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Chamber Brings Back Housing Tour



Terry Mills shows housing tour guests the original cabinets, sink and countertops from his parents' old home built in 1916 that Terry and Dena incorporated into the basement of their new home in Mills Valley. - Jessica Tickle photos



Chris Kuczynski opened up his shouse for the tour, that combines residential living with a shop. The residence has some great retro pieces, such as his kitchen table.

It's been several years since Chamber hosted a housing tour. The event was brought back on November 1st, drawing 127 ticket holders from not only Arnold, but surrounding towns as well. With the housing tour hosts and helpers added in, 144 meals were served at the community center. The luncheon tables were beautifully decorated in a fall theme, and participants chose from 44 sweet or savory salads provided by community members. The tour of four homes started soon after, with everyone free to choose which direction they went.

Chamber held its last tour in 2017, and for a few years, there was only a tour.

"We took it back to the old way of having a luncheon," said AEDC Director Cheryl Carson, who co-chaired the event with Chamber President Dena Mills. "It took a team, and we had a very good team. Dena lined up the homes, the bank ladies offered to put out a call for salads and host, Tammy Weinman and Jill Kulp were at the check-in table, and I took care of advertising,

printing brochures, table decorations, and the pre-tour. Mr. Phelps and his students set up the tables in the community center, and volunteers tore down."

Tour participants were given a brochure that provided details on each home. Excerpts from these descriptions provided by the hosts follow:

Kulp Home

Bryce and Kenzie Kulp built their 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 3,720 sq. ft. Wardcraft home on land where Kenzie grew up riding horses and working cattle with her grandpa. The view from the land southwest of town is what first captured their hearts and inspired them to put their home there. "Thanks to my Uncle Joe, my dad (Ranald Ferguson), and Herb (Hall), we were able to finish the basement," she said, adding that many family members have helped them with not only the house, but with landscaping as well. Their home provides space for family gatherings, kids and cousins to ride dirt bikes, and their dogs to explore the pond and prairie dog town. "Uncle Rich and

Aunt Lois shared this land with us, making it even more meaningful," said Kenzie.

Mills Home

Terry and Dena Mills' zero entry, 3,720 sq. ft. home was built in 2020 in Mills Valley by Gary Larreau Construction, Inc. of Arnold. Terry and Dena were very hands-on, drawing on scratch paper where they wanted things, and Dena said her mother, Connie Weinman, did an amazing job drawing up floor plans. Dena's favorite things about the home are the kitchen, food pantry, large garage, and having the grandkids out to do crafts and spend time on the covered patio. Some of Terry's favorite things are the location because of the views, the covered patio, and the history. Terry is the 4th generation to live on the Mills family farm, and the couple has thoughtfully included historical items from both of their families. The couple built a game table out of the old Arnold High School gym floor, which both Terry and Dena spent many

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Hostess Stephanie Peters Delp shows guests a family heirloom dollhouse in her home built in 2022.



Kenzie Kulp gives guests a tour of the home she and husband Bryce had built on a beautiful acreage south of Arnold.

Lighting It Up For the Holidays



Arnold's Jr. Honor Society members and their sponsor, Kelly Morgan, helped AEDC Director Cheryl Carson make quick work out of lighting up Koubek Gardens for the holidays last Thursday. The village crew dropped off the eight trees, and everyone went to work placing them and stringing the lights. The job was done in just a little over an hour.

Carson will add more decorations in the coming days, setting the scene for Chamber's downtown "Gnome for the Holidays" event scheduled for December 3.

- Debbie Connelly photos