

## Showhouse Particulars..

### PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW DATES

**JUNE 6 – 28, 2020**

Closed Mondays and Tuesdays for  
group tours and private events.

Wednesdays, 10 AM - 3 PM

Thursdays, 10 AM - 3 PM, 5 - 7 PM

Fridays, 10 AM - 3 PM

Saturdays & Sundays, 10 AM - 5 PM

Located at  
2855 SW Fairway Dr., Topeka

Last tour starts 30 minutes before closing.  
Children under the age of 8 not admitted.

Check out the rest of this newsletter or  
visit <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org> for  
information on events, group tours and more!

### MORE SHOWHOUSE DATES

#### PATRON PARTY

Friday, June 5

#### TWILIGHT TOURS

Thursdays, June 11, 18 & 25

\*If any date changes occur, we will share this  
information on our website and Facebook page.

Hello, friends!

For the past 40 years, the spring tradition of the Designers' Showhouse brings thousands of people to tour with interests in interior design, home improvement, or just something fun to do in support of children and families! However, tradition is being interrupted with the COVID-19 virus that has invaded the United States and globally. With large group gatherings being cancelled in an attempt to avoid the rapid spread of the virus, we are following CDC guidelines and postponing the opening of the Showhouse. Our new target date for opening is Friday, June 5th for the Patron Party, with public tours running June 6-28. We will continue monitoring the guidance of our public health officials, and encourage you to watch our website and Facebook page for any changes to this new timeline. Following the public tours, the house will be sold with proceeds from tours, sponsorships and the resale of the property supporting programs and services benefitting children and families.

Although our timeline has been revised, the reason we host the Showhouse has not changed. Our efforts help to ensure that children arrive at school with the skills they need to be successful, and that families can access the community resources and support they need, including child care while they work or attend school.

Every year, the support of our community humbles me as talented contractors, craftsmen and designers come together to showcase their talents towards our cause. Every contribution makes a tremendous difference in the renovation process. Although there are far more supporters than I can possibly mention, our continued partnership with the Topeka Area Building Association's Professional Remodelers Council deserves a special mention as it brings a team approach to helping finish the home's basement space, turning it into a fun and fabulous game room, exercise room and half bath. We thank our various council members for their commitment and collaboration towards this project. Ivan Weichert, CEO of the Building Association, lent his expertise again this year, and we are so grateful to him for all he did to help make this project a success. Many other businesses and individuals have also provided materials and talent to make this Showhouse possible. Please take note of our project supporters, which are detailed in the Showhouse program book, and engage their services with your next home renovation project.

Leslie Hunsicker accepted the role of Showhouse Coordinator again this year, bringing her incredible talent to bear as she worked with the great team of designers and craftsmen to bring continuity and a "flow" to the look of the house. We are pleased to again have a great mix of returning, seasoned Showhouse professionals working on the house along with some wonderful new faces!

Gina Nellis, Showhouse Chair, has again assembled an incredible team of volunteers. It takes over 200 volunteers to make the Showhouse possible each year. We thank them for their dedication. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, it's not too late! Visit our website to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Thank you so much for supporting this important cause.

See you at the Showhouse!



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# SNEAK PEEK OF THE

# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DESIGNERS' SHOWHOUSE AT THE FAIRWAY



The Designers' Showhouse offers surprise and delight to all who tour each year. This year is no exception! As this newsletter goes through production, the 40th annual Designers' Showhouse is completing its amazing transformation.

The **entryway** is truly an introduction to this sensational home. Setting the tone for the rest of this house, the original marble and terrazzo floor was considered trendy in the 50s, 60s and 70s, but classic in today's surroundings. Leslie Hunsicker, Showhouse coordinator and designer, added unusual new sconces, magnificent in black and brushed gold, to provide plenty of light to welcome guests. The former solid door on the north side of the home were replaced with a full-pane door, providing a beautiful view.

After taking in this striking entryway, guests will begin their tour in the spectacular **living room**. Under the creative direction of Monica Parsel from Winston Brown Remodeling, an amazing vertical wall treatment was added to flank the native stone fireplace and elevate the design. The fireplace had great structure to begin with, but the "new" mantle built from 100-year-old salvaged wood adds rich character to the

fireplace. Layering more modern lines and structured pieces with antiques and vintage finds gives the space a "collected" feel, making it a bit less formal and much more inviting.

The next stop is the **family room**, transformed by designer Tyler Taphorn. Tyler described the style as "classic modern," utilizing curvy furniture from the Furniture Mall of Kansas that is reminiscent of the 1950's when the house was built. The corner fireplace was made a focal point by painting it in a bold blue. Existing built-ins were utilized to add extra storage space and a place to accessorize.

The **southwest bedroom** is a child's dream! Its designer, Angie Grau, wanted to create a space that would offer a cozy, playful place for a child to sleep, play, craft and read. The room boasts with fun, kid-friendly items, including adventurous books and creative toys that can be found at Paper June. Kids will especially enjoy the tent with stuffed woodland animals and the craft space where they can draw or write about their playtime expeditions. The designer was intentional in color choices and furniture, making the room enjoyable for both boys and girls of varying ages.

The **Jack-and-Jill bath** underwent an extreme makeover, taking on designer and Showhouse Chair Gina Nellis' vision for enlarging the room to make it more functional. This space has been brought back to life with the help of Josh Foster and his crew at The Builder Bees. As a shared bathroom between the two bedrooms, the original design lacked storage, counter space and room to move around with the doors that opened into the bathroom. By taking space from the closets in the adjoining bedrooms, the wall was moved to accommodate the relocation of the toilet and the installation of a bathtub. A double vanity was added on the south wall, and the doors were reversed to open out into the bedrooms rather than into the

bath. The space was finished utilizing a transitional black and white themed design suitable for a kid's bathroom or a guest room bathroom.

Carolyn Ward with Simply Staging returns to the Showhouse again this year, taking on the **southeast bedroom**. Creating a perfect mix of clean and contemporary, Carolyn blends classic, timeless shapes with modern details and colors for a glamorous, yet comfortable style. A neutral color palette is accented with rich greens, metallics and black. A statement bed completes the space and provides a comfortable elegance, making this room a true retreat.

The **master bedroom** features designer Kelly Schuster, owner of The Linen Tree. Located in the back corner of the home, the bedroom is perfect for a private retreat and boasts a large, beautiful window with an incredible view of the golf course. "Southern coastal" is the theme for this space, featuring gorgeous bedding that is soft and casual. Wall art, mirrors, lamps and other special touches finish this space and make it a true retreat!

The **master bath** underwent a complete overhaul, combining the talents of designer Jennifer Metzger and builder Dargal Clark. The space was reconfigured to add a walk-in shower with an area where towels hang on the wall just steps away. The shower features a large glass panel that is used as part of the shower walls, providing extra light in the shower and displaying the decorative tile accent. Vanities were replaced with new cabinetry in a charcoal stain finish, featuring quartz tops and under-mount sinks for easy maintenance. The linen cabinets were removed and additional closet space from the hallway was captured to provide another closet for the master suite. With the use of soft creams, whites and accents of charcoal gray, this space becomes a place to get away from it all.



*Master bath before photo.*

Guests will be guided to the **lower level** next, which underwent its transformation through the collaborative work of the Topeka Area Building Association's (TABA) Remodelers Council. Remodeler's Council Chair Doug McCollum, Kansas Rebuilders, led the collaborative project alongside Ivan Weichert of the TABA. The space includes a large family game room, a half bath and an exercise room. Tons of construction was needed in this space, including new ceilings, lighting, flooring and window treatments. The beautiful, knotty pine paneling, traditional from the time when this house was built, provided a fun backdrop for the family game room. The half-bath was rejuvenated with a floor-to-ceiling makeover. Makenzie Hutley of Carpet One Floor & Home of Topeka coordinated the selections of new flooring, paint colors and window treatments. Katy Nelson of the TABA, and Crystal Campbell and Abby Dunford of Kansas Rebuilders selected furnishings and accessories for the space, making it a place that anyone could enjoy with their family and friends.

Showhouse Coordinator Leslie Hunsicker shows off her talent again in the **powder bath** off the main entry hall. Exuding a "dramatic mid-mod glam" feel, the wood wainscot and mirror wall is adorned with the same material used on the floors in the dining room, living room and family room. The original cherry vanity received new paint and an updated counter-top, sink, faucet and cabinet hardware. The glamour comes from the brushed gold touches in the lighting and hardware. The black ceiling and crown molding provide the drama. The flooring is a new product to the market, a floating porcelain product that was the perfect solution for this application.

The **dining room** was designed by Bethany Hansen. Gorgeous 8- and 10-foot windows flank two of the walls, bringing in natural light making the space feel bright and open. The designer added floating shelves and a sideboard to create functional storage. Bethany used wood tones and a black and white color palette, along with pops of gold and the pewter green color present in the kitchen to tie the two spaces together.



*Kitchen before photo.*

The **kitchen** is the heart of the home, and interior designer Sarah Kellogg brought her vision to make it a place to gather with family and friends. The decision to open the wall between the kitchen and dining room brought additional natural light and serving space, enhancing the ability to entertain in the joined spaces. The cabinets were beautiful, but the dark cherry color dated them. Painting them a beautiful deep green color and adding light quartz counter-tops, a



simple backsplash tile and stainless steel appliances created contrast. Gold cabinet hardware and light fixtures were used to add warmth. The island was replaced with a new island made by Wende Woodworking, which also allowed room for a ledge sink, adding space to prepare, serve and clean. A shallow closet space between the kitchen and dining room presented the opportunity for the addition of a wine closet! Beautiful tile, custom racking, gorgeous lighting and a custom glass door transformed this space into something special. Finally, the fireplace was reworked using a 3-dimensional tile in the same beautiful green color as the cabinets to balance the space and add some flair. When you enter the kitchen now, its welcoming feeling makes you want to stay and cook a meal or two.

The **landscape** of this home also underwent a massive transformation during the Showhouse remodel. Aaron Jones from Schendel Lawn & Landscape created a clean, fresh look in the front and back yards by removing the existing trees and shrubs and adding new throughout. Depth and layering with this landscape was created by using boxwoods to soften the front of the house; flowering, lower growing perennials that act as border plants; and evergreens that act as a rest for the eye, as well as an anchor point at the corner of the house. A fresh layer of brown hardwood mulch was applied to create a dramatic contrast. Landscape lighting was installed to ensure this landscape will not only be enjoyed during the daylight hours, but also make a grand statement in the evening.

Mammoth Sports Construction added a huge “fun factor” to the yard with the addition of a **putting green**! This new addition will last for many years to come, and is easy to clean and maintain. It is great for any golfer's skill level.

The red brick **exterior** and white wrought-iron received a makeover from the team at Graystone Painting. A fresh coat of paint, shutters and cedar wrapping around the pillars completely changed the exterior look. Aged windows were replaced, thanks to Mike Pressgrove and the amazing crew of at PDQ Construction.

And last, but certainly not least.... guests will enjoy the fun of our “**She-Shed**” thanks to the creative talent of Mary Dunbar-Smith, and the beautiful **back porch** staged by Tyler Taphorn.

Without a doubt, this 40th annual Designers’ Showhouse is one to remember!



## GROUP TOURS

Special guided, behind-the-scenes group tours are available on Mondays by appointment. Groups of eight or more attending the Showhouse together may also enjoy a tour during normal Showhouse hours.

Lunch will be available for scheduled group tours. Advance reservations and payment are required. Visit <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org> for group tour pricing.

## RENT THE SHOWHOUSE

*Are you looking for a special way to treat your staff, clients or group? Rent the 2020 Designers’ Showhouse for a private party!*

A limited amount of these exclusive spots are available. Contact us soon at 785-357-5171, opt. 1, to reserve yours. More information can be found at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>.

## VOLUNTEER AT THE SHOWHOUSE

Would you like to volunteer at this year's Designers' Showhouse? We are looking for individuals to help guide touring guests through the house while sharing information provided by the designers about the design spaces. There are multiple dates and times available to assist. Visit the Designers' Showhouse section of our website, <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>, for the details. With our handy online sign-up form, you can see what times and dates are still available that fit into your schedule and sign up!

# SPECIAL SHOWHOUSE EVENTS



This year's Designers' Showhouse features many fantastic events back by popular demand. Seating is limited, so be sure to register for the events that require it and save your seat!

## **Patron Party... Friday, June 5, 6 - 9 PM**

Be among the first to see the completed Showhouse! Join us for an evening of festive celebration that will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages and the opportunity to tour the house and chat with the designers involved. Tickets are \$60 each and require advance registration.

## **Twilight Tours... Thursdays, June 11, 18 & 25, 5 - 7 PM**

Join us for special evening hours at this year's Showhouse! Tour the home and enjoy tasty snacks while they last. Advance registration is not required. Come with your pre-purchased tour ticket, or buy one at the door for \$12.

Dates subject to change. For more information about any of the events above or to make your reservation, visit the Designers' Showhouse portion of our website, <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>, or call 785-357-5171, option 1.

*Be sure to wish the child care providers in your life a HAPPY National Provider Appreciation Day!*

**Friday, May 8, 2020**

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# CELEBRATE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD™

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration that brings focus to young children and their needs, along with the programs that help meet those needs. This celebration is hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and will take place April 11 - 17, 2020.

There are a wide variety of ways to celebrate. To get you started with ideas, there are five themed days to help you plan. These days include:

- Music Monday
- Artsy Thursday
- Tasty Tuesday
- Family Friday
- Work Together Wednesday

Many communities have events or celebrations available to help you celebrate the young children in your life, along with those they interact with. Be sure to look for the special events taking place near you.

For more information on Week of the Young Child or NAEYC, visit their website at <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/faq>.



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