

Lafayette Kitchen Tour

By Cathy Tyson

How often are you invited by six perfect strangers to check out their shiny state-of-the-art kitchens and donate money to a worthy cause? Not that often. But on May 19 from 10 – 3, the Lafayette Juniors are presenting the Eighth Annual Kitchen Tour, featuring the latest in design and materials in a variety of diverse homes.

The following is a brief sneak peak at two of the six homes.

Bill and Martha Marquand are opening up their brand new home, right behind the Lafayette Elementary School. They love the neighborhood, but needed more space for their growing family. Bill, an architect, was careful to design the new house in keeping with the character of the surrounding older properties. The neighbors were great, very understanding, says the couple. “The charm of Lafayette benefits everyone,” Bill notes. The kitchen was designed around a painting the couple purchased in Hawaii, that has a palette of bright tropical colors. The sunny coral Silestone countertop with a hint of sparkle, and glass tiles were just the starting point for the many unique choices they made.

Sandra and Rob Eaton tore down their circa 1971 house in the Reliez Valley. “It was a beautiful piece of property, 1 ¼ acres, with a barn, arena and chickens, but that’s where the love affair ended. The walls had cancer and there were no closets anywhere,” says Sandra. With much artistic input from contractor Michael Sands, they started from scratch, but left three original fireplaces imported from Europe. Everything went smoothly until two weeks prior to the project being complete, the plumber hadn’t tightened a pipe completely and the entire house was flooded. It was handled very professionally, but it set the schedule back two weeks while they refinished all the brand new hickory floors.

See for yourself. Tickets are \$35, \$25 of which is a tax-deductible donation to Community Violence Solutions and Rape Crisis Center; available at a number of locations including the Lafayette Community Center, see website for more details
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Kitchen of Bill and Martha Marquand

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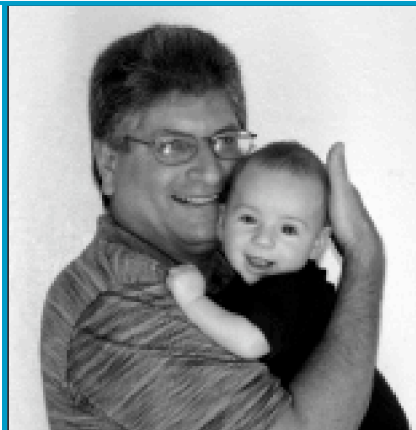


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