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Fagan becomes W.N.C.'s first builder to be granted Green Professional Accreditation

Bill Fagan, owner of Timeless Mountain Homes in Black Mountain, has been awarded the prestigious Green Professional Accreditation certification by the Western North Carolina Building Council on August 20. The accreditation comes after a lengthy schooling and a challenging exam process, of which Fagan is the first non-instructor to pass.

With this accreditation, Fagan distinguishes himself and Timeless Mountain Homes as the only accredited HealthyBuilt Home and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) builder in Western North Carolina with the Green Professional Accreditation.

The Western North Carolina Green Building Council created the Green Professional Accreditation (GPA) program in order to give professionals the opportunity to gain education as well as the ability to set themselves apart from others in the green building profession.

"I thought this would be an excellent fit, since green building projects are our core focus," Fagan said. "I'm really excited about this accreditation, as ultimately, it allows us to provide even greater assurance to our customers that they are getting the best green quality building talent available."

Fagan and his company, Timeless Mountain Homes, is leading the green building effort in the North Carolina market through his commitment to sustainable building practices. Timeless Mountain Homes is also a representative of True North Log Homes, which further demonstrates their environmental dedication.

For more information on Fagan and Timeless Mountain Homes, call 877-669-5557 or visit them online at www.timelessmountainhomes.com. To learn more about the Western North Carolina Building Council and Green Professional Accreditation, please visit <http://wncgbc.org/green-accredited.php>. For more information on True North Log Homes, or to request a copy of their plan book, please visit www.truenorthloghomes.com, or call 1-800-661-1628.

Fast, easy, and cheap ways to improve a home



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(above) Repairing existing fixtures and adjusting faucets in the sink and shower to make them more accessible to new occupants of the household are inexpensive ways to make improvements around the house.

MS - As the economy continued to struggle over the last year, many homeowners put off home improvement projects as a means of saving money and insulating themselves from any potential financial pitfalls.

While the economy has yet to fully recover, the speculation that the coming year will be much better than 2009 has led some homeowners to begin seeking smaller home improvement projects.

Though it might be too early to commit big dollars to a project, there are several options out there for homeowners looking to make small and inexpensive additions or improvements.

•Consider any new guests. An unfortunate side effect of the bad economy is that many people have lost significant amounts of money in investments, be it sinking real estate

values or poor performance from investments in the market.

This has forced many seniors to move back in with their families, either because of retirement plans that have been postponed or because of the high cost of senior living facilities that families can no longer afford.

For families with a new senior house guest, chances are the home needs to be equipped with several things to make it more senior-friendly. For as little as \$100 apiece, projects such as installing easy-grip door handles, grab bars in the tub or near the toilet, and even easier to use faucets that are more amenable to people with arthritis can be completed on a weekend afternoon.

•Make aesthetic improvements. Structural improvements are often the most expensive and require the

largest time commitment. However, projects that are purely aesthetic aren't terribly expensive and can be completed in a much shorter period of time.

One easy project that can give the home a new feel is to work on the entryway of the home. Painting the front door can create an entirely different look and first impression by visitors, and it's a very easy and inexpensive project to undertake.

Another low-cost aesthetic improvement is to power wash a home that has vinyl siding. Siding often collects mold, mildew, and grime that requires the use of a power washer to remove. One can be rented rather inexpensively and a thorough power washing can be completed as a weekend project.

Painting the interior of the home can also add new life to

a room that a homeowner has otherwise grown accustomed to or a room in which the paint has begun to dull or even chip. Because paint is relatively inexpensive, this is a great way to make major changes to a home without a major impact on the pocketbook.

•Clean up. Cleaning a home is not only inexpensive to improve its feel and look, but it should also be free unless the occupants are genuine pack rats.

For homeowners who have lived in the same home a long time, clutter has probably crept its way into the home and taken over certain areas. Clearing out this clutter can create whole new areas of the home, and unless the local sanitation department needs to be called to tote it all away, clearing out the clutter costs nothing except some time and effort on the weekend.

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