



HOMEMAKERS Expo Courtyard Couture Feature to Showcase Vertical Landscapes

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Vertical Landscapes has been selected to demonstrate the use of their product in achieving a beautiful garden in a limited space. The annual HOMEMAKERS Expo is a gathering of South Africa's finest home improvement product and service providers, and is one of South Africa's premier home lifestyle consumer shows.

Brett Hargreave, director of Vertical Landscapes states that, "A Vertical Landscape is typically mounted onto existing walls. This allows us to grow almost any types of plants vertically. The plants are grown hydroponically, that is, without soil. The plant roots grow into a fabric made of crushed stone, which is attached to an existing wall by a stainless steel supporting structure. The plants are automatically watered by an integrated irrigation system that conserves water by collecting runoff at the bottom of the wall and recirculating this to the top via pumps. We provide all the maintenance that is required."

Justin Sam, the other director of the company added, "With the limited space afforded by modern complex living in Johannesburg, Vertical Landscapes offer the the benefits of conventional gardens, and more, without requiring nearly as much looking after. Vertical gardens are a sustainable solution to many of the problems of our urban lifestyles, as they improve air quality, protect and insulate buildings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to biological diversity. Property developers can even earn green building credits by installing them."

So amongst the isles of bathroom fittings, security gates and kitchen appliances, look out for Vertical Landscapes, with an idea that is set to revolutionize the way architects, homeowners and designers see décor and gardening.



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Date : 24/02/2011 to 27/02/2011 | **Venue:** Coca-Cola Dome, Northgate

The Gauteng HOME MAKERS Expo is certain to make you fall in love with home all over again this February.

Homeowners wishing to improve their living area and those searching for new ideas and latest trends are sure to find what they are looking for.

This year the Gauteng HOME MAKERS Expo 2011 presents 11 themed areas, adding a new dimension to the HOME MAKERS visitor's experience.

Apart from the 620 stands showcasing the latest in home lifestyle, the expo also highlights consumer trends with some exciting new features. Landscapers put a spin on garden lustre in **Courtyard Couture**, demonstrating that a beautiful garden design can be achieved in a small space. At **Décor on a budget** six top designers show you how to achieve creative brilliance without breaking the bank. Young creative artists will illustrate their latest work in the ever popular **Future of Design** and HOME MAKERS will be doing their part for charity by fully supporting the **Joburg Child Welfare 100 doors project**. This initiative sees artists and celebrities creatively jazzing up over 100 doors, many of which will be displayed and auctioned at the expo.

Be sure not to miss the dedicated Kids Area at the HOME MAKERS Expo. Situated on the mezzanine level this feature will tantalise all parent and kids alike with the array of children's furniture, toys, clothing and accessories.

Craft is back, and is taking not only the continent, but the world by storm, and that is why we are showcasing the best in crafting ideas at this year's expo. Li Edelkoord, top international trend forecaster, predicted that 2011 will be marked by a rise in creative spirit, a desire for fantasy and the expression of our subconscious. Be sure not to miss the Creative Craft area situated on the mezzanine level, its sure to make those creative fingers itch!

Now in its 18th year, the Gauteng HOME MAKERS Expo is the country's largest, multi-award winning home interest show.

Dates:

24 -27 February 2011

Venue:

Coca-Cola Dome, Northriding

Times:

Thursday & Friday: 10:00 to 19:00

Saturday & Sunday: 09:00 to 18:00

Entrance:

R60 for adults | R30 for pensioners | Children under 12 free



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With more and more homeowners moving to smaller dwellings such as town houses and complexes there is less space for a garden, but this doesn't mean there aren't eager green fingers itching to transform this small space into a luscious green oasis.

HOMEMAKERS along with 6 renowned landscapers will demonstrate exactly that at the Courtyard Couture Garden Feature at the HOMEMAKERS Expo in February. We have allocated 96m² of prime space in our dedicated Outdoor Themed area to showcase the latest in garden design.

This feature area will demonstrate that a beautiful garden design can be achieved in a small or limited space.



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