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Modular homes
put it all togetherPIECE
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From building site
to stately home

■ Step 1: Find a building site that's accessible for delivery (sales outlets can often help customers find or assess suitable locations).
■ Step 2: Carefully research designs and sales outlets or custom builders.
■ Step 3: Order your home. Plan to visit the factory to check progress and adherence to your specifications.

■ Step 4: Stay in touch with your sales outlet to ensure co-ordination of basement or foundation construction and utility servicing.
■ Step 5: On delivery day, cranes will position the modules on site.
■ Step 6: The sales outlet's crew will join the modules and complete remaining finishing details, including garage construction and landscaping if desired.
■ Step 7: Move in and enjoy the view!

Photo, courtesy, Jenesys
The new Wings design from Jenesys Building Systems incorporates modern style and energy efficiency.

YVONNE JEFFERY
CALGARY HERALD

It's not every home that comes with a crane as essential equipment, but when Dan and Bev Fox watched their 1,700-square-foot home rising south of Calgary, that's exactly what was doing the heavy lifting.

Their custom-designed house from High River-based Willow Creek Homes was delivered in four pre-finished parts, on board flatbed trucks. The crane picked up each piece and swung it into place over the basement foundation they'd already prepared.

"It did look a little strange when all the modules arrived," Bev says.

"But I must say that when they fit them together and did all the finishing, they did a great job."

So much so that it's impossible to view their home as being different from homes



Lorraine Hjalte, Calgary Herald

Dan Fox, with his dog Ginger, lives in a modular home south of Nanton that has great views of the mountains.

built traditionally, on site. There are no visible joins, no signs that this house was built in a factory and trucked to its permanent home.

"In the last few years, there's been a lot of attention paid to modular homes among the architectural and design community," says

Kathleen Maynard, executive director of the Canadian Manufactured Housing Institute.

"We're seeing a lot of interesting designs come out of the factories — the whole cookie-cutter concept has gone by the wayside."

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AROUND THE
HOUSE

Pillow talk

BEDDING • If you're waking up with a stiff neck or a headache, your pillow may not be providing the support you need. It's worth checking out the new line of memory foam pillows from Obus, both for their support and for what they don't contain.

The company says the foam is screened for more than 100 harmful substances, including allergenic and carcinogenic dyes, pesticides, chlorinated phenols and formaldehyde — the lack of which helps prevent the odour associated with many foam pillows.

The foam can also be washed and it's breathable, two notable steps forward for this material.

The Ultimate Comfort Pillow and the Ultimate Neck Pillow are sold nationally at major retailers. For more information, go to obusforme.com.

— Calgary Herald

Giving back

DONATIONS • If you purchased an Orange & Cinnamon or Amaryliss hand soap from Fruits & Passion over the holidays, the company thanks you, and so does Habitat for Humanity Canada. Canadian-based Fruits & Passion donated \$45,800 to the home-building non-profit organization from the soaps, which were sold for \$8 with any purchase of \$10 or more.

— Calgary Herald

Cheap and
cheerful

GARDENING • Too late on arrival to be included in a recent catalogue rundown, Brandon, Man.-based Lindenberg Seeds spring 2008 version has a flock of vegetable seeds selling for under \$1 per packet.

Each contained more than ample quantities for the average garden. Now in its 73rd year, it's a no-nonsense, plain Jane of a catalogue with extensive listings of bulbous subjects, perennial plants, flower and vegetable seeds as well as a goodly selection of garden aids and books. Competitive pricing throughout.

Free catalogue from phone (204) 727-0575 or fax (204) 727-2832.

— Robert Giles,
for the Calgary HeraldKid friendly
yards

BOOK • The plain ol' children's sandbox hardly seems sufficient after reading Backyards for Kids, a new release by Sunset Books (\$20). The 144-page book guides creative parents who want to install play structures in their backyards. A kid-sized Norwegian cottage with a sod roof. A rock-climbing wall. A castle turret. The directions are included. Oh yes, there also are instructions for the old-fashioned tire swing, sandbox and treehouse.

There's also useful tips on safety and on standard sizes used when building for kids.

— McClatchy Newspapers

Built with earth and fire

Ceramist Carol Voyt's home is one of the colourful stops on the Triangle Gallery's Home + Studio tour

JANE HARRISON

FOR THE CALGARY HERALD

Carol Voyt has embraced artistic life with a vengeance after years of working in a lab. A graduate of the ceramics program at the Alberta College of Art and Design, in 2000, she now works

in a basement studio in her home, producing decorative and functional clay objects: tumblers, mugs and bowls that are glazed in delicious colours.

Voyt says she felt the need for a life change after a year's sabbatical travelling with husband Morgan Yates.

Built in 1912, their imposing home is set on a corner lot surrounded by a garden. Yates is the family gardener, and has created an outdoor space that has been featured on the Crescent Heights garden tour.

The home's entrance is welcoming, with vignettes that contain the work of other artists. An attractive armchair, next to a console table, reappears on the wall above in a painting by Eleanor Lowden Pidgeon. On the

table sit two sock monkeys made by Mitzi Stone.

The warm taupe walls of the entrance meet dramatic gold in the living room.

Voyt sponged on six coats of metallic gold paint by Ralph Lauren. This method of application — the paint is meant to be sprayed — produced a rich textured surface. The colour was chosen to flatter the blue and chamois colour of Italian contemporary furniture.

It's also a terrific background to a colourful painting by Janet Assen, a fellow graduate. She traded her painting for Voyt's graduation project: nine animated calla lily champagne flutes.

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PREVIEW

The Triangle Gallery hosts its annual Artist Home + Studio Tour March 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year's tour includes a photographer, sculptor, quilter and two ceramicists. Tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door. Go to trianglegallery.com for more information.



Janelle Schneider, Calgary Herald

Carol Voyt's home contains a collection of colourful vignettes, mostly the work of other artists.

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Discovery Ridge - \$369,000

#518, 20 Discovery Ridge - penthouse level, 5th floor unit w/ huge deck overlooking Griffiths Woods Park, 1175 SF, 2 bedroom condo with indoor parking, onsite gym, walk to trendy coffee shop & wine store, close to DT.

Hawkwood - \$459,000

56 Hawkwood Close, SW - Great value, great location! 2083 SF, 3 bedroom 2-storey in a lovely location, backing a greenbelt, on a quiet cul-de-sac. 3 bedrooms + main floor den/hobby room, oak kitchen, immaculate condition!

Banff Trail - \$525,000

3212 Cochrane Rd, SW - Great location, steps to elementary school, near U of C, quick commute to DT! 50-foot R-2 lot, home in original but liveable shape, 1042 SF bung rented \$1450/mo, tenant would like to stay

Springbank - \$550,000

24 Grandview Place bare land - Grandview Park in South Springbank (take Lower Springbank Rd to RR 32, past Morgan's Rise & turn south). Build your new home surrounded by nature, 4 builders to choose from.

Signal Hill - \$559,000

135 Signal Hill Court, SW - 2107 SF, 5 bedroom home + developed bsmt. on a low traffic cul-de-sac. Open kitchen & sun-soaked breakfast nook overlook the large South-facing backyard. Cozy family room with wood-burning fireplace.

West Springs - \$579,000

4 Weston Park, SW - Best priced bungalow, great location: backing a park! 1489 + 1391 SF, 2+2 bedrooms, fully developed basement, hardwood floors, master bedroom w/ jet-tub ensuite, 2nd bedroom also w/ ensuite & walk-in.

Richmond Hills - \$579,000

1040 Sierra Morena Court, SW - Car lover's dream! This home has 2 double garages! 1923 SF, 4 bdrms/4 baths, developed basement, 2-sided fireplace, wine cellar. Recently upgraded water tank/furnace/roof & Low-E windows.

Springbank Hill, \$595,000

131 Springbank Mews, SW - in a key-hole cul-de-sac, 2-storey w/ developed basement, over 2800 SF of very stylish living space, crown mouldings, maple kitchen, granite topped breakfast bar, 4 bedrooms up, west bkyd.

Discovery Ridge - \$739,000

187 Discovery Ridge Blvd., SW - Custom designed Avi-built home, \$70,000 spent in landscaping, 2393 SF + developed basement, 3+1 bedrooms, huge vaulted bonus room, extensive hardwood, beautiful kitchen, stone fireplace.

Strathcona Park - \$799,000

70 Strathlea Crescent, SW - a large home, with developed basement (nanny suite) over 4100 SF of living space, ideal for a large or extended family! 4 bdrms, features archways, pillars, extensive tile flooring, full service wet bar.

Montreaux - \$995,000

160 Tremblant Way, SW - Huge 9900 SF lot, wonderful views of mountain & Glenmore reservoir, 2509 SF, walkout bsmt, open plan, soaring ceilings and windows, maple kitchen, cherry hardwood, master bedroom with sitting room.

Spring Haven, \$975,000

39 Strathridge Gardens, SW - backing the ravine! Large bungalow with developed walkout basement, 3 bedrooms & den with Murphy bed, white kitchen w/ granite counters, formal dining, south bkyd, over 3100 + SF of living space!

Discovery Ridge - \$1,050,000

51 Discovery Ridge Circle, SW - 4700+ SF of living space w/ dev'd basement. 3+2 bedrooms, gorgeous master suite w/ large sitting room, fireplace & air tub ensuite! High-end finished thru-out, extensive built-ins, rich woodwork.

West Springs - \$1,275,000

11 Westpark Crescent, SW - 3195+ SF 5 bdrm, custom home with developed walkout basement, large kitchen with stainless appliances, granite counters & detailed millwork. Master bedroom with 2 person steam shower & jet tub.

Elbow Valley - \$1,395,000

447 Whispering Water Trail - Looking for a mountain view? Gorgeous mountain views, vaulted ceilings, huge windows & deep-toned built-ins are the stars in this home, 1900 SF bungalow + developed bsmt, 3 bedrooms & den.

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