



Rave Reviews for the 2008 Homearama at Country Brook North

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Thousands of Dayton area home enthusiasts have already been through the four magnificent million dollar homes of the 2008 Homearama and almost all agree that these houses are in keeping with our tradition of presenting the highest quality of design and construction the home building industry has to offer.

The four distinctive styles are demonstrated by the soft contemporary style of the 8,600 square foot Summer Wind by Fortress Homes, the true Colorado Rockies lodges feel sprinkled with high tech amenities by R.L. Diorio Custom Homes, the traditional family look, feel and warmth of the Acadia Landing and it's multilevel outdoor entertainment areas by Traditional Custom Homes and last but not least is the New England coastal style of the Mariner complete with shingle siding and large wrapping front porch anchored by perfectly scaled round columns. These and many other unique features in all the houses translate into an outstanding show.

Attendees of the show have commented with high regards on the many features of the four appropriately furnished custom homes. All the homes are priced over \$1 million, averaging more than 7,500 square feet of finished living space, and offering the spectacular architectural details, finishes and features one expects at Dayton's premier home show event.

The 2008 Homearama at Country Brook North

Dates	Now through June 29
Hours	4-10 pm weekdays, noon-10 pm, Saturdays and noon-8 pm on Sundays. (No one admitted after one hour prior to closing) Children under 12 free when accompanied

by paid adult.

Admission	\$10.00 at gate – discounts at www.HBADAYTON.com Also only available at all Dorothy Lane Market \$2.00 discount with Club DLM 2.U card.
Parking	FREE all-weather parking at the site.
Directions	State Route 48 South from Centerville to west on State Route 73 to Country Brook Court. Follow signs to Homearama.

If you attended the show, you may have noticed the four builders personally spending many hours talking to as many of the show goers as possible. They are eager to get feedback on their work. They are looking for ideas on how to improve their product, whether it is floor plan tweaks, additional features to incorporate, new products to research, different finishes or simply a very nice compliment for the months of effort and commitment that are poured into each of the homes.

Feedback from the show goers often makes the whole effort worthwhile. The road to the finished product isn't always smooth. For the builders, Homearama is not for the weak of heart. Unlike almost all other homes our members build, these houses make no allowances for Mother Nature, materials that are ordered but don't arrive, or subcontractors who get delayed because they are "stacked up" on someone else's house (often another Homearama builder!).

The pressure is even greater for first time Homearama builders like Newt Bartel of Fortress Homes and Rick Herman of Traditional Custom Homes. They want to put their very first foot forward, and they also know that their houses will undergo intense public scrutiny, as well as comparisons with more established Homearama builders. The fact that they did such an outstanding job – and their houses are so terrific – speaks volumes about their accomplishments.

At the end of the day, of course, Homearama is about more than the builders showing their houses. It is also about *selling* them.

For most builders, who begin Homearama without sales contracts on their homes, their involvement represents a giant leap of faith. They are asked to invest up to \$1,000,000 in risk capital on the hope that a buyer will step forward before, during or just after the show. The good news for this show is only one home remains available for sale – The Aspen.

So, if you are in the market for a truly special new home, it's not too late. Homearama remains open through June 29.

And even if all four houses sell before you get there, they still provide – for consumers of both modest and affluent means – many million dollars worth of ideas for improving their existing home, or building the house of their dreams.

So, be sure to join us at Country Brook North for the 2008 Homearama. The houses are magnificent.