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Bailey Nurseries, this year's flower sponsor, is bringing groundbreaking collections like Pop Star Reblooming Hydrangeas to life, redefining gardens with vibrant blooms.

3 DOGS ON PARADE

Mark your cal for Wednesday night's paw-some doggy fashion show! Thinking about adding a four-legged companion to your family? Visit the booth throughout the event to meet adorable, adoptable dogs from Spot's Last Stop.

4 FEAST YOUR SENSES

Snack attack? Swing by the Food & Drink Pavilion for bites from Rollin Nolen's BBQ, Pizza Karma, Kraz'd Foodnatik, and more. Pair it with live tunes from local acoustic artists and let your senses sing!

5 THE ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Don't miss the all-green-clearance event kicking off at 5 PM on Sunday, March 9, just an hour before closing! The space transforms into a lively marketplace packed with plants, trees, and flowers. Grab a bite and snag your faves before they disappear!

6 SIP, PUTT, RELAX

Escape to the TimberTech Backyard Lounge, where outdoor living comes to life! Lounge in cozy chairs, perfect your putt, sip refreshing drinks, and gather stylish ideas for your dream backyard oasis.

7 PLAYHOUSE WITH PURPOSE

A student-crafted playhouse will take center stage, judged by industry experts and auctioned to support Southern Valley Alliance.

8 MAKE IT, TAKE IT

Craft your way into the show with Lost in the Forrest's Make It, Take It workshops—choose from Houseplant 101 or Pot Painting and take home a creation that's uniquely yours!

LATEST AND GREATEST

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

1 PM | AARP, HomeFit: DIY Fixes for Aging in Place

2 PM | Liz Dahl of Closet Factory and Kielyn Simonson of OrgaNice, How Custom Storage and Organizing Come Together



3 PM | CulliganWater.com, Forever chemicals like PFAS have found their way into many wells we rely on for drinking water. Learn about the impact of forever chemicals and what you can do to reduce the risks of PFAS and other contaminants in your household water.

6 PM | Pet Fashion Show Presented by Spot's Last Stop, Back by high demand! The fun event will feature the latest "fashion" for your furry friends, all modeled by dogs that are alumni of the organization or currently up for adoption.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

2 PM | Dave Preble, Tacheny Exteriors, What to Look For on Your Roof That Can Save You Thousands

3 PM | Nick "The Pond King" Needham, Pond King Water Gardens, Transform Your Space with Water: The Ultimate Key to Relaxation, Wellness, and Joy. Discover how water features can create your personal oasis!

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5 PM | Ryan McEnaney, Bailey Nurseries, All About Hydrangeas. Join hydrangea expert Ryan McEnaney for an informative and entertaining session all about hydrangeas!

6 PM | Björn Freudenthal, Homeowner Advisor/VP – New Spaces Design/Build/Remodel, How to Renovate a Classic Minneapolis/St. Paul Period Home. New Spaces' Björn Freudenthal will take you through a homeowner remodeling story showing you the before-and-after transformation of a 1926 classic Minneapolis home.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

12 PM | Jerry Ziemiecki, J3 Renovation, Remodeling Done Right: What Makes a Trusted Remodeler.

1 PM | Liz Dahl of Closet Factory and Kielyn Simonson of OrgaNice, How Custom Storage and Organizing Come Together

2 PM | AARP, Simplify Your Space: Declutter and Downsize

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12 PM | Stephanie Hansen, TV and Radio Host and Cookbook Author, Cooking with Herbs and Creating a Kitchen Herb Garden. From soups to salads, cocktails, and mocktails, you can amplify the flavor in your life with a simple herb garden. Stephanie will share three recipes with her "Top 5" most versatile herbs that even the most novice gardener can grow!

1 PM | Björn Freudenthal, Homeowner Advisor/VP – New Spaces Design/Build/Remodel, How to Create a Master Plan for Your Forever Home. New Spaces' Björn Freudenthal will take you through a compelling homeowner remodeling story showing you the transformation of a 1980s architect-designed home.

2 PM | Chelsea & Cole DeBoer of HGTV's Down Home Fab

Hear from the popular husband-and-wife duo who renovate homes with their unique modern farmhouse style!

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2 PM | Dave Preble, Tacheny Exteriors, Family Constantly Sick? The Hidden Cause Lurking in Your Attic & Bathroom

3 PM | Ryan McEnaney, Bailey Nurseries, New Plants for 2025. Be the first to explore the standout new perennials, shrubs, and trees for 2025! This session highlights exciting new varieties that will soon be available at your favorite garden center.

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WALLS THAT BREATHE LIFE

BY TAYCIER ELHINDI

Incorporating houseplants into your motif isn't just stylish—it's a way of life rooted in beauty and balance. Lost in the Forrest (LITF) plans to inspire plant lovers (and the green at greening) with the Living Wall, an upwards sprawling garden that brings together décor with an element of discovery.

Designed to spark creativity and showcase a variety of unique plant species, Adrian Rossing of LITF says, "Our goal is to provide an educational experience, teaching attendees about plants that fit their unique lifestyles—whether they have pets, kids, or limited space."

The lush setup features a variety of houseplants, from laidback philodendrons and hoyas to rare, statement-making collector plants, each paired with care tips and styling suggestions. Visitors can build a plant wish list, learn practical care tips,



and even shop for new leafy companions at the nearby LITF booth.

And don't worry if you're not some seasoned plant parent. "Give yourself some grace," Rossing encourages. "You're learning a new skill, and it's okay to make mistakes."

With its approachable vibe and immersive greenery, the Living Wall makes it easy to bring greenery into your home, transforming any space into a beautiful, tranquil retreat.

NEW THIS YEAR! LITF invites YOU to join artist Emma Withers in creating "Get Lost," a community mural made up of over 1,000 painted canvases. Be part of this collaborative masterpiece at the Show Entrance!

IMAGE: LOST IN THE FORREST

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FROM STORAGE TO STATEMENT PIECE

Vertical storage, solar lights, and chic interiors: Experts from Shed Village help redefine what a shed can be.

BY MADELINE CISNEROS

Sheds are no longer vessels for stashing tools or a surplus of Christmas wreaths—they're an opportunity to create a functional, stylish extension of the home. At this year's Shed Village, Twin Cities designers are ready to inspire with the latest styles, trends, and creative uses.

Whether you dream of a mini retreat, a gathering place, or a cozy workspace, the pros are on tap to help you bring your vision to life. For those looking to make the most of their garages or pool areas, Pro-Shed offers versatile solutions to declutter and optimize space. "The idea is to help people clear out the clutter from their garages. This way, they can use them for their cars in the upcoming cold months while having a separate space for pool equipment or other storage needs," says Michael Stahl of Pro-Shed.

Dakota Storage Buildings is embracing



the theme "Greenhouse Paradise" this year, showcasing how the right outdoor structure can transform functionality into pure fun. The team's approach? Custom finishes, richly detailed interiors, and eye-catching

exteriors elevate sheds from simple utility to true statement pieces.

"We've been enjoying how our customers have been blending the fun and functional, focusing as much on entertainment and unique uses of the space as they have safe storage," says Reid Vander Veen of Dakota Storage Buildings. "We hope to highlight how our customers have been inspiring us—and each other—with these amazing spaces."

When it comes to building your dream shed, start with a clear purpose and let it guide every decision, Stahl says. To keep things organized, he suggests thinking vertically: Shelves, hooks, and pegboards are perfect for maximizing space and freeing up floor space. And for night owls or late-night tinkerers, try adding solar lights or electrical outlets to keep your shed functional long after dark.

IMAGE: PRO-SHED BUILDINGS



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LIVE MURALS, LIVED-IN SPACES

BY LINDSEY SCHAROLD

Art is the finishing touch for any space. From inviting entryways to living rooms packed with personality, the right pieces of art, photography, and other elements of visual interest are essential to creating a fully fledged aesthetic in your home. It's these artistic accents that set the mood, reflect your individuality, and weave a story that transforms your house into a home.

This year, the Art Walk promises to spark creativity and awaken your artistic sensibilities. Among the highlights is local artist Sander Kolodziej, who will bring his distinctive abstract expressionist style to life through live murals. Delight in his warbly compositions of organic shapes in electric colors, inspired by nature. You could even bring his work into your own space—imagine an original mural that serves as a bold statement piece in your

living room or a conversation starter in the home office!

In an era dominated by screens and digital distractions, Kolodziej emphasizes the importance of keeping original art alive in our homes. As technology continues to blur the lines between the virtual and the tangible, he predicts that handcrafted pieces will become even more rare and valuable—a timeless reminder of creativity's enduring place in the modern world.

Swing by the Art Walk if you're on the hunt for wall-worthy inspo, ready to invest in one-of-a-kind pieces, or simply looking to revel in the artistic energy. Artists Thaddeus L'Heureux and Barrett Lee will also be showcasing their work, adding even more dimension and talent to this year's lineup.



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HOME, HUSTLE, AND HEARTFELT DESIGN

Chelsea and Cole DeBoer are making waves on HGTV with *Down Home Fab*, transforming houses into homes that radiate warmth and character. Inspired by their South Dakota heritage, the couple brings integrity, creativity, and personal touches to every project. Off-screen, they've built a thriving renovation business and launched Down Home by DeBoers, a home goods store reflecting their authentic, down-to-earth style.

For Chelsea and Cole, great design isn't just about looks—it's about heart. **BY TAYCIER ELHINDI**



“ARCHES, CURVES,
WARM WOODS—
THOSE ARE COMING
BACK IN A BIG WAY.”

—CHELSEA DEBOER, *DOWN HOME FAB*

obsession. All-white kitchens are on their way out. We love seeing more warm woods and cozy kitchens.

What role does South Dakota play in influencing your design style? It's a balance of bringing little rustic touches into the design and blending it in with the modern.

What do you hope people take away from watching *Down Home Fab* and visiting your store, Down Home by DeBoers? We hope that they just feel the true love and care we put into each project. We know how big of a deal it is to be a part of someone's home, and we don't take that lightly. Whether it's a big project or just a small piece of décor, we want to create amazing spaces where families will make memories and go through life.

What advice do you have for aspiring designers or entrepreneurs looking to break into the home renovation industry? Don't be afraid to put yourself out there! You have to be comfortable with the uncomfortable. Shoot your shot, take the project you're afraid of, take risks, and stay true to your vision!

How do you approach each new project, especially when it comes to understanding a client's vision and needs? We start every project by getting to know the client and listening to their wants, must-haves, and daily routines. It's also important to find out how they envision themselves living in the space. This helps us then translate their personalities and needs into spaces that feel truly personal and inviting.

How do you blend function with aesthetic appeal in your designs, especially in family homes? Making sure we choose durable materials, smart layouts, and thoughtful details to make sure each room is as practical as it is inviting. Plus, incorporating storage is always a yes when it comes to a family home! You can never have too many spaces to tuck toys away.

How do you stay current with design trends while maintaining your signature style? We're constantly trying to stay ahead of the curve! What we love about the most current trends is that they feel timeless. Arches, curves, warm woods—those are coming back in a big way and are easy to style into any design.

Do you have a favorite room or space to design? If so, why? We love a main suite. The main bedroom and bathroom can be unique from the rest of the house, a space to have fun with the design.

Can you share a recent design trend you love and one you think might be on the way out? We love seeing a moody, color-drenched room. We also love stripes! In tile, in everything—stripes are the current

Catch Chelsea and Cole at the Fresh Ideas Stage on Saturday, March 8, at 2 PM and Sunday, March 9, at 12 PM.

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THE NEXT GENERATION OF DESIGNERS

From sketch to spotlight, Dunwoody students shine at the Tomorrow's Designer Showcase.

BY MADELINE CISNEROS

Ever wonder how a simple sketch transforms into a fully realized product? Get an insider's look at the creative process at the Tomorrow's Designer Showcase during the 2025 Minneapolis Home + Garden Show. Featuring inspired work from talented students at Dunwoody College of Technology, the event will showcase the innovation in home and office essentials.

"We hope that attendees get a clear and informed perspective on the design process and the work and thought that goes into projects made by interior designers, graphic designers, and architects," says Erin Moren, Dunwoody's School of Design fabrication lab manager.

From initial sketches and prototypes to fully functional designs, the exhibit brings the design process to life. Students conduct deep dives into brand research and choose one to drive their designs.

For students, this year's showcase is more than an exhibit—it's a platform to share their hard work with a broader audience, make industry connections, and celebrate their creative achievements.

"I hope that students have a sense of accomplishment and pride in their work and education," Moren says.

To learn more about Dunwoody College of Technology and the next generation of trailblazers, visit dunwoody.edu/design.



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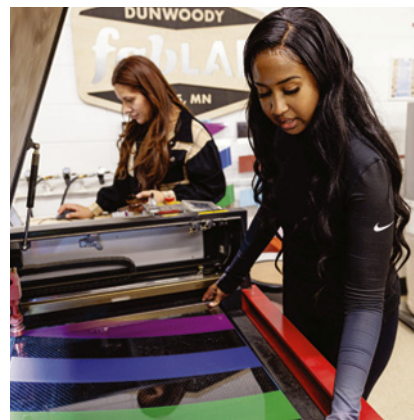



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WHERE FORM AND FUNCTION FIND THEIR FLOW

See how visionary design transforms this year's Idea Home into a sanctuary of inspired living. **BY TAYCIER ELHINDI**

Modern living demands spaces that seamlessly blend function, comfort, and style—an ethos fully embraced by this year's Idea Home. Spanning 2,500 square feet, it's a celebration of "Inspired Living," where trendsetting design meets timeless elegance. Crafted by visionaries like Threshold Architecture, HOM Furniture, Minnesota Rusco, Closet Factory, and Diamond Kote, this home is a master class in transforming spaces into luxurious yet practical sanctuaries. Step through its doors and discover how bold ideas and creative vision have cultivated a new sense of home.

From the inviting front patio to the seamlessly integrated indoor-outdoor living spaces, every detail encourages relaxation and connection while redefining what it means to feel at home. TimberTech's

durable deck materials provide a stylish, long-lasting foundation, while HOM Furniture's Seasonal Concepts collections create cozy conversation areas on both the front and back decks. The front porch, envisioned as a welcoming oasis by Threshold Architecture, features a blend of interior and exterior materials to unify the spaces. In the backyard, a fire table and plush seating make the deck the perfect setting for entertaining and unwinding with loved ones.

Diamond Kote introduces ChamClad, a striking and fade-resistant accent material that complements its virtually maintenance-free finishes, offering a modern yet timeless aesthetic. Threshold Architecture amplifies the harmony between indoors and out, strategically positioning windows to frame outdoor views and create a seamless visual flow.

Minnesota Rusco's expertly crafted windows and doors are central to this design, including a grand four-panel patio door that anchors the living room, opening onto the back deck and blending indoor comfort with the beauty of the natural surroundings. Together, these elements create an exterior that is as durable as it is elegant, embodying the Inspired Living ethos from every angle.

Inside, the Idea Home strikes the perfect balance between luxury and everyday ease. Minnesota Rusco leads the design of the kitchen, incorporating bold cabinetry contrasted with wood tones. The centerpiece is a spacious island, offering ample space for meal prep and social gatherings. With a focus on durability and functionality, every detail supports a busy yet stylish lifestyle. The bathrooms, also designed by Minnesota Rusco, showcase ageless craftsmanship like

a freestanding tub that transforms the primary bathroom into a serene oasis.

Closet Factory breathes life into often-overlooked spaces like the mudroom and closets. The pet-friendly mudroom features hidden pull-out food dishes and a custom bed for furry friends. In the primary closet, warm lighting, hints of champagne tones, and thoughtful organization create a peaceful and lavish space designed to start each day on a positive note.

Threshold Architecture's vision for the home incorporates a dynamic layout that balances "public" and "private" spaces. The open floorplan allows for gatherings of family and friends in the central core, while adjoining rooms provide more intimate retreats for personal time. Lead

architect Nicholas Cowan crafted a layout that effortlessly merges flow and function, with standout details that make the Idea Home both timeless and totally adaptable.

The home's inspired design extends into the outdoors with landscaping that flows naturally from interior spaces, blending modern layouts with lush greenery. From the placement of plants to the functionality of outdoor features, every detail strengthens the home's connection to nature. Outdoor spaces mirror the interior's design palette through intentional color schemes and materials. HOM Furniture's use of rugs, throw pillows, and décor ties the spaces together, while Threshold Architecture's strategic design ensures every outdoor area enhances the home's overall purpose.

Visitors to the Idea Home have the unique opportunity to meet the creative minds behind this year's vision in the Design Center. Industry leaders like Threshold Architecture, Minnesota Rusco, Closet Factory, and HOM Furniture share their expertise, offering personalized advice for home projects. Nicholas Cowan emphasizes the value of collaboration, sharing how the initial design meetings brought together ideas from all contributors. The result is a home that showcases the builders' creativity and innovation, inspiring visitors to unlock their own potential.

The 2025 Idea Home is more than just a house—it's a fresh take on modern luxury, making it a must-visit for anyone seeking to elevate their space.

HOME TRENDS TO WATCH

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I see one-level living becoming more desirable because homeowners are looking to create a space they can live in well into their golden years. A well-designed one-level living plan can offer accessibility, simplicity, cost savings, and reduced maintenance. As visitors walk through the Idea Home, they can experience this floorplan firsthand.” —NICHOLAS COWAN, THRESHOLD ARCHITECTURE



Rendering of this year's Idea Home



“We are seeing an increase in demand for more products to create multiple colors and textures.”

—PATRICK WELCH,
DIAMOND KOTE

“Walls aren't the only things that can be bold: Color washing is the art of making everything in your space—ceiling and all—dipped in the luxurious color of your choice!”

—LIZ DAHL, CLOSET FACTORY



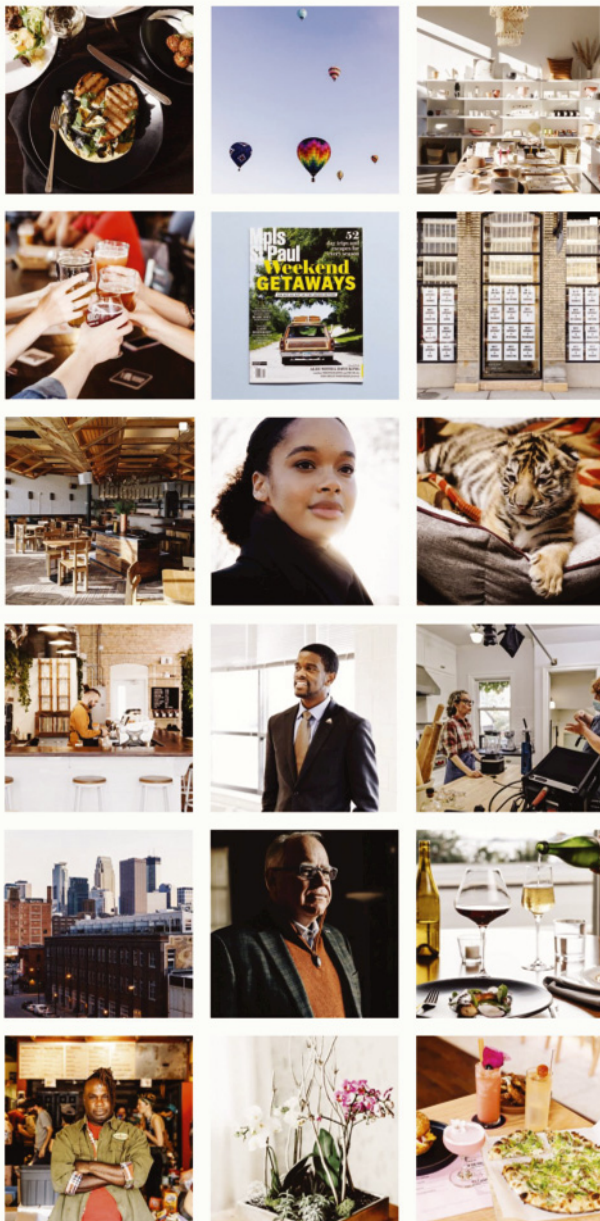
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We're observing a significant shift away from traditional living spaces and toward spaces that reflect individual hobbies, passions, and interests. For instance, if you're an avid puzzle enthusiast, why not dedicate a room to puzzles? This year's whiskey room and wellness room exemplify this trend.”

—TAMI BEITZ, HOM FURNITURE



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DECK OUT YOUR CABIN

Discover the latest in floating docks, boat lifts, and battery-powered tools—your ultimate lake life upgrades—at Up North Escape.

BY MADELINE CISNEROS

From the moment the snow melts, Minnesotans count down to lake season, dreaming of cannonballs into cool, crystal-clear waters. Before diving into cabin fantasies, make sure your Up North essentials are ready. At Up North Escape, Fish Lake Dock and Lift will showcase its aluminum and floating docks and boat lifts, offering free site visits to ensure the right fit for every shoreline.

“We want to be able to show consumers that a dock is a great way to extend your space on the lakeshore and that it can be used as a place to gather and make memories with friends and families,” says owner Greg Prokop. Whether you’re a seasoned cabin owner or new to lake life, Fish Lake Dock and Life’s experts are ready to help find your perfect setup.

Plow World Power Equipment will be showcasing a range of battery-powered tools from Greenworks and Husqvarna, highlighting eco-friendly solutions designed for both home and business use.

“More and more homeowners and business owners are making the switch to battery-operated equipment for its longer lifespan, ease of use, and lower maintenance costs,” says Emily Daniels of Plow World. “They’re also noticing the significant difference in noise levels compared to gas-powered equipment.”



IMAGE: SHUTTERSTOCK/KATHERINE KALMBACH

GREEN THUMB THEATER SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

1:00 PM | Don Smith, *All About Wool Mulching*

2:00 PM | Nilgün Tuna, *Climate-Resilient Gardening*

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2:00 PM | Linda G. Tenneson, *Tree ID*

3:00 PM | Larry Cipolla, *How to Garden Without Tools*

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6:00 PM | Ramsey County Master Gardener, *Planting for Pollinators*

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4:00 PM | Ramsey County Master Gardener, *Gardening with Native Plants*

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BIODIVERSITY IN BLOOM

Turn your garden into a sustainability powerhouse with tips and inspiration from the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. **BY ANYA CAPISTRANT-KINNEY**

In 2025, gardens will bloom with purpose—sustainability and accessibility taking center stage. As extreme weather becomes more commonplace, the need for low-maintenance, biodiversity-friendly gardens is greater than ever.

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) is leading the charge with a showcase that celebrates eco-conscious design, with a focus on bulbs and tubers to promote an affordable, eco-friendly way to grow beautiful gardens. These unassuming plant powerhouses are a resilient and inexpensive alternative to pot-grown plants, requiring fewer resources and less water to thrive. Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or a budding

gardener, this is your chance to discover how small, thoughtful choices can create vibrant gardens that are as kind to the planet as they are to the eye.

"Gardeners are increasingly looking for native plants that provide food and habitat for local pollinators and require fewer inputs, both in terms of water and materials like fertilizer and soil," says Lara Lau-Schommer, executive director of MSHS. "We're also seeing a strong focus on native plants, 'unlawn' to create pollinator-friendly spaces, and urban gardening, where small-scale food production continues to gain popularity."

Lau-Schommer says an economical plant makeover doesn't mean you have to sacrifice quality and beauty.

"Focus on layering your plants by season and combining bulbs, tubers, and bare-root plants for extended blooms," she says. For a continuous display of color around your home, start by layering spring plants and finish with summer favorites.

For now, in the effort to jump-start spring, planting seeds in soil or mini greenhouses in the colder months will give you less work and better results come April. The folks at MSHS plan to provide seeds for outdoor winter sowing at the Green Thumb Theater, where visitors can also pick up tips and insights during scheduled presentations.

These practices inspire gardeners to embrace intentional choices that shrink their garden's carbon footprint, encourage biodiversity, and make their green spaces more climate resilient.



SPACES THAT SING: THE SOULFUL TOUCH OF MICHEL SMITH BOYD

From dazzling TV transformations to reimagined interiors, the virtuoso of luxury design unveils the bold ideas and trends reshaping how we experience home. **BY TAYCIER ELHINDI**

HGTV star Michel Smith Boyd redefines what it means to create spaces with soul. Named a Top 10 African American Designer and one of Atlanta's 50 Most Powerful People, Boyd is known for weaving depth, texture, and individuality into every project. His bold, fresh perspective has set a new standard in interior design. Ahead of his appearance, Boyd shares his journey, his design philosophy, and the trends set to shape the future of our spaces.

In a field that's often about creating beauty for others, what does your own personal space say about you—how does it reflect your personality?

I take big design risks at home prior to introducing clients to new ideas. A constant overflow of ideas makes it so much harder to design for myself. Art truly imitates life—the more I evolve as a man, the better of a designer I become.

From *Luxe for Less* to the *Barbie Dreamhouse Challenge*, you've showcased versatility across your HGTV projects. How do you keep reinventing yourself while staying true to your design ethos?

One of my favorite things about designing for television is the opportunity to stretch creatively. On *Luxe for Less*, we were resourceful about creating hacks to

save money for the nonnegotiable luxuries specific to each family. On the other hand, *Barbie Dreamhouse Challenge* allowed me to embrace pure fantasy, with joy as the main ingredient in every selection. Despite genre or the design brief, my signature style has a way of emerging in the details.

You've been recognized as one of the Top 10 African American Designers in the country. How has your identity and culture influenced your approach to design?

My identity and culture have poised me to shape unique narratives. There's a depth in my layering and a soul in my editorial specific to my lens—I see and celebrate

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beauty differently. My POV hasn't always been prominent or associated with luxury, but its addition has added a texture that was missing from the interior design industry.

How do you approach creating a balance between functionality and aesthetics in your projects?

In every project, we solve all the problems, implement clever ways to hide the solutions, and then make it stunning. A pretty room that's also efficient becomes magical... and gets you invited to the party.

What design trends are you most excited about for the upcoming year, and how can homeowners incorporate them into their spaces?

1970s style is certainly infiltrating design for 2025, and I approach it much like I do fashion. For larger investments, I stick to timeless, classic finishes, while incorporating trends through smaller, easily replaceable details. For example, adding a turquoise pull to a classic walnut cabinet is a nod to what's currently happening in outerwear.

What tips would you offer for refreshing a home without a major renovation?

A room refresh can easily be achieved by updating your area rug, wall finishes, and drapery. As the décor foundation, new selections in each category can immediately lift the mood of your space and breathe life into the existing furniture. An accessory edit is also a fun and effective way to create a new narrative.

What are you most looking forward to seeing at this year's Home + Garden Show in Minneapolis?

I'm looking forward to meeting regional vendors with specialty products that I can only resource at the Home and Garden Show. I love hearing the stories that ignite passion and inspire beautiful craftsmanship.

Catch Michel Smith Boyd at the Fresh Ideas Stage on Friday, March 7, at 4 PM and Saturday, March 8, at 11 AM!

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STEP INTO THE NEXT ERA OF OUTDOOR POSSIBILITIES

From English gardens and hillside retreats to outdoor kitchens and eco-friendly plunge pools, the Feature Gardens showcase stunning displays by top local landscapers—offering endless ideas for your next backyard transformation.

BY ANYA CAPISTRANT-KINNEY

MICKMAN BROTHERS

Choosing a theme is key to cultivating your dream feature garden, says Paul Mayhew of Mickman Brothers. It can be used to create quality outdoor experiences with friends and family, particularly with the addition of an outdoor kitchen, patio, or firepit for an unforgettable get-together—or for a relaxing solo experience during stressful times.

“Working with a theme helps guide us and keeps us focused on the design of the garden,” he says. “Ask yourself, ‘How do I want people to interact with this space?’”

Mayhew plans to give showgoers a glimpse into a sophisticated Minnesota backyard getaway. Inspired by the bustling arts, theater, and sports communities



of the Twin Cities, Mayhew’s design will feature a raised patio, sunken gardens, and a covered cabana.

OFLORA GARDENS

Under the theme “English Gardens,” Oflorea will feature a striking stone moon gate leading to a formal patterned garden with boxwood hedges, conifers, a 25-foot weeping giant sequoia, and a rock garden. Highlights include a living pergola adorned with weeping Scotch pines and hanging lights, creating a dramatic, enchanting atmosphere.

Owner Bill Swanson hopes to inspire showgoers to incorporate aspects of the display into their own gardens, empha-



sizing inviting patios layered with plant textures and water features to create a sense of privacy.

HOLM AND OLSON

Jack Dorcey of Holm and Olson is conceptualizing an outdoor living space for a hillside yard. His terraced garden display will feature a stylish walk-up bar and a fiber-glass pool—an eco-friendly, algae-resistant alternative to traditional in-ground pools. Visitors can relax on low-maintenance, comfortable furniture while enjoying the warmth of a fire feature, making this space both functional and inviting.

The hillside staircase will come to life with vibrant tulips and blossoming crab apple trees, creating the ultimate spring-time display. Towering spruce and pine trees enhance the ambiance, making visitors feel “completely transported from Minneapolis’s frigid weather,” Dorcey says.



TRACER POOL AND LANDSCAPE

Tracer Pool and Landscape is known for turning backyard dreams into reality, combining innovative design with expert craftsmanship. Specializing in custom pools and landscapes, its full-service approach ensures a seamless journey from concept to completion, whether it’s a luxurious pool, an outdoor kitchen, or a peaceful retreat.

David Ruoho of Tracer Pool and Landscape invites attendees to step into the Showcase Backyard Landscape. Meet the team, explore creative design ideas, and start planning a personalized outdoor space.



STONEWALL

Justin Ferrin of Stonewall predicts that 2025 backyard trends will emphasize boulders for a natural look and erosion control. Not only do they offer a natural, organic look, but they also serve as an effective alternative to concrete blocks or bricks for preventing land erosion on slopes.

At the show, Stonewall’s theme will



showcase 100 tons of boulders arranged in a rustic, natural setting. The display will feature small planting pockets nestled around the boulders, offering attendees inspiration for integrating greenery into their own landscapes. "I hope showgoers leave with plenty of ideas and feel excited to incorporate boulders into their landscaping this season," Ferrin says.

ARVOLD LANDSCAPING AND DESIGN

Owner Nathan Arvold says his team has spent months planning and sourcing materials for their show-stopping display centered on outdoor entertaining.

Visitors can expect an outdoor kitchen, dining area, fire pit, sauna, and a plant-filtered plunge pool. Unlike traditional pools, naturally filtered pools use biological systems, like shale, to encourage algae-eating bacteria, creating a sustainable and eco-friendly option.



Looking ahead to 2025, Arvold predicts that clean lines and contrasting materials, like weathering steel, will dominate landscaping trends. Perfect for raised gardens, weathering steel (also known as corten) develops a natural rust layer over time, eliminating the need for paint while offering a bold, industrial aesthetic.

SCULPTURED EARTH

The team at Sculptured Earth emphasizes the importance of personalizing your feature garden by working with your yard's natural design and incorporating elements that feel authentic. Key trends for 2025 include sustainable landscaping, outdoor living spaces, and "foodscaping," which blends herbs, fruits, and vegetables for both aesthetics and functionality.

To enhance sustainability, consider drought-resistant plants, water-efficient irrigation systems, and organic fertilizers to create an eco-friendly, resilient garden.

Sculptured Earth is bringing an outdoor living space display complete with a custom patio, outdoor fireplace, and kitchen. Custom water and fire pieces help draw visual interest to the space.



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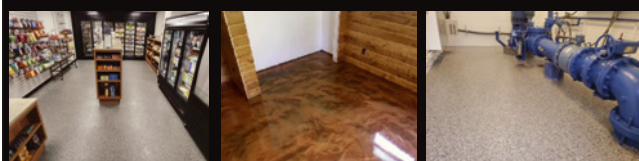
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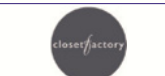
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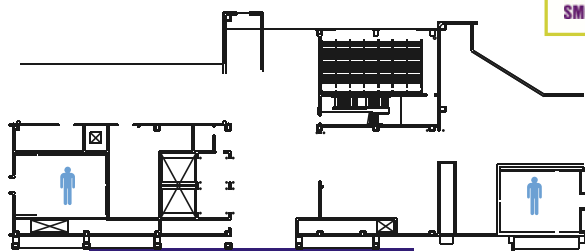
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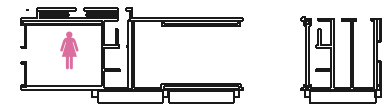
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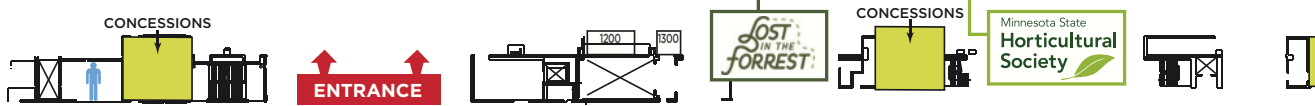
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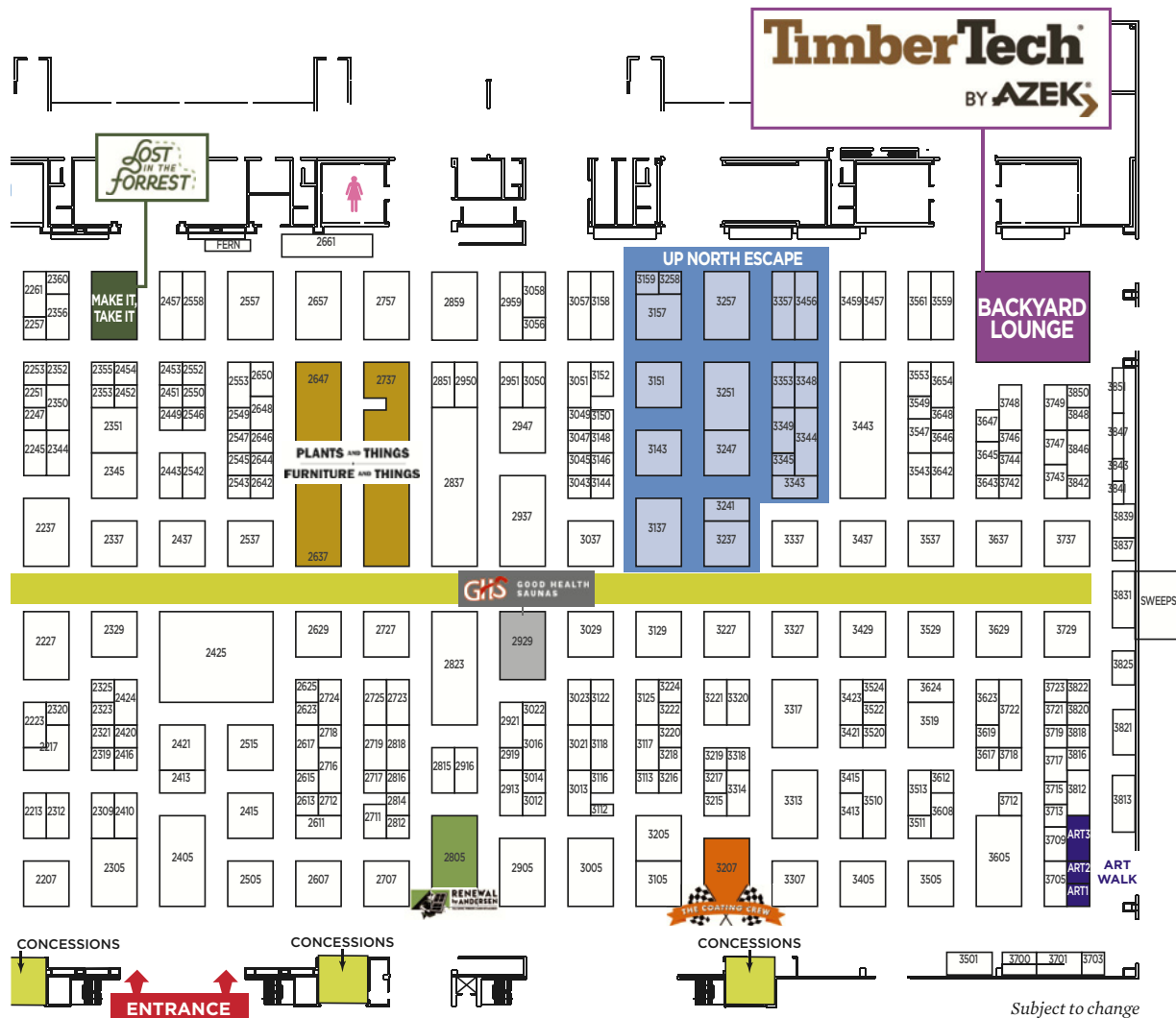
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