

What is the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour 2006 looking for?

Please read this and the following page before filling out the application/nomination. Nomination/applications are due January 17, 2006. You may download this Word file and type in the answers, then return by email to <mailto:link@nrp.org>. Or you may hand write or type on a printed copy and return to the address on the application.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour has several goals but the primary goal is to show housing and remodeling options that make city living interesting, exciting and possible at all life stages. There are no right or wrong answers for the nomination/application form; submissions that will result in an interesting and well-rounded tour are encouraged. We are looking for:

Life stage adaptations or construction - example: making an existing home handicap-accessible, or enlarging to accommodate growing families.

Remodeling projects – from small do-it-yourself decorating to large contractor-executed additions.

Promoting neighborhoods – quality of life, activities and amenities unique to a neighborhood*

“Change in the landscape” public/private partnership in housing projects

Styles of home – variety of types

Geographic distribution as well as selected concentrations*

Historical significance and historically sensitive adaptive reuse

“Green” construction, energy-efficiencies

“Cool factor” – the draw of the unusual. Past examples: Mansion, solar-powered home, architect-designed in an unusual setting or using non-traditional materials, artist home/business combinations.

**Neighborhood groups that recruit multiple homes may have the groupings featured as neighborhood tours. Ask coordinators for details.*

Keep this page for reference. Do not return with your application/nomination

Questions: Call 612-673-5103 or email link@nrp.org.

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Here's what will happen next (please keep this page for your reference):

A coordinator will contact you to schedule a visit to your home. The coordinator will help the homeowners think about how the home will be presented. The “passport” process will be explained and any questions you have about the tour will be answered. The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour may receive more applications than can be accommodated in one year. **We will let you know if we have accepted your home onto the tour, or where we are in the consideration process, by mid-February.**

A Home Tour photographer will come out to the home and photograph the homeowners in context of the home's features.

Recruit your helpers: Homeowners should be prepared to ask family, friends, neighbors, contractors used for improvements, neighborhood organization volunteers, etc. to help host the home at Tour time. The ability to staff the home will be a factor in the coordinators' decision to accept a home for the tour.

100-word description: Accepted homes will be featured in the Home Tour Guide newspaper distributed in April. By March 4, 2006, homeowners will condense their home descriptions into “100-word” blurbs for the Guide.

“Fact sheets:” Homeowners have the opportunity to provide detailed information about the home's history and/or remodeling, which the coordinator will process into a printed piece that can be handed out during the tour. These are optional.

When we notify you that your home has been accepted, we will re-emphasize the deadlines for any responsibilities you have. Generally these are:

Sign a participation agreement and return it by February 25, 2006
Submit your 100-word description by March 4, 2006

With the Home Tour photographer, schedule the taking of photographs of you (and family if possible) in or outside of your home between Feb. 25 and March 20.

Complete your volunteer schedule/matrix by week of April 18

Submit your fact sheet, if desired, by week of April 18

Attend the homeowner orientation in the week of April 3 or 10

Reconfirm and instruct your volunteers by the week of April 31

Optional: Distribute publicity materials where you work, to friends, etc., week of April 18 up until the event. (Home Tour will provide various items - use what you like.)