

HOME EXPO HOW-TO CLINICS

March 12-14, 2010
Admission - \$4.00

EXHIBIT HOURS:

Friday - 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday - 9:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday - 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday, March 13th

10AM: How do I know what's really going on in our NRV real estate market?

Rachel Hogan, REALTOR® & Skip Slocum, REALTOR®
Long and Foster, REALTORS®

Whether you're buying or selling, how will the current New River Valley real estate market affect you? We'll give you real answers on local market conditions, what you need to know about buying and selling in the NRV, how to negotiate the best deal, and tips for a smooth sale.

11AM: How do I make sure my home will fit my needs as I grow older?

Tim Lawrence, Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist
Blue Ridge Home Improvement

You love your home and would never dream of moving. But how do we make sure our homes will always be friendly to us? We'll give you real answers on how to make your home a forever home through universal design and aging-in-place remodeling practices.

12PM: How do I save money and the environment in my home?

Ed Ricci - Energy Management Systems

If you've heard of geothermal energy, you may know that it can save you money, energy and the environment. But how do you use it in your home? We'll give you the real answers on the installation of a geothermal heat pump, the potential savings, and the current tax credits.

1PM: How do I get started with a building project?

Cathy Cook, Town of Blacksburg Building Official & Tim Lawrence, Blue Ridge Home Improvement

So you have a building project, what do you do first? Whether you're building a new home, doing a remodel, or just tackling a home improvement project, we have the real answers on how to find a contractor and tips to save you time, money, and headaches.

2PM: How do I take advantage of Federal tax credits?

Stacey Pinard, REALTOR®, RE/MAX 1st Realty & Brenda Flora, CPA

We've all heard about federal tax credits, but how do you know if they're for you? There are a lot of tax incentives out there to take advantage of. We have the real answers on who's eligible and how to take advantage of these opportunities before they expire.

3PM: How do I improve my home's energy-efficiency?

Ed Tuchler, Shelter Alternatives & Cecile Newcomb, Energy Check

You're looking at your utility bills and want to improve your home's energy-efficiency to save money and the environment. But how do you get started? We'll give you the real answers on how energy audits and energy retrofits can help you decide what to tackle and in what order.

Real Questions. Real Answers.

Homeowners today have real questions.

How do I save money on my utility bills?

How do I take advantage of the new tax credits?

How do I build a green home?

How do I make my home accessible as I get older?

You can find the answers at the 2010 Home Expo sponsored by the New River Valley Home Builders Association. Get real answers on all your building and remodeling questions with over 80 vendors and these free how-to clinics.

4PM: How do I build a new green home?

Deb Cheslow, Green Bubble Services,

LLC & Regional Technical Manager, EarthCraft Virginia

You want to build a new home and you want it to be green. We have the real answers on how builders are using science to create healthy, sustainable, energy-efficient homes. Discover the methods available for certification and the importance of third party verification.

5PM: How do I know if my home is healthy and clean?

Misty Gregg, Shaklee

You know that good, healthy feeling you get when you've just cleaned house? Sorry to spoil it, but you may have just made your home dirtier. We have the real dirt on clean, and alternatives to the toxic chemicals in our cleaning products.

6PM: How do I remodel my bathroom?

Rick Hyatt, Atmosphere Builders

So you're ready to update that old bathroom, how do you get started? We have the real answers on what materials and products to choose, and things to consider like ventilation and heating options.

Sunday, March 14th

2PM: How do I use solar energy in my home?

Pat Bixler & Chris Roberts, Baseline Solar Solutions

You've heard about solar energy, but how do you incorporate it into your home? We'll give you the real answers on solar hot water and photovoltaics, including how each system works, how they can fit into your home, the applicable tax incentives, and cost breakdown.

3PM: How can my landscaping save energy and money?

Terry Clements, Landscape Architect and Professor &

Barry Robinson, Agriculture Extension Agent

You want your home landscape to look great, but can it save you energy and money, too? Get real answers to the basic design elements for new and existing homes' energy conservation, how to select nursery stock, and proper installation for long-term benefits.



Chance to win \$599.99!

Sign-up for the cash prize drawing, must be present Saturday, March 13, at 7:30pm to win.