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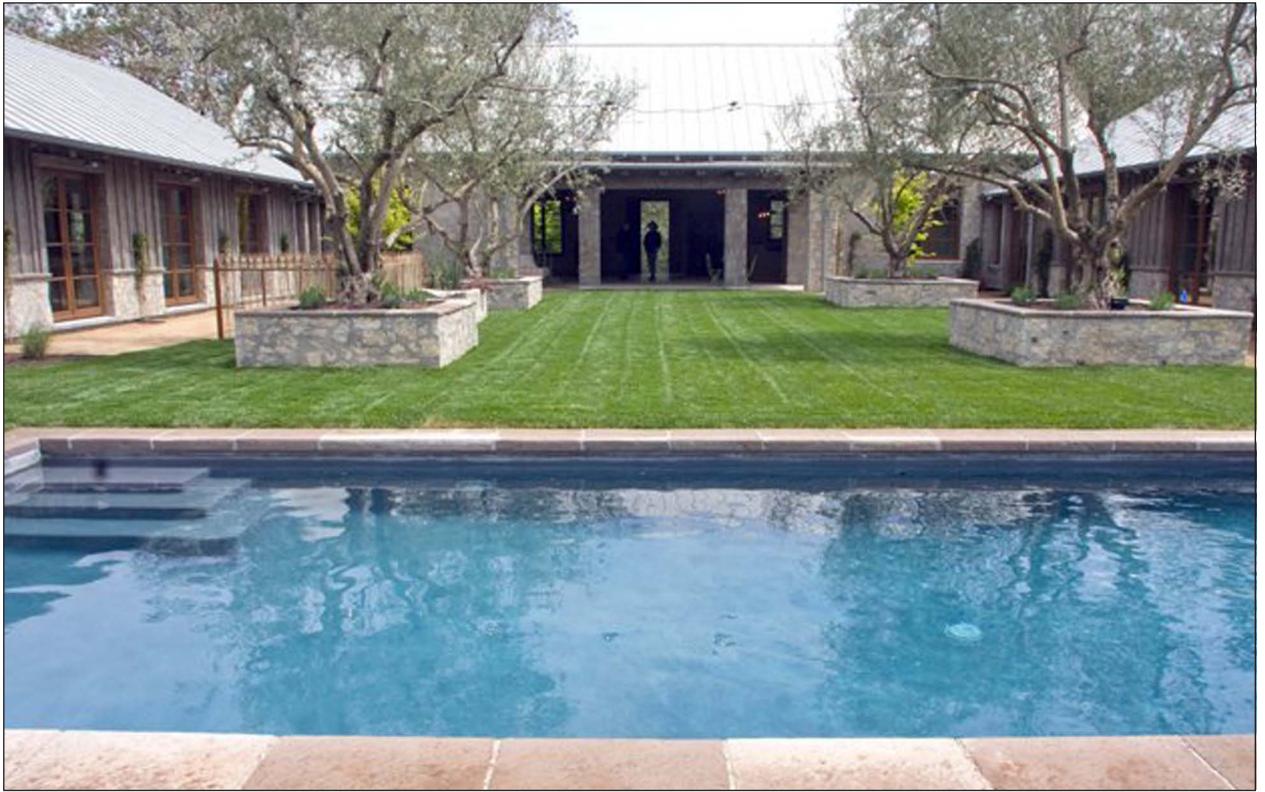
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THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR Fox Hill Estate, built by Reiter Fine Homes on 12 acres outside Kenwood will be open to the public this month.

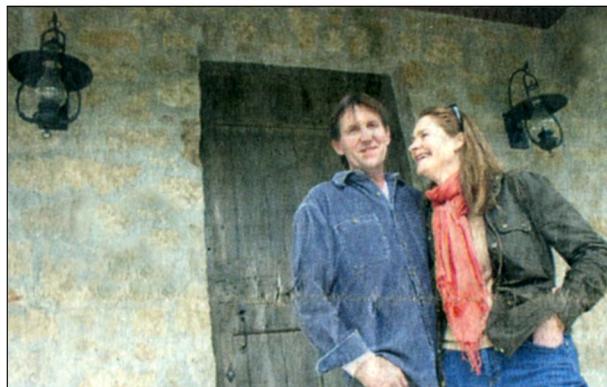
Showcase home in Kenwood

Home will be open for tours two weekends

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Jon Reiter builds homes the old fashioned way - he flies his clients to Europe, then tours the countryside of France and Spain and England looking for just the right model and materials to build a custom estate from scratch.

His homes have been called "authentically old" and the home Reiter Fine Home Building has just finished, on a hilltop outside Kenwood, is modeled on a French country farmhouse, which makes sense because many of the materials came from France.



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JON AND SUSAN REITER at the front of the Showcase house.

Now the home is being featured by the Interior Design Society Wine Country Chapter as the first Sonoma Designers Showcase.

With a team of skilled craftspeople he has employed for years, Reiter,

with his wife, Susan, has created a home that matches Old World charm and simplicity with New World technology.

The 4,500-square-foot main building is matched with an 800-square-foot guest home and an expan-

sive, three-bay garage that looks more like a country barn.

The home is decorated by 10 professional designers, each taking a discrete space, from master bedroom, to the kitchen, the soaring, open-beamed living room, the family theater, a child's nursery and on. There is a complete, underground wine cellar and sod-surrounded swimming pool absent the conventional apron of concrete.

Showcase attendees will meet the designers, enjoy wine tasting, may shop the on-site boutique and can purchase food and wine as they enjoy the hilltop surroundings.

The event is co-sponsored by the Rotary Club

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of Rohnert Park/Cotati and proceeds will benefit United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay, the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Kenwood Education Fund.

Tickets for the event are \$25 at the door and event parking is at Chateau St. Jean Winery, 8555 Sonoma Highway in Kenwood.

Shuttle busses will carry guests to the estate from Chateau St. Jean beginning at 10:45 a.m. from May 12 to May 15, and from May 19 to May 22. The last bus will depart the site at 3:30 p.m.

The Interior Design Society is a national organization founded in 1973, and is the largest design organization dedicated exclusively to residential interior design.
