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2006 Greater Naples Luxury Home Tour begins on Friday

The 2006 Greater Naples Luxury Home Tour begins on Friday, Feb. 3 and runs throughout the weekend and will continue on the following two Friday-Saturday-Sunday weekends, ending on Sunday, Feb. 19. Tour hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This year's Tour offers 10 decorated homes, whose collective value approaches \$27 million. Traveling from north to south, here are a few of the features to be found in these homes.

The tour opens with a bonus — an extra home has been added in addition to the 10 homes mentioned above. Harbourside Custom Homes submitted a recently completed home in the tour as their second entry. The \$2.395 million Grande Tuscano model is in Shadow Wood at The Brooks in Bonita Springs.

Koogler Homes Inc. has entered its Nautilus I model in Cape Coral. Located on a deep-water canal with access to the Caloosahatchee River and Gulf of Mexico, the Nautilus I features a wet bar with wine storage, an exercise room, butler's pantry, a second-floor game room and a 26-foot tropical Italian mural on the spiral stairway wall.

The Sutura model by The Ronto Group is in The Paramount at Gulf Harbour. An estate-sized condo unit overlooking the Caloosahatchee River, this high-rise home offers designer finishes throughout, including Rotpunkt cabinetry, granite countertops in the kitchen, marble appointments and dressing table in the master bath, and a private elevator lobby.

At Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club in Estero, Cornerstone Developers has entered its San Raphael model. Marble flooring, tumbled stone, key-stone exterior embellishments and rich mahogany in the study lend a Mediterranean flavor to this two-story home. Other highlights include a five-seat home theater, coffered ceilings with bow-tie crown molding, a formal dining room and parlor with a

fireplace.

West Bay Club in Estero is the site of The Rembrandt model by Sovereign Homes. This two-story home's design showcases its nature and water views, overlooking a lake and preserve. The media room includes a flat-screen TV, billiards, card tables and wet bar. Another retreat is the study, which overlooks the custom-designed pool and spa as well as the lake.

Harbourside Custom Homes has two entries. The Grand Tuscano is in Shadow Wood at The Brooks in Bonita Springs. This two-story home features two wet bars and a second-floor loft. A guest suite with private full bath and a large balcony are also located on the second floor. Pocketing sliding glass doors in the living room and zero-corner pocketing doors in the family room open up to emphasize the home's lakefront setting and large covered lanai.

The Villano IV is Harbourside's second entry and is at Quail West. The home has a large covered lanai that includes a freestanding fireplace, a summer kitchen and lagoon-style pool with rockscaping and waterfall. Two sets of zero-corner sliding glass doors are featured in the family room of this two-story home.

Another dual entry participant is London Bay Homes. Both models are in Mediterra in North Naples.

The Capriano is designed for outdoor living, complete with an outdoor fireplace, interior courtyard pool and covered loggia with Old World shed roof. Other highlights include a gated wine room with mural and a second-story game room and sun deck.

The Abriana model is California Mediterranean with a rustic exterior façade of stucco, stone and wood. A two-story circular vestibule is accented with a wall-hugging staircase, wine room and banquet. Throughout the home are beamed ceilings, decorative tile work, arched openings and French



The Grande Tuscano by Harbourside Custom Homes is a recent addition to the tour which begins on Friday. This five-bedroom, 5.5-bath home is located in Shadow Wood at The Brooks in Bonita Springs. Courtesy/AdvertisingWorks

doors. Fireplaces are in the outdoor living area and in the dining room.

Bordeaux Homes by Vision Builders is opening its Leonardo Fiore model in Mediterra for the tour. This home incorporates green-building practices

and added hurricane safety features such as impact-resistant glass and a 15,000-kilowatt generator. The home features original artwork throughout, a media

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room and a custom-designed pool.

The Moorings in Naples is the setting for the Marina Cav by

Westpoints Development LLC. This two-story home has a two-story formal living room with a fireplace, a family room with bar and lounge area, an outdoor gazebo with fire pit and summer kitchen, plus state-of-the-art technology and electronics. Laundry rooms are placed on both floors of the Marina Cav.

The Netterra is in the Homes of Islandia in Naples. This entry by Apple Development Corp. features a floor plan that wraps around a large pool area and showcases views of woods and a lake. The pool is flanked by numerous colonnades that culminate at a freestanding pavilion with summer kitchen and a half-

bath. Both the living room and library have fireplaces.

The 2006 Greater Naples Luxury Home Tour is produced and presented by Midwest Home magazine in partnership with locally published Gulfshore Life magazine.

Tour Passports provide one-

time admittance to all the homes. Discounted Passports may be purchased in advance for \$20 at local CVS/pharmacy locations as well as at seven area Robb & Stucky locations. During the tour dates, Passports will be available at the participating homes for \$25, or \$5 for single-site access.

Included are locations and a directional map for the participating model homes.

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