, the 2026 HBA Showcase Home offers a rare opportunity to experience exceptional craftsmanship, local collaboration and inspired design—all in one place.

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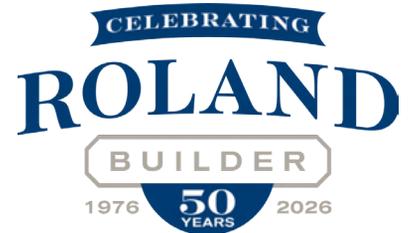
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The Curated Home:

The Modern Art of Thrifting

In 2026, the definition of “luxury home” is shifting. It is no longer about having the newest catalog-ordered sofa or a matching set of mass-produced side tables. Instead, high-end design is increasingly defined by authenticity, sustainability and character. At the heart of this movement is thrifting—the practice of sourcing high-quality, pre-loved items to create a space that feels “curated” rather than simply “decorated.” After all, a home isn’t meant to be a furniture showroom but rather a collection of “treasures” that reflects a life well-lived as well as an eye for quality.

Thrifting for the home is more than a budget strategy; it is a creative pursuit that allows one to bypass the supply chain and invest in craftsmanship that is often missing from modern “fast furniture.” While antiques and vintage items are often viewed as stuffy or intimidating, you can create an inclusive aesthetic where an antique trunk can sit comfortably next to an IKEA bench. Thrifting isn’t simply about saving money—it’s about making your space the “main character.”

The 2026 Strategy: Material over Label

The secret to successful thrifting in today’s market is looking past the dust and focusing on item construction and quality. When you shop secondhand, you are bypassing the supply chain and acquiring materials—marble, solid wood, brass and leather—that would be prohibitively expensive if purchased new today. The thrift store is a great place to find materials that will last a lifetime.

• **The Magnet Test:** Carry a small magnet to distinguish

between solid brass and brass-plated steel. If it doesn’t stick, you’ve likely found solid brass—a material that can be polished back to a mirror finish or left “as-is” with a patina.

- **Identify “Good Bones”:** When scouting furniture, prioritize solid wood with dovetail joints and heavy-grain patterns like burl wood or walnut. Even if the finish is scratched, these “heritage” pieces can be sanded and re-stained.
- **The “Textile First” Approach:** Designers are increasingly using vintage textiles—quilts, handwoven rugs and embroidered linens—as wall art or for reupholstery. These items add a homey warmth that balances out modern, sleek surfaces.
- **Know Your Regional History:** Thrifting is cultural. Central Pennsylvania has a rich history of furniture production from Pennsylvania Dutch folk furniture to Amish Shaker and Mission style pieces. Understanding what was manufactured or popular in a specific region decades ago gives you a roadmap for what to look for.

Curate “The Mix”

“The Mix” involves the intentional blending of eras and styles. A room that is 100% vintage can feel like a movie set; a room that is 100% new can feel like a hotel lobby. The magic happens in the middle, in homes that don’t follow trends but strive to tell the story of the people who live there. Try pairing a chunky, mid-century modern credenza with a contemporary lamp, or placing an ornate, gilt-framed oil painting above a minimalist bed frame. This juxtaposition creates “visual gravity,” making both the old and new pieces feel more intentional.

Thrifting Trends to Watch in 2026

While thrifting is inherently timeless, certain categories are seeing a major resurgence this year:

- **Chrome and Silver:** As brass begins to take a backseat, chrome accents—from barware to chair frames—are flying off the shelves for their ability to add a cool, modern edge to warm interiors.
- **Curvy Silhouettes:** Keep an eye out for 1970’s and ’80’s sculptural furniture. Rounded edges and biomorphic shapes are highly sought after to soften the boxy lines of modern architecture.
- **Still Life and Original Art:** In a world saturated by AI-generated imagery, there is a renewed hunger for hand-painted art. Look for oil paintings with visible brushstrokes and “makers marks” on the back.

Pro Tips for the Hunt

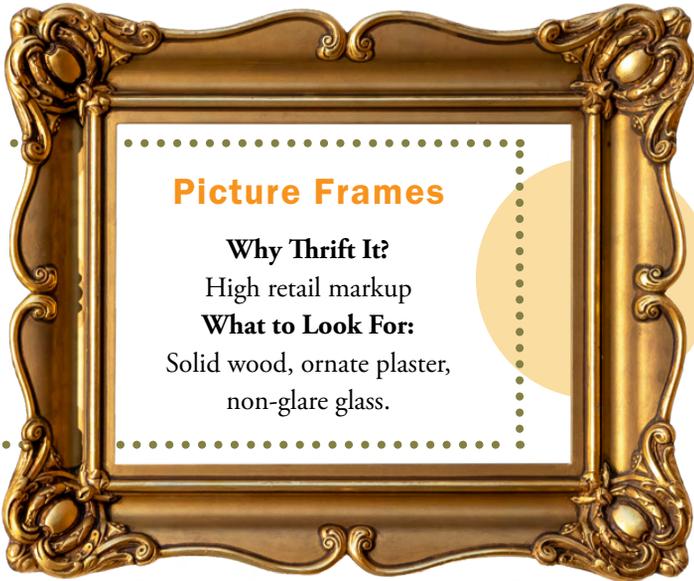
- **Shop the Restock:** Ask your local thrift store manager which days they put out the most furniture. Usually, Monday and Tuesday mornings are prime time after weekend donations are processed.
- **Look for the “Fifth Wall”:** Don’t forget the ceiling and walls. Vintage lighting fixtures (think Murano glass or industrial pendants) and oversized mirrors can transform the scale of a room for a fraction of the cost of new installations.
- **Check Every Section:** High-quality marble bookends are often hidden in the “Office” section, and solid silver platters can sometimes be found buried in the “Kitchenware” bins.



Dining Tables

Why Thrift It?
Exceptional durability

What to Look For:
Solid wood, pedestal bases, extension leaves.



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Why Thrift It?
High retail markup

What to Look For:
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Why Thrift It?
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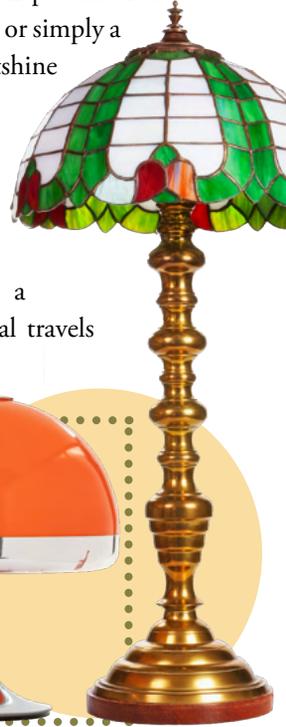
What to Look For:
Murano glass, etched crystal, heavy bottom weights.

The Sustainable Legacy

Vintage furniture is, by definition, sustainable. In a world where “disposable” furniture ends up in landfills within years, a 1970’s marble coffee table is a lifelong investment.

Ultimately, every item you thrift is an item kept out of a landfill. With a bit of cleaning, new upholstery or simply a change of hardware, a secondhand find can outshine and outlast anything found in a big-box store.

By choosing to thrift for your home, you are participating in a circular economy that values history over novelty. A home filled with thrifted finds isn’t just beautiful—it’s a conversation starter, a gallery of your personal travels and a testament to your eye for quality. ■



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A GUIDE TO CENTRAL PA POLLINATORS

Meet the Local Workforce

Pennsylvania is home to a staggering variety of pollinators. While the European honeybee often gets the most press, the Commonwealth is home to over 430 species of native bees, most of which are solitary and incredibly docile.

- **The Powerhouse Bees:** Native bumblebees (*Bombus*) are the “heavy lifters” of Central PA. They are capable of “buzz pollination,” a technique where they vibrate their wing muscles to shake pollen loose from flowers like tomatoes and blueberries.
- **The Monarchs:** Central PA sits directly on the migratory path for Monarch butterflies. These iconic orange-and-black travelers depend entirely on Pennsylvania milkweed to lay their eggs and feed their larvae.
- **The Early Risers:** Mason bees and miner bees emerge as early as March. Because they can forage in cooler, damper weather than honeybees, they are critical for pollinating the state's famous apple and cherry blossoms.
- **The Hummingbirds:** The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is the primary avian pollinator in our region, arriving in late April to seek out nectar-rich, tubular flowers.

Design Your Pollinator Buffet

Attracting these visitors requires more than just a few random flowers; it requires a succession of blooms from spring through fall. In Central PA, plan a garden comprised of at least 70-80% native plants, as these species have co-evolved with our local insects for millennia.

Spring: The “Wake-Up” Call

After a long PA winter, pollinators need immediate energy:

- **Serviceberry (*Amelanchier*):** This native tree provides early-season nectar and later produces berries for birds.
- **Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*):** A hardy perennial that offers bright yellow clusters for small bees and serves as a host plant for Black Swallowtail butterflies.

Summer: The Peak Feast

This is when your garden should be at its most vibrant:

- **Milkweed (*Asclepias*):** Butterfly Weed (orange) and Swamp Milkweed (pink) are essential for Monarchs.

In the rolling hills and fertile valleys of Central Pennsylvania, a quiet, multi-legged workforce is responsible for the health of our forests and the abundance of our farms. From the orchards of Adams County to the backyard gardens of Harrisburg, pollinators are the unseen architects of our local ecosystem. As of 2026, with increasing awareness of biodiversity loss, many Pennsylvanians are looking for ways to turn their lawns into living landscapes. Understanding who these pollinators are—and what they need—is the first step toward building a garden that hums with life.

- **Bee Balm (*Monarda*):** A magnet for hummingbirds and clearwing moths, Bee Balm is famous for its shaggy, tubular flowers.
- **Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*):** A sturdy classic that provides a flat “landing pad” for butterflies to rest while they drink.

Fall: The Migration Fuel

As pollinators prepare for winter or migration, they need high-calorie nectar:

- **Goldenrod (*Solidago*):** Contrary to popular myth, goldenrod does not cause hay fever. Its heavy pollen is a critical late-season food source.
- **Aromatic Aster (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*):** These sky-blue flowers can bloom well into October, providing the “last call” for bees and butterflies.

Beyond the Blooms: Create a Habitat

To support pollinators, think like one. After all, a beautiful garden is useless if the insects have nowhere to sleep or raise their young.

- **Leave the Leaves:** Many of Pennsylvania's native bees nest in hollow stems or under leaf litter. Delay your “spring cleanup” until temperatures are consistently above 50°F to allow hibernating insects to emerge.
- **The “Mud Puddle” Station:** Butterflies need minerals from damp soil. A shallow saucer filled with sand and kept slightly moist will act as a “butterfly bar.”
- **Ditch the Chemicals:** Avoid systemic pesticides, especially neonicotinoids, which can linger in a plant's nectar and pollen for months, harming the very guests you are trying to invite.

A Legacy of Life

Building a pollinator garden in Central PA is an act of local conservation. Whether you have a sprawling acre or a few pots on a balcony, you are creating a corridor of survival for the creatures that sustain us. As your garden matures, you'll find that the most rewarding part isn't just the flowers—it's the vibrant, buzzing community that calls your backyard home. ■



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