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CALM Opens Up Doors to the 2009 CALM Design Showcase Home

Tours begin June 3, exclusive events this year include “Top Chef” event, Trunk Show and opportunities to meet designers – proceeds benefit CALM’s child abuse prevention programs

Santa Barbara, CA – The **CALM Design Showcase** event is back this summer, and CALM has assembled a world-class design team who, in record-breaking time (a mere eight months) have taken one home and completely renovated it down to the studs and back to unveil this year’s Showcase home. The CALM Design Showcase 2009 is presented by **805 Living Magazine**, and is a signature benefit to raise awareness and much-needed funds to support the many critical programs and services at CALM.

CALM was fortunate to find **Casa Robles**, a beautiful knoll top hacienda designed by architect Chester Carjola, who in 1939 helped turn the old Post Office into what is today the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. The 4,500 square foot home on the Riviera is situated on a 2-acre garden of bougainvillea, Specimen Oaks and graceful palms. **Casa Robles is open to the public for tours June 3 – 28.** The newly renovated home serves as a showcase to exhibit the area’s top talent and latest trends in interior design, architecture, and landscape design.

“The CALM Design Showcase was conceived more than 20 years ago and remains our signature benefit event to raise awareness and funds to support the many vital child abuse prevention and treatment programs and services at CALM,” said Cecilia Rodriguez, Executive Director of CALM. “This event would not be possible without the dedication and support of the generous homeowners, the interior and exterior designers, contractors, architect, design resources, volunteers and donors, and for that CALM is so grateful.”

Highlights of this month-long event at *Casa Robles* include the **Sunset Soiree opening night gala**, a **“Top Chef” cooking event with Top Chef finalist Fabio Viviani** (voted “Fan Favorite”), and a **Trunk Show** featuring exclusive clothing, accessories and home decor collections from top designers. In addition, there will be opportunities to meet the designers and landscape architects, and tour the home with them.

CALM, Child Abuse Listening and Mediation, was founded in 1970 to reach stressed parents before they hurt their children. CALM continues to be the only non-profit agency in Santa Barbara County focusing solely on preventing, assessing, and treating child abuse and family violence through comprehensive, cutting-edge programs. CALM offers children, families, and adults a safe, non-judgmental, caring, and strength-based environment to heal and increase family well-being. **For more information about all of CALM’s services, please call 805-965-2376, or visit www.calm4kids.org.**

Design House Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm (last entry)

For Tickets: Online: www.calmdesignshowcase.org or by phone: Please call CALM (805) 965-2376 x149. Advanced ticket price is \$25.00 per ticket plus a \$1.50 handling charger per ticket. Tickets are available at the door for \$30.00. There are no refunds on all tickets.

2009 Showcase Team

Contractor

Lindsey Adams Construction

Architect

Harrison Design Associates

Studio Encanto, Christy Martin

Spaces: living room, library, dining room, breakfast area, girls and boys bedrooms, office, bathrooms, master bedroom, courtyard

The Kitchen Company, Gillian and Mike Amery, Lisa Krempasky, Teresa Mascagno

Space: Kitchen

The Offices of Katie O'Reilly Rogers, Inc

Space: Garden

Irvine Flower Design, Annette Flower

Space: Family Room

Deborah Campbell Interior Designs

Space: Living room patio

Cabana Home

Spaces: Dining gallery, back gallery and terrace, master bedroom terrace

The Kitchen Company, Patricia Just

Space: Laundry Room

California Closets, Nicole Kypreos

Space: Master Closets

Garage Envy, Greg Mroz

Space: Garage

R.J Foil Landscape, Inc.

Space: Garden

Special Events

Opening Night Sunset Soiree at Casa Robles

Saturday, May 30 • 5:30pm

Exclusive Showcase Opening Night Gala. Be part of an elegant evening to raise funds to support CALM. Tickets: \$200/person.

“Top Chef” Cooking Event with Fabio Viviani

Thursday, June 11 • 6 pm

Join everybody’s favorite “Top Chef” finalist Fabio Viviani for a Celebrity Chef evening of indulgence. Get up close and personal with Fabio and feast on his sensational Italian favorites...a meal you’ll remember forever! Tickets: \$100/person.

Trunk Show

Thursday, June 18 • 5-8 pm

Preview new collections of women’s apparel, accessories, children’s furnishing and home products. Private tour and champagne reception. Tickets: \$50/person.

Design Events

The following events are included in the regular ticket price

Meet the Interior Designers: June 4, 12, 20 and 27 • 12-3 pm

Meet the Landscape Designer: June 7 and 21 • 12-3 pm

Café: The 2009 Design Showcase House is proud to have renowned caterers providing delectable selections in the Café at the Showcase House. Relax and enjoy a gourmet meal, a scrumptious dessert, or a refreshing drink in the exquisite gardens.

June 3-7: Museum Café at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art

June 10-14: Duo Events

June 17-21: Seasons Catering

June 24-28: Village Modern Food

Boutique: Indulge your senses at the **Showcase Lifestyle Boutique** which will offer home, garden, couture fashion, and children's products from **Diani**, **Summer for Kids** and **Maison K**.