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## **PITTSBURGH DESIGN FAIR FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN RETURNS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

### **SECOND ANNUAL EVENT FEATURES MORE THAN 50 EXHIBITORS**

PITTSBURGH, PA (August 16, 2008)—The second annual Pittsburgh Design Fair for House and Garden is scheduled for Sunday, September 28 from 11 am to 5 pm at The Priory’s Grand Hall and Courtyard on Pittsburgh’s North Side. PNC Bank joins returning sponsors including Chatham University, Pittsburgh Design Center, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, WDUQ-90.5 fm, and *Home and Design* magazine. Featured exhibitors include: Master Remodelers, Inc., Forbo Flooring, and Gerald Lee Morosco Architects. Last year’s inaugural event drew more than 1,000 homeowners from Pittsburgh and surrounding communities.

“This year’s event builds on the success of our first year. Even more exhibitors will be on hand to demonstrate their products and services, answer your questions, and even sell you some merchandise!,” according to RenPlan® program director and Pittsburgh Design Fair producer Tara Nelson. “We’re featuring a “Green Living” theme, which highlights a range of eco-friendly services and products such as flooring, windows, kitchens and baths, and landscaping for a healthier, more energy efficient home.”

The Pittsburgh Design Center—a sponsor and featured exhibitor at last year’s Design Fair—is expanding its presence at this year’s event by offering informal consultations with some of the region’s finest interior designers. Questions about furniture, accessories, lighting, kitchens and baths, fireplaces, architectural finishes, fabrics, and even garage floor coatings and finishes can be addressed to experts. Also new at the 2008 Pittsburgh Design Fair for House and Garden is an extended demonstration area at the outdoor Blumengarten, across the street from The Priory’s Grand Hall, showcasing the green practices of rain barrel water collection and composting.

Tickets to the Pittsburgh Design Fair are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. The Deutschtown House Tour occurs on the same day in the same neighborhood. Combo tickets to both the Design Fair and House Tour are available for \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [pittsburghdesignfair.org](http://pittsburghdesignfair.org), or call 412.391.4144.

The Pittsburgh Design Fair for House and Garden is an event of the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh (CDCP), a non-profit organization that improves the quality of life by encouraging good design of the built environment. The CDCP offers design assistance in the form of grants, technical assistance, and education through three programs: Design Fund, RenPlan® Program, and Civic Stewardship, and three events Pedal Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Design Fair for House and Garden, and the new Design Excellence Lecture Series. The vision of the CDCP is to establish Pittsburgh by 2015 as a recognized place where good design of the built environment is a defining feature.

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