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THE PARADE OF HOMESSM AND HEDBERG LANDSCAPE AND MASONRY SUPPLIES TAKE 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS' TWIN CITIES LIVE (TCL) OUTSIDE

New TCL Patio Creates Outdoor Kitchen & Living Space for the Twin Cities' Lifestyle Show

Roseville, MN (June 23, 2009) – Despite sleet and snow, monster mosquitos, and extremes in temperature and humidity, Minnesotans really know how to enjoy the outdoors. You can see proof of that when you tour the Parade of HomesSM where you can find a whole host of incredible outdoor rooms, fabulous landscapes and ingenious products that offer nearly year-round comfort. So when 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS wanted to add an outdoor patio to their popular afternoon program, Twin Cities Live, they came to the Parade of HomesSM first, and the Parade of HomesSM went directly to its member, Hedberg Landscape and Masonry Supplies. The result is an incredible outdoor patio with a fabulous kitchen, fireplace, comfortable gathering area, and landscape plantings that are the perfect backdrop to many of TCL's lifestyle features.

"A well-designed patio brings families together throughout the seasons, which is why outdoor living spaces are the latest trend in home improvement," explains Hedberg Landscape and Masonry Supplies owner, Steve Hedberg. "In this part of the country we are cooped up all winter and can't wait to spend time outside, to make the most of Minnesota summers. What better way than in your own outdoor living room?"

Hedberg designed and constructed the new patio, coordinated with several additional partners, and did it all with the environment in mind. The sustainable landscaping included locally-sourced (produced within 500 miles of the Twin Cities) and recycled materials to create a truly green patio. The pavers and wall block from partner Anchor Block Company contain recycled fly ash. The masonry veneer was manufactured in Wisconsin by partner Buechel Stone Corporation. The centerpiece boulder is recycled "overburden" waste from the Iron Range mining activities and donated by Mesabi Natural Stone in Hoyt Lakes. Even the plantings, from Halla Nursery, are mostly low-maintenance and native to the region.

"Hedberg has done a masterful job, as we knew they would," says Joshua Fowler, Executive Vice President of the Builders Association of the Twin Cities, presenters of the Parade of HomesSM. "They took a tiny, bare corner where parking lot and two building walls converged and turned it into a spectacular outdoor space with all the amenities of home. It's sure to be a hit with the TCL audience, and we hope their viewers will draw inspiration from it to create their own outdoor living areas."

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Hedberg Landscape and Masonry Supplies and the Parade of HomesSM are all about helping people throughout the Twin Cities create their dream homes and improve their quality of living. They would like to thank all of the partners that made the TCL Patio possible, and include:

- Tier One Landscapes (landscape installation)**
- Original Rock Design (masonry installation)**
- Buechel Stone Corporation (masonry veneer)**
- Anchor Block Company (pavers and wall block)**
- Mesabi Natural Stone (accent boulder)**
- Premier Fence (privacy fence)**
- Calise Outdoor Kitchens (grill island)**
- Aquascape Inc. (water feature)**
- Halla Nursery (planting)**

The Builders Association of the Twin Cities, presenters of the Parade of Homes Spring PreviewSM, Fall ShowcaseSM, Remodelers ShowcaseSM, and OnTour, represents over 1400 member firms involved in all phases of the home building and remodeling industries and is dedicated to providing a diverse selection of quality and affordable housing to the Twin Cities area. Visit online at www.batc.org and www.paradeofhomes.org.

Founded in 1987, Hedberg Aggregates, Inc., dba Hedberg Landscape & Masonry Supplies, is Minnesota's largest wholesale and retail supplier of landscape hardgoods and masonry products including natural stone, manufactured stone, water garden supplies and custom stone fabrication. For more information, call 763-545-4400 or visit www.hedbergrocks.com.

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