

## Spring is Right Around the Corner!

And that means it's time for the **2017 Minnesota Home and Patio Show**. The show runs February 16 to 19 at Saint Paul RiverCentre.

The media kit on the following pages gives details, but here are a few highlights:

- ❖ **NEW! Celebrity Chef Katie Chin** appears daily on the Home & Patio Show Celebrity Stage, Wilkins Auditorium. She'll be preparing some of our favorite Chinese foods.
- ❖ **NEW! Paul Koffy from BUZ'N 102.9 and Ev Jacobson, The Bee Lady**, appear daily on the Northern Gardener Stage. Learn everything you need to know about beekeeping!
- ❖ **Don Engebretson, The Renegade Gardener** appears every day on the Northern Gardener Stage.
- ❖ Gardening Guru **Bobby Jensen** and **Dr. Ken Nordberg** present "Two Old Guys Talking About Gardening," Saturday and Sunday only. Bring your questions!
- ❖ Check out the bling in the **Trending Kitchen and Bath Design Center!**
- ❖ Need a new patio? Outdoor kitchen? Outdoor movie theater? New retaining wall? Head to the **Outdoor Living and Garden Area** for inspiration, products and advice.
- ❖ Great gardening seminars by members of the **Minnesota State Horticultural Society**
- ❖ **Hundreds of exhibitors** featuring the best new products for the home and garden.

I'd be happy to help you arrange appearances by or interviews with any of our special guests or exhibitors. I'm also available to help set up remote broadcasts. I can be reached at 763-755-8111 or 612-718-6340.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

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## 2017 MINNESOTA HOME AND PATIO SHOW AT A GLANCE. . . .

### Welcome Spring at the Home and Patio Show!

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| <b>WHAT</b>          | <b>The 38th annual Minnesota Home and Patio Show</b>  |
| <b>WHEN/WHERE</b>    | February 16 – 19, Saint Paul RiverCentre, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd.  |
| <b>DESCRIPTION</b>   | Nearly 300 exhibits showcase innovative new products and services for home improvement, remodeling, decorating, energy conservation, gardening, landscaping and lawn care. Daily gardening, cooking and home improvement seminars.  |
| <b>SHOW HOURS</b>    | Thursday, Feb. 16                      2 p.m. – 8 p.m.<br>Friday, Feb. 17                         Noon – 8 p.m.<br>Saturday, Feb. 18                      10 a.m. – 8 p.m.<br>Sunday, Feb. 19                        10 a.m. – 5 p.m.   |
| <b>ADMISSION</b>     | \$9.00 for adults; \$6.00 for seniors (62+); \$2.50 for children aged 6 – 12; 5 and under free.   |
| <b>HIGHLIGHTS</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>NEW! Celebrity Chef Katie Chin</b>, author of <i>Katie Chin's Everyday Chinese Cookbook: 101 Delicious Recipes From My Mother's Kitchen</i>, appears daily on Home &amp; Patio Celebrity Stage.</li><li>❖ <b>NEW! Paul Koffy</b>, host of <b>BUZ'N 102.9's "Koffy in the Morning,"</b> and <b>Ev Jacobson</b>, <b>The Bee Lady</b>, cover the "Do's and Don'ts of Beekeeping" daily on the Northern Gardener Stage.</li><li>❖ <b>The Renegade Gardener</b>, <b>Don Engebretson</b>, every day</li><li>❖ <b>KARE 11's Bobby Jensen</b>, with <b>Dr. Ken Nordberg</b>, "Two Old Guys Talking About Gardening," Saturday and Sunday only</li><li>❖ <b>Chef Marcus McGee</b>, every day, on the Celebrity Stage.</li><li>❖ Interior Designer <b>Candy Weisenberger</b>, daily, Celebrity Stage</li><li>❖ <b>Trending Kitchen and Bath Design Center</b> showcases innovative new products and design trends. Find Your Bling!</li><li>❖ <b>Kids' Potting Bench</b>. Children learn how to pot up a plant, with help from Horticultural Society volunteers. Daily.</li><li>❖ Wide variety of gardening seminars on <b>Northern Gardener Stage</b> each day</li><li>❖ Find a breath of fresh spring air in the <b>Outdoor Living and Garden</b> area</li></ul> |
| <b>FOR MORE INFO</b> | Call 763-755-8111 or go to <a href="http://www.homeandpatioshow.com">www.homeandpatioshow.com</a>   |

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CELEBRATE SPRING!  
HOME AND PATIO SHOW OPENS FEBRUARY 16**

ST. PAUL, MN—When cabin and spring fever collide, a trip to the **Minnesota Home and Patio Show** is the prescribed cure. Now in its 38th year, the show runs Thursday, February 16 through Sunday, February 19 at Saint Paul RiverCentre.

The Home and Patio Show is the perfect place to get fresh new ideas for your home improvement and gardening projects. Get inspired as you gather information, get free advice, compare prices and meet with experts. Nearly 300 local and national exhibitors will be on hand to offer creative solutions for all home project needs. Experts include architects, interior designers, contractors, remodelers, landscaping firms and building suppliers. Products range from windows and doors to bathroom and kitchen fixtures, cabinetry, flooring, furnishings, roofs and siding. If it's new on the market, you'll find it at the Home and Patio Show.

Appearing for the first time at the Home and Patio Show is **Celebrity Chef Katie Chin**, daughter of award-winning restaurateur Leeann Chin. This cookbook author, TV personality and blogger is also a working mom. She specializes in creating everyday Asian recipes for real people on real schedules and budgets. Her daily presentations on the Celebrity Stage feature Chinese food favorites such as potstickers, cream cheese puffs and fried rice. Also appearing on the Celebrity Stage are local interior designer **Candy Weisenberger**, Allied member ASID, IFDA, from House 2 Home, and chef **Marcus McGee**.

**Paul Koffy**, host of "Koffy in the Morning" on BUZ'N 102.9, is also new to the Home & Patio Show. He and his wife **Ev Jacobson, The Bee Lady**, will give daily presentations on the art of beekeeping on the Northern Gardener Stage. Show favorite **Don Engebretson, the Renegade Gardener** will also be at the show daily. **Bobby Jensen** from KARE 11's "Grow with KARE" appears Saturday and Sunday in a fun and informative presentation with **Dr. Ken Nordberg**, horticultural society member. The title: "Two Old Guys Talking About Gardening." Other gardening seminars, presented by members of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, cover a wide variety of topics.

Spring will be blossoming in the **Outdoor Living and Garden Area**. Highlights this year include a mock-house with front and back yard landscaping, and an outdoor movie theater. Also featured are patios, outdoor kitchens, blooming plants, water features and fountains, as well as the newest hardscaping materials. Products and services in this area are designed to make our outdoor spaces as functional, comfortable and welcoming as those inside our homes.

The **Trending Kitchen and Bath Idea Center** returns, showcasing innovative products, technology and fashion-forward designs new on the market for kitchens and baths.

The Home and Patio Show will be open Thursday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors 62+, \$2.50 for children aged six to 12, with children five and under admitted free of charge. The show is produced by Cenaiko Productions, Inc. For more information, go to [www.homeandpatioshow.com](http://www.homeandpatioshow.com) or call 763-755-8111.

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## 2017 MINNESOTA HOME AND PATIO SHOW

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Appearing on the Home and Patio Show Celebrity Stage, Wilkins Auditorium

**Celebrity Chef Katie Chin** was born and raised in Minneapolis by her award-winning restaurateur mother, Leeann Chin. This cookbook author, TV personality and blogger is also a working mom. Appearing for the first time at the Home and Show, Katie will be demonstrating four recipes from her new *Everyday Chinese Cookbook: 101 Delicious Recipes from My Mother's Kitchen*. As Martha Stewart noted in her review of the cookbook, "Katie Chin has done us all a huge favor: she's provided us with recipes for so many of the Chinese dishes we always wanted to cook but have never had clear and easy instructions to prepare."

Katie explains that in her newest cookbook, "my goal is to demystify Chinese cooking, and show people how simple it can be using their own pots and pans and ingredients that are widely available today." At the show, she will prepare the quick and easy fan favorite cream cheese puffs; potstickers, from an authentic recipe passed down from her mother; and pineapple fried rice. She will take the mystery out of stir-frying, too, using easy techniques she learned from her mother, as she prepares chicken with shitake mushrooms and snow peas.

**Marcus McGee**, who recently was named the winner of Spire Credit Union's Food Truck challenge, has a passion for cooking. This father of two works full time, but cooking is how he loves to spend his free time.

He is inspired by The Food Network and enjoys experimenting with combinations of different recipes. While not formally trained, he has taught classes and assisted at a cooking school, allowing him to strengthen his cooking skills. Many times he will combine both fresh and pre-made items to simplify the process. He believes cooking should be fun and relaxing rather than stressful. At the Home and Patio Show, Marcus will demonstrate his recipes for Tuscan white bean puree, farro risotto with mushrooms, lamb tacos with tzatziki sauce, and a bacon and onion jam.

**Candy Weisenberger**, Allied Member ASID, IFDA, holds a degree in Interior Design from Art Institutes International Minnesota. She and her husband Mark are owners of the local design firm House 2 Home, where their love of design is put to work for their clients. At the Home and Patio Show, Candy will explain "Choosing Colors for Your Next Decorating Project." She'll be at the show every day.

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**Appearing on the Northern Gardener Stage, Wilkins Exhibition Hall  
Sponsored by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society**

**Paul Koffy**, host of "Koffy in the Morning" on BUZ'N 102.9 and his wife **Ev Jacobson**, "The Bee Lady," live on a small hobby farm in Shafer, Minnesota. They have been keeping bees and selling supplies for a number of years. They will be presenting daily seminars explaining some of the basic equipment needed and sharing the do's and "a lot of learned don'ts" for beekeeping. Attendees can register to win a much-publicized "FLOWHIVE™" and a package of bees to put in the hive this spring.

**Don Engebretson, the Renegade Gardener**, is a well-known gardening authority. Author of five books on gardening and landscaping, he is field editor and garden scout for *Better Homes and Gardens* and garden editor for *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine*. Don is the owner of Renegade Gardener Landscaping, specializing in residential landscape renovation and custom stonework. His humorous, opinionated work as a garden writer has garnered national attention; he has won six national writing awards from the Garden Writers Association of America. Don will cover two subjects at his daily Home and Patio Show seminars. His topics are "Crafting Cool and Creative Containers" and "Design Secrets to a Beautiful Garden."

**Bobby Jensen**, one of Minnesota's favorite gardeners, is well known as the co-host, with meteorologist Belinda Jensen, of the popular KARE 11 "Grow with KARE" gardening segments. This year, on Saturday and Sunday only, he'll be teaming with **Dr. Ken Nordberg**, a retired dentist, avid gardener and member of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Their topic: "Two Old Guys Talking About Gardening." This one is sure to be fun and informative.

A wide range of additional gardening topics will be addressed throughout the show. Subjects include selecting fruit trees for urban locations, growing fruits and vegetables in containers, raising chickens in the city, and restoring native pollinator habitat. Speakers include **Michelle Mero Riedel**, **Mark Armstead** of Beisswenger's Lawn & Garden, and master gardeners **Mary Yee** and **Cheryl Culberth**, among others.

Other special events include the **Kids' Potting Bench**, sponsored by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Open daily, children pot a small free plant with help from volunteers, which they can then take home to nurture. **Ramsey County Master Gardeners** will be at the MSHS booth Saturday and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m., answering plant questions of every kind. The popular **bulb sale** is ongoing throughout the show.

**Trending Kitchen and Bath Idea Center  
Wilkins Auditorium**

The **Trending Kitchen and Bath Idea Center** showcases the most innovative products, technology and designs available for kitchens and baths. The fashion-forward products on display at this year's show include Bertazzoni Italia Ranges from **MJ's Appliances**, Brizo Performance Shower Systems and bath fixtures in the newest 2017 finishes, including luxe gold and luxe gold/teak, from **DJS Design Showroom**. High contrast/graphic ceramic and concrete tiles and luxury bathroom fixtures from **Fantasia Showrooms** will be on display, as well as engineered wood flooring, reclaimed wood flooring, metallic and natural woven wallcoverings, carpets and luxury laminates from **House 2 Home Design Studios**.

### Outdoor Living and Garden Area Wilkins Exhibition Hall

Find a breath of fresh spring air in the **Outdoor Living and Garden Area**. Highlights this year include a mock--house with front and back yard landscaping and an outdoor movie theater. Also featured are patios, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, blooming plants, water features and fountains, lighting and accessories. . The elaborate, beautifully furnished outdoor rooms, by **Superior Landscaping and Irrigation, Patio Town** and **Brookside Property Services** showcase the newest hardscaping materials and design trends.

All products and services in this area are designed to make our outdoor spaces as functional, comfortable and welcoming as those inside our homes. It is the perfect place to stop, smell the flowers, and find inspiration for your own spring outdoor projects.

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## 2017 MINNESOTA HOME AND PATIO SHOW SEMINAR TOPICS

### CELEBRITY STAGE SEMINARS/DEMONSTRATIONS

- ❖ Cream Cheese Puffs—**Celebrity Chef Katie Chin**
- ❖ Potstickers—**Celebrity Chef Katie Chin**
- ❖ Pineapple Fried Rice—**Celebrity Chef Katie Chin**
- ❖ Chicken with Shitake Mushrooms and Snow Peas—**Celebrity Chef Katie Chin**
- ❖ Mojo Pulled Pork with Fiesta Sauce—**Chef Marcus McGee**
- ❖ Lime Infused Fried Chicken Thighs—**Chef Marcus McGee**
- ❖ Italian Meatball Slider with Spicy Pasta Sauce—**Chef Marcus McGee**
- ❖ Choosing Colors for Your Next Decorating Project—**Candy Weisenberger, Allied Member, ASID, IFDA, House2Home**

### GARDENING SEMINARS

- ❖ The Do's and Don'ts of Beekeeping—**Paul Koffy, BUZ'N 102.9 and Ev Jacobson, The Bee Lady**
- ❖ Design Secrets to a Beautiful Garden—**Don Engebretson, The Renegade Gardener**
- ❖ Crafting Cool and Creative Containers—**Don Engebretson, The Renegade Gardener**
- ❖ Two Old Guys Talking About Gardening—**Bobby Jensen, KARE 11 and Dr. Ken Nordberg**
- ❖ Anything but Green Foliage
- ❖ Raising Chickens in the City
- ❖ Selecting Fruit Trees for Urban Locations
- ❖ Growing Fruits and Vegetables in Containers
- ❖ Grow Your Own Gourmet Mushrooms at Home
- ❖ Restoring Native Pollinator Habitat