



*It's good to be home...*

## 2016 Calendar of Events



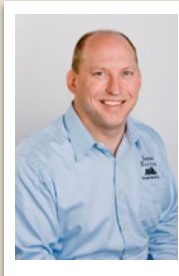
**Minneapolis Home and Garden Show**  
February 26<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>  
March 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup>  
Minneapolis  
Convention Center  
Booth #3220

**Lakeville Landscape and Home Expo**  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 9-3

**Spring Showcase**  
March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

**Apple Valley Home and Garden Expo**  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>

## A Note from James



Recent reports shows that the housing market is heating up for both new construction and existing home sales. What does this mean for the average homeowner? It means that the value of your home is going up which creates equity that allows for home improvements and better return on your investment into your home. Interest rates also remain low allowing you to tap into that equity at a low rate making your money go further.

As a homeowner, you want to keep in mind the investments that give you the best return. Kitchens and bathrooms remain the highest (up almost 10% over the last eighteen months) with exterior curb appeal following a close third. Maintenance items should always be on the top of your list as the extra cost involved in repairs resulting from poor maintenance only takes away from money that could be spent on actual improvements, especially when it comes to the exterior that could allow water damage to occur. No project is too small or large – we hope you not only keep us in mind for home renovations, but also for maintenance or storm related items.

Thank you for all your support and referrals in the past and we look forward to working with you and your friends/family in the future. Happy New Year to you and your families.

Best Regards,

James Madsen, President/Owner

# ROMA Award Winning Project



The owners of this rurally located two story wanted to create a space to relax and enjoy Minnesota's short summer and fall seasons. The home's generous lot provided the perfect opportunity for the family to build an at-home retreat that includes a spacious deck, screened in porch, oversized patio area for entertaining and a space for a future hot tub. This two level outdoor living space can accommodate large gatherings as well as offer intimacy in its separate areas. The stone pillars, T&G cedar and tumbled paver surfaces create a warm and inviting feel. The perfect getaway without leaving home!



## The JBDB Showroom is Open for Business!



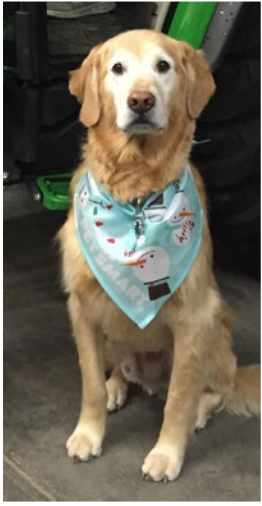
The James Barton Design-Build Showroom is a one-stop resource for our clients – consolidating many selections into one centralized location. With our simplified approach, our customers benefit from this time saving process by working one-on-one with our designers to create a unique and well planned project.



We are pleased to announce that with some recent updates and additions we can offer samples of the newest countertops, cabinet samples, backsplash and hardware options along with ornate faucet fixtures and endless flooring samples. We also provide samples of premium siding and durable roofing materials. Our showroom houses a wide variety of ideas to enhance nearly every aspect of your house - inside and out.



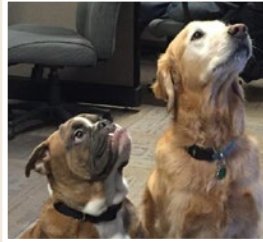
Working closely with a JBDB designer, clients are able to see and touch options in person instead of searching through mountains of magazines and websites. The JBDB Design Showroom has made our interior/exterior design process much more streamlined – we can't wait for you to experience it yourself!



Casey



Casey & Lucy



Casey & Yeti

## Casey's Corner

Wednesdays are an exciting day for me as I get to go to work with my mom at JBDB.... The first thing I like to do is go around to the offices and say hi to everyone – then of course I must find my favorite ball. Usually mom brings something fun for me to chew on....so that's what I do...chew...chew...chew. It's really exciting around here at lunch time and there are many people that I can beg for food from....even though I'm not suppose to have people food, my big dreamy eyes, usually get me something. If I'm lucky enough, Greg the UPS guy comes in and I really work my charm on him... he gives me handfuls of treats... I'm suppose to do tricks for treats, but Greg doesn't make me work too hard for them. In between all these fun activities I like to take long naps...and get belly rubs – I also made two new friends at JBDB – Lucy the Dachshund and Yeti the Bulldog puppy. Lucy is mellow like me – but wow does Yeti have energy! :) It's the good life for me at James Barton Design-Build and I hope someday you can come visit me!

## Home Renovation Trends

### Trends 2016:

#### Transitional kitchens

A transitional look for kitchens is definitely on the rise. While a few years ago traditional was all the rage, clients these days are looking for a cleaner look with fewer ornamental details and simpler finishes. In keeping with the transitional feel, color palettes tend to be more neutral with grays, taupes, whites and browns gaining in popularity. While white enameled cabinets are still in the forefront, adding a subtle color to the paint enamel is one way to take a modern approach to a classic look. What makes a neutral kitchen unique is adding in a fun color for an accent, interesting door hardware, a mix of textures, and distinctive, decorative lighting.

#### Metals

Metal finishes have always been a staple in the kitchen with stainless steel being the key player. While stainless steel will continue to dominate in appliances because of its broad appeal and classic style, manufacturers are coming out with innovative new spins in color to fit the modern family. GE's Slate finish offers a deeper, matte appearance to stainless and is resistant to fingerprints.

Mixing metal finishes within a kitchen creates interest and steers away from the "all new" feeling.



Many are hesitant to do so feeling that the finishes of the appliances should match that of the faucet, the lighting, and the hardware in order to look cohesive. While this approach is certainly not "wrong", a more interesting outcome can be accomplished by layering in different finishes to create a more collected look.

One trend on the rise is incorporating a metal finish within the backsplash. Whether it is truly metal or a metal-like finish, you can add visual interest and subtle color variation with a cool oxidized metal mosaic, brushed bronze penny round, or solid zinc sheet.

#### Technology

Technology continues to be on the rise – especially in the kitchen. Appliances now feature touch screens and apps comparable to that of an iPhone. Electrolux features an oven camera that takes pictures of its contents and sends it to your phone allowing you to "check-in" while entertaining. LG allows you to communicate with your appliances via phone – you can download recipes right to your range or start the "wash" cycle on your washing machine from your back yard.

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- Windows/Exterior Doors/Patio Doors
- Tile Interiors
- Stone Exteriors
- Outdoor Living Spaces
- Structural Repairs
- Home Maintenance Items (8 hours minimum)
- In-House Design Team & Carpenters
- No Project is Too Small or Too Large

