

Showhouse Particulars...

**APRIL 27 -
MAY 19, 2019**

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, 10 AM - 5 PM

Sundays, 10 AM - 5 PM

Located at
1111 SW Ottawa Trail, Topeka

Tickets are \$12 at the door,
\$10 if purchased at a ticket outlet.
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!

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MORE SHOWHOUSE DATES

PATRON PARTY

Friday, April 26, 2019

BEER TASTING

Friday, May 10, 2019

TWILIGHT TOURS

Thursdays, May 2, 9 & 16, 2019

SPECIAL LUNCH EVENTS

Fridays, May 3, 10 & 17, 2019

Hello, friends!

The brutal winter we've experienced this year has caused me to look forward to spring even more than I typically do! The Designers' Showhouse is a welcome spring tradition that brings the opportunity to gather with friends, as well as the chance to support a worthwhile cause. The agency has purchased a home again this year that is currently being renovated and will be unveiled on April 26, 2019, at our Patron Party. Following the spring tours, the house will be sold with the proceeds supporting programs and services benefiting children and families.

Each and every year, the support of our community humbles me as skilled contractors, craftsmen and designers come together to showcase their talents for our cause. Every contribution, large or small, makes a tremendous difference in the renovation process. Although there are far more supporters than I can possibly mention, there are two new partnerships that deserve a mention. First, a grant from Kansas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, has made it possible for us to feature the benefits of natural gas appliances in the Showhouse in four areas of the home— the kitchen, laundry room, family room and in an outdoor living space. Second, a new partnership with the Topeka Area Building Association's Professional Remodelers Council brings a team approach to transforming an unfinished basement space into a beautiful family room and half bath. Various council members have committed to bringing their expertise to the project in this collaborative effort, and we are so grateful.

In addition to these incredible contributors, many other businesses and individuals have provided materials and talent to make this Showhouse one to remember. Please take note of our project supporters (which are all detailed in the Showhouse program book and on our website listed below), and engage their services with your next home renovation project.

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2019 Designers' Showhouse



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

Leslie Hunsicker accepted the role of Showhouse Coordinator again this year, bringing her incredible talent to bear. She worked with a great team of designers and craftsmen to bring continuity and flow to the look of the house. We are pleased to again have a great mix of seasoned and new Showhouse professionals working on the home. We even have a room, originally a bedroom suite, being designed by public vote on Facebook. Follow this year's official Showhouse Facebook page, 2019 Designers' Showhouse, to stay up-to-date on the "Showhouse Room: Designed by YOU!"

The Designers' Showhouse is truly a labor of love. Showhouse Chair Gina Nellis has again assembled an extraordinary team of volunteers who are busy recruiting others to help. It takes over 200 volunteers to make the Showhouse happen each year. The volunteers are taking on lots of additional projects this year. They include pulling up old carpet, stripping wallpaper, cleaning up brush and spreading mulch. If you have not already signed on, it is not too late! Visit the Designers' Showhouse portion of our website, <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>, to learn about volunteer opportunities and how you can help.

The Showhouse is not JUST a chance to see new interior design ideas you can use in your own home, the opportunity to attend a fun event with friends, or the chance to shop for unique gifts in the Showhouse Boutique. This fundraiser provides funding to support vital services for children and families. What happens in early childhood has a lasting impact on a child's life. Our efforts help to ensure that children arrive at school with the skills they need to be successful. They ensure that families can access the community resources and support they need, including child care, while they work or attend school. Thank you so much for supporting this important cause.

See you at the 2019 Designers' Showhouse!

Reva Hyundis



SPECIAL SHOWHOUSE EVENTS

This year's Designers' Showhouse is featuring many fantastic events. Some are back by popular demand, while others are brand new to this fundraiser. Seating is limited, so be sure to register for the events that require it and save your seat!

Patron Party... Friday, April 26, 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, a diamond pendant raffle, and the opportunity to tour the house and chat with the designers involved. Tickets are \$60 each and require advance registration.

Beer Tasting & Contractors' Night... Friday, May 10, 5:30 - 8 PM

Tour this year's amazing house and sample craft beers from Blind Tiger Brewery & Restaurant, Happy Basset Brewing Company, Norseman Brewing Company and Iron Rail Brewing. Many of the contractors and craftsmen who participated in this year's Showhouse will be on hand to share information on their talented skill, products and more. Tickets are \$30 each and require advance registration.



Twilight Tours... Thursdays, May 2, 9 & 16, 5 - 7 PM

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

Special Lunch Events... Fridays, May 3, 10 & 17, 11:45 AM - 1 PM

Enjoy lunch and a fabulous program with a group of friends! Come early or stay after to tour the Showhouse. The programs will cover a different topic each week that includes Adam VonDonge with The White Linen presenting over tapas, a fashion show from Dillard's, and a summer porch pot demo with Skinner Garden Store. Tickets are \$20 per person and require advance registration.

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.



SNEAK PEEK OF THE 39TH ANNUAL DESIGNERS' SHOWHOUSE AT INDIAN WOODS

The Designers' Showhouses from the past are often referred to as extraordinary, memorable, breathtaking and so on. This year's Showhouse certainly encompasses these grandiose statements, but it also takes them to the next level. Not only is a 5,700+ square foot home being completely updated, but finished square footage has been added, an outdoor living space worthy of a magazine cover is being created, a wall has been removed, and so much more! As this article is being penned, the 2019 Designers' Showhouse is undergoing its massive transformation.

Showhouse guests will begin their tour this spring in the **Dining Room**. Caroline Bivens with CB Designs has joined this year's Showhouse team, designing her fourth Showhouse room in a row. She is taking this simple space to the next level by adding texture to the walls, utilizing natural elements and showcasing Arhaus' beautiful furniture.

Don't forget to take a peek into the **Powder Room** by the dining room, or you will miss out on a special little treasure. Kelly Schuster, owner of The Linen Tree, is combining her love of rustic and industrial glam to complete this space. The updated half-bath will also feature a custom vanity with a quartz countertop.

The **Pantry, Kitchen and Living Room** have been designed to perfection by the crew at Interior Design Resources, Leslie Hunsicker, Jennifer Metzger and Sarah Kellogg. Thad Wende of Wende Woodworking, LLC, is lending his amazing talent, combining his eye for design with his custom cabinetry skills. The **Pantry** is being revamped from a simple storage room, to a combination mud room and storage pantry that will be perfect for a large family.

The **Kitchen** features gorgeous custom-cabinetry crafted by Thad that will reach the ceiling. Thanks to the generous support of Kansas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, a stunning new gas range will be installed. The wall between the kitchen and living room was knocked out to open the space. While snacking at the new island, one can gaze into the newly designed living room.

The beams on the **Living Room** ceiling and the balusters on the stairwell leading to the second floor are receiving a facelift. The pops of bright colors brought in will add to the liveliness of the space.

You will find the **Den** tucked in next to the living room. Carolyn Ward, Simply Staging, has returned for her second year designing a room in the Showhouse. This simple space will take on an air of vintage glamour, with traditional and modern pieces incorporated throughout.

The **Laundry Room** is normally a place one tries to avoid unless they are absolutely running low on socks; however, this special space will forever change your opinion about the tedious task of laundry! Monica Parsel, Winston Brown Remodeling, is turning this spacious room into a multi-functional dream, complete with a new sink, added shelving and a memorable floor. A brand new gas dryer is being installed, thanks once again to Kansas Gas Service.

The **Master Suite** is always a popular space in the Designers' Showhouse. Tammy Thiessen, Thiessen Design Co., might be new to the Showhouse project, but she certainly came in ready and willing for an immense project. Although the bedroom is receiving a striking update, the bathroom will be most talked about in this suite. Tammy has already removed the dated corner bathtub and separate shower. They are being replaced with a show-stopping, zero-entry shower. A new heated floor has already been installed to add to the comfort of this space.

Take the stairs up and you will first come to the **2nd Floor North Bedroom Suite** designed by Chris Page, Chris Page Designs, another designer new to the Showhouse project. This room has been designed with a boy in mind, but everyone will appreciate the custom bed and night table, as well as the industrial elements throughout.





Kelly Ballard, Home Court Designs, is joining the Showhouse project for her first year and is designing the **2nd Floor Center Bedroom Suite** for a young teenage girl. She is taking this simple space and reshaping it with a modern, boho chic flare, complete with an accent wall.

For the first time EVER, the public is designing a room through voting on the 2019 Designers' Showhouse Facebook Page. The public chose to turn the **Showhouse Room: Designed by YOU** space, which was originally the third bedroom suite on the second floor, into an office/craft room. Gina Nellis, Showhouse chair, and Cora Spencer, past board president for the agency, have been coordinating this effort. Although the voting continues, the public has already voted and chosen that this space will have a coastal color scheme, and there will be major updates to the bathroom area.

The final room on the upper level is the **2nd Floor Family Room** being designed by Jan Hutt, Jan Hutt Interiors. Jan is truly a veteran to the Showhouse, bringing her fabulous flare and wonderful humor to the project. She is adding an electric fireplace and amazing furniture to round-off her cozy, mid-century modern style space.

Taking the stairs all the way down to the ground level, guests will come upon the **Lower Level Family Room and Half Bath**. A large portion of the unfinished basement is being transformed by the Topeka Area Building Association Professional Remodelers Council. This phenomenal group of professionals is being led by Jan Davis of Carpet One Floor & Home™, and Ivan Weichert and Katy Nelson, both with the Topeka Area Building Association. Everything from the walls, stunning carpet, the entire bathroom, the sliding glass door, etc., will be new to this space. The family room will also include a newly installed gas fireplace, thanks again to project supporter Kansas Gas Service.

The final stop of the tour is the **Outdoor Living** space designed by Aaron Jones, managing partner at Schendel Lawn & Landscape, along with the many other area businesses that he recruited to help. The centerpiece of this outdoor space will clearly be the natural gas firepit that is being made possible through support by Kansas Gas Service. Modern Masonry LLC, Joe Schreiner Concrete Construction and Golden Rule Remodeling, Inc., are all offering their time and talent to Aaron to ensure that this space is remarkable.

The 2019 Designers' Showhouse will be an extraordinary fundraising event that you will not want to miss! Come by and tour the home this spring, enjoy a special event, purchase some goodies in the boutique, and take in new and popular classic trends in today's home design world. Check out the rest of this newsletter or visit the Designers' Showhouse portion of the agency's website, <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>, for Showhouse hours and information!



RENT THE SHOWHOUSE

Are you looking for a special way to treat your staff, clients or group? Rent the 2019 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>.

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.

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!

CELEBRATE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD™

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of this special week is to put focus on early learning, young children, their families, teachers and communities. The celebration will take place April 8 - 12, 2019. More information about this nation-wide event can be found at www.naeyc.org.

The Topeka Chapter of the Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children (KSAEYC) will be celebrating Week of the Young Child™ with a free event for families. Bring the kiddos in your life to the Kansas Children's Discovery Center, 4400 SW 10th Street in Topeka, on April 7 between 5 and 7 PM for a fabulously fun time at the center. A free community concert will take place, in addition to multiple area child care programs and community organizations sharing their information.



The 2019
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for sale!

Contact Reva Wywadis
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Friday, May 10, 2019

Before Photos of Showhouse...



SHOWHOUSE BY THE NUMBERS

There are **14** design spaces included with this amazing home.

There are approximately **5,700** square feet of living space that includes 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 family rooms and much more... all on a beautiful 3-acre wooded lot!

There are 3 returning designers who have continued to support the Showhouse project for over a combined **60** years...

- Leslie Hunsicker, first participated in 1983
- Jan Hutt, first participated in 1988
- Jan Davis, first participated in 1988

See you at the Showhouse!

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