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Vacationing in a Home Resort

Since 1984, the annual International Builders' Show has featured an official showcase house called The New American Home®. A major goal of the program is to spotlight emerging trends in the housing industry.

This year's showcase house is no exception. Designed by architect Melanie Taylor, who publishes an annual residential *Trend Alert*, The New American Home® 2002 reflects Ms. Taylor's keen instincts for what people want in their homes today.

"Cocooning" is a popular word for describing an overwhelming desire of today's homeowners. They want to make their homes a haven, protected and secure from the outside world.

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This indoor/outdoor veranda invites one to spend a leisurely evening, touched by gentle breezes.

Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc. Receives BBB 2002 Torch Award



The Central Virginia Better Business Bureau has awarded its 2002 Torch Award for Marketplace Integrity to **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** Ed Lane, President, and

Edward Lane, General Manager, received the award on behalf of the company at the presentation ceremony held May 2nd at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

Nominated by its employees, **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** was also a finalist in the 2001 Torch Award competition.

The Torch Award was established by the Better Business Bureau in 1997 to recognize central Virginia companies that conduct their business in an ethical fashion. A long time member of the BBB, **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.**'s commitment to honesty and fair play have remained constant since the company first opened its doors in 1984.

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Vacationing in a Home Resort

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They want to entertain, but the emphasis has shifted to personal and family relaxation and enjoyment. Americans are well traveled and they've experienced luxury resorts. Now they want to include those delights in their own home oases.

These desires are captured in one of the most exciting spaces of The New American Home®: the recreation area. It is designed to let the homeowner vacation at home, and it includes all the amenities.

The recreation area is divided into several zones. Knowing that Americans are becoming more health conscious, one of the spaces is designated as an exercise/massage zone. This area includes weight lifting and cardiovascular machines, along with three suspended 27-inch flat screen TVs. While working out, the homeowner can keep pace with news, sports and weather events simultaneously.

Modern life can be very stressful, and massage therapy is a wonderful way to relieve tightened muscles and sore limbs. A home massage table allows massage therapists to come in for appointments at the convenience of the homeowner. To further enhance health and relaxation, a built-in sauna is located next to the massage table.

Natural colors and materials, such as woven wooden shades, brown ceramic tile on the floor, and acorn yellow walls lend a feeling of simplicity and serenity to the area.

The exercise/massage zone is connected to a billiards/game room. In this spacious room, a 60-inch wall-mounted plasma screen provides the opportunity of enjoying favorite movies. A dry bar and wine cooler closet are located at one end. The unique bar is covered in hammered copper tiles and features an amber-colored concrete countertop. Overhead, the pendant lights are encased in old wine bottles, highlighting the wine bar theme.

The room is bright and airy, filled with natural light flowing through an abundance of windows and doors. With the windows open, the soothing sound of flowing water greets the ears. A



The large triangular window behind the bar permits views inside the wine and beverage cooler. The wine theme is continued in the light fixtures and in the countertop made from concrete mixed with pieces of broken wine bottles.

short distance across the outside decking awaits the swimming pool. A refreshing waterfall, continuously spilling into the swimming pool, invites the listener to take a plunge in the pool, or a soak in the adjoining spa.

The adjacent verandah, with comfortable furnishings, and an indoor wet bar and mini-fridge close by, encourages one to linger over a good book or a delicious cup of tea.

Ah-h-h! Truly, the resort-like aspects of this recreation area orchestrate experiences that evoke joy, appreciation and serenity at home, every day.



A relaxing massage completes the experience after working out in this room which reflects the atmosphere of a resort spa.



This airy room is a wonderful space to gather friends and family for multiple entertainment activities.

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Color Is Back!

For several years products on display at the annual Kitchen and Bath Industry Show have been shown in soothing naturals and soft, translucent pastels. Therefore, it was indeed stunning at KBIS this year to come across many instances where a spectrum of vibrant colors and striking patterns were featured. As a matter of fact, it was a welcome change of pace—fanciful and fun. These products can be unique accent pieces to lend an element of whimsy or intrigue to a sophisticated kitchen or bathroom.



Saffron Ltd.'s Artistic Designer Elli Sorensen presented a new hand-painted ceramic basin and accessory line this spring at KBIS. Her exclusive designs range from vegetables to pine cones to trout. She uses traditional glaze techniques applied by hand so that her products will last a lifetime with the proper care. These products are not only high quality and functional, but they also offer a delightful originality.

Zephyr showcased the *Torino*, a very original style of high-power kitchen ventilation from Italy. Inspired by the martini glass, the *Torino* seamlessly fuses a cylindrical, stainless steel body stem with an oval, hand-blown colored glass canopy. The canopy is available in brilliant shades of red, green, yellow or blue, and is designed to grace kitchens with truly unique, contemporary style.



Bemis introduced the *Gallery Collection™*: nine exciting designs hand-painted on their toilet seats. These dynamic works of art by Leslie Trewyn and Kathleen Savage are inspired by current design trends. They offer creative new options to express your style and make an individual statement in a traditionally functional environment. The *Gallery Collection* features a high-gloss, multi-layer polyurethane finish that's easy to maintain.

GET A GRIP showed their high quality, handmade cabinetry hardware of fused glass, anodized aluminum, polished or brushed brass, and chrome. There are 26 distinctive cabinet hardware styles in the current line, each one being a little masterpiece in itself. These can be ordered in different combinations of colors and finishes to suit your taste. With this stylish hardware you can personalize your cabinets, making them one-of-a-kind.



Countertops: Decorative Stone Backsplashes

A decorative stone backsplash can add a special touch of elegance to any countertop surface. Part of the beauty of stone is that as it wears and ages, it acquires a lovely patina.

The stone which is used for backsplashes is usually marble or limestone in a splendid array of colors. It is carefully cut into various shapes and sizes according to the end use.

Stone mosaics, for example, are made up of smaller stones which are arranged in a pleasing design and spaced just far enough apart on a mesh backing for easy on-site installation. The mosaic designs can be as simple as stones of a single color set in straight rows. Or the designs can be elaborate patterns made up of many small stones in a myriad of colors.

With stone inlay, the limestone or marble is cut into intricate shapes that are precisely fit together by hand and filled to form delicate, colorful designs, such as



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The rustic appeal of tumbled marble is warm and inviting.

fleur de lis. These are available in border lengths or as corner pieces.

There are many other larger stone sizes

and shapes that are referred to as field tile. These can be used with or without the mosaics and inlays. They can also be placed together with smaller squares, triangles, or rectangles, bar liners, dots, rail moldings and cornice moldings, as well as three dimensional decorative moldings, to create the perfect look you desire.

The stones can have a variety of finishes. One popular choice today is a distressed or a tumbled finish. In this case, the surface of the stone has been worn to give it a rustic appearance. The edges will be uneven or chipped, and there will be some variation in size and thickness. The effect is as though the stone came straight out of an old European farmhouse.

Natural stone products should be sealed with a high quality penetrating sealer. They will require resealing every four to five years as a normal maintenance procedure. General cleaning can be done with a mild dishwashing detergent.



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Additions come in all shapes and sizes: fat ones, skinny ones, tall ones, odd-shaped ones. As long as the final outcome enhances the architecture of your home, and is built in such a way that it's difficult to tell that your home has an addition, you will without question increase the quality of your life as well as your equity in your home.

With life being so busy and stressful, why come home to a less than perfect living situation? Most of us love our neighborhoods and have neither the desire nor energy to move. So instead of living five, ten or even twenty years in disappointment or frustration, why not consider partnering with **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** and



becoming a change agent to improve the quality of your life? This is what additions are all about: adding value, excitement, options and, of course, space to your home.

Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc. is a Design/Build remodeling firm.

Design/Build is a process that includes the client throughout the design phase, involving them as much as possible from the very beginning of a project. For more than eighteen years, the talented design professionals at **Lane Homes & Remodeling, Inc.** have provided Richmond area

homeowners with creative, award-winning design solutions that meet their individual needs and objectives. With immediate access to the most up-to-the-minute construction processes and costs, the Lane design team is able to review the design and costs and work diligently to keep costs within budget. This leaves few surprises and changes after the fact. The best money and time spent on a remodeling project is during the design phase.

If your home is not yet your castle, let our talented and experienced design team guide you through your Design/Build adventure.

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