







he Summit County Parade of Homes is back, showcasing new and remodeled homes in the area for the 22nd year. The event runs on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18, as well as the following weekend, and properties featured will include single and multi-family homes in this High Country region.

The Parade has evolved into a fundraiser for The Summit Foundation. Last year the Summit County Builders Association gave nearly \$36,000 to the organization, with more than 2,300 visitors to the 16 homes on the tour.

Marilyn Hogan, executive officer of the Summit County Builders Association, said the Parade is "one of a kind."

"The setting in Summit County is just spectacular in September with the changing of the leaves — as well as the caliber and quality of the beautiful homes that are in the Parade — (that) make it truly outstanding," Hogan said.

PARADE OF HOMES 2016

DATES: SEPT. 17-18, 24-25

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The tour showcases homes that are energy conscious, that have breathtaking views and have fun entertainment features, as well as impressive outdoor living areas. Many people who attend are looking for ideas for remodeling their current home or looking for builders or craftsmen who can help them with a new home.

NEW BUILDS AND REMODELS

"For those planning to build, it's an opportunity to meet prospective builders, interior designers, architects and tradespeople, to see their work firsthand and discuss building together," said Christine Berwyn, director of marketing for Pinnacle Mountain Homes. The custom home building company has been contributing to the Parade of Homes for eight years with a total of 50 awards.

One of two of Pinnacle's featured homes on the tour, "Home 15," is on 38 Wildcat Road in Breckenridge. Some of the 5,633-square-foot home's highlights include a floating open-air riser timber staircase made from two species of wood, a kitchen island with a waterfall granite countertop, a bunk room with timber-framed bunk beds and a living room with an artistic and modern DaVinci fireplace that stands





over 13 feet high.

"Home 17" in Breckenridge is a four-level ski-in, ski-out home located on Timber Trail at Peak 8. The 9,082-square-foot home has a mix of metal and barnwood accents, with a living room that boasts floor-to-ceiling picture windows overlooking the ski area, an open plan kitchen with a 16-inch granite slab counter top, ridge skylights and a groove ceiling with distressed Douglas fir wood beams to give the main living area a bright and expansive aesthetic.

For those who have questions about any of the homes, there is generally a builder or representative

on site each day. Other companies who were instrumental in the architectural design, interior design or other sub-contractors may also be present to field questions.

"Many of the builders and other businesses instrumental in providing the quality homes in the Parade enjoy talking with the many people who come through the Parade," Hogan said. "This meeting during the Parade can be very beneficial for all parties involved, and of course many attending just love to look at the beautiful craftsmanship our Parade has to offer, as well as supporting a great organization — The Summit Foundation."



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ABOVE & LEFT This home sits near the golf course in Silverthorne. Photos courtesy Mathison Custom Builders

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Along with the new custom homes, this year the Parade is featuring five homes that have been totally remodeled. Hogan said that remodels are a larger portion of the event this year.

"This is the largest number of homes that we have seen in the remodel category," she said. "We are finding people who have an older home on a lot that they love, which needs a total facelift, or they purchase a beautiful building site with an older home and totally redo it to fit their needs."

The homes are judged by a three-person panel that includes a builder, architect and interior designer. Homes are grouped by their square footage size including the garage, multi-family projects and home or condominium remodels.

The Parade is also a chance to directly compare all the experts who specialize in mountain construction.

"For builders in the county, the Parade is a key marketing event allowing them to showcase their workmanship, connect with potential customers and support our community," Berwyn said.

The event draws a strong Front Range audience interested in viewing the top designed, built and furnished mountain homes.

"Overlapping with the Breckenridge Film Fest, the Wine Classic and peak leaf season," said Berwyn, "it has become a premium fall event."

Tickets for the 2016 Parade of Homes may be purchased at select Parade homes and Summit County locations of City Market, Coldwell Banker and Bank of the West.

For more information, visit www.summitcountybuilders.org/ paradeofhomes.

