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2011 Home & Garden Show features Renegade Gardener, Grilling Buddies

Fargo, N.D. – Red River Valley Home & Garden Show attendees can walk on the wilder side with the Renegade Gardener and Grilling Buddies Mad Dog & Merrill featured at the 50th annual event Feb. 25-27 at the Fargodome.

The Home & Garden Show is organized by the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead and offers the largest selection of home and garden exhibits in the region.

Renegade Gardener Don Engebretson presents at home, garden and flower shows across the nation. He is called a “renegade” because of the stern eye he keeps on the industry that, as he says, “tries to sell homeowners the concept that gardening is easy, takes little time and doesn’t require development of skills.”

Engebretson has written for national publications including Better Homes & Gardens, recently winning his sixth national writing award from the Garden Writers Association of America. He also regularly appears on HGTV’s “TIPical MaryEllen” and PBS-TV’s “Hometime.”

“Homeowners should come to the show because I will cut through the misinformation, fast-forward them through 15 years of the gardening learning curve, and spit them out the other end as much improved gardeners,” he says. He will cover crafting cool and creative containers and how to avoid gardening’s top ten blunders and landscape design for homeowners.

Mad Dog & Merrill blend wittiness and satire with demonstrations on how to create mouth-watering recipes on the grill. Back by popular demand, the Wisconsin duo first appeared in Fargo at the 2007 Home & Garden Show.

Gary Merrill says they will share the “art of enjoying the time spent behind the BBQ,” covering small appetizers, veggies, main courses, and even desserts. Their presentations will address the top ten mistakes grillers make and easy solutions, as well as recipes for wild game.

“We know that in this fast-paced world folks are trying to slow down a bit, get out in their own backyard, relax and do some grilling,” he says. “And for those interested in owning a grill, we can steer them in the right direction to find one that suits their needs.”

Event details and conveniences

- Hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday Feb. 27.
- Show sponsor Accent Kitchen & Bath offers kitchen and bath seminars for consumers.
- Children can enjoy The Home Depot Kids’ Workshop.
- Entrances on the east and west sides of the Fargodome will be open for consumer convenience.
- Show guides will be published in The Forum Feb. 20 and become available at all Hornbacher’s Feb. 21.
- Admission is \$8
 - \$1-off coupons are available on Hornbacher’s receipts, will be in the show guides and at www.hbafm.com.
 - New this year, the show offers two-for-one admission on Friday from 3-6 p.m.
- Visit www.hbafm.com for more details. Contact Sarah at (701) 232-5846 or sarah@hbafm.com for more information on exhibiting. For sponsorship information, contact Jenny at (701) 232-5846 or jenny@hbafm.com.

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The HBA of F-M is a non-profit trade association of over 800 members that has been in existence since 1956. Its mission is to provide quality services, benefits and education to members and the community while representing the collective interests of the home building industry. Its public events include the Spring Parade of Homes, Fall Parade of Homes, Red River Valley Home & Garden Show and the Fall Home Show.

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For answers to any questions regarding this release, please call Krista Mund at (701) 232-5846. For more details on the renegade gardener or the grilling buddies, visit www.renegadegardener.com or www.maddogandmerrill.com.