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CdM Homebuilder to Make Home Tour History

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The Corona del Mar High School and Middle School PTAs' annual fundraising home tour will take place Oct. 22, and for the first time ever, a Corona del Mar homebuilder will have three homes featured on the tour.

This year's tour features three homes by builder Andrew Patterson, who lives in Corona del Mar with his family.

Patterson has been building homes for 14 years, developing his business when he moved to Orange County in 1999 on a whim after finding an old surfer magazine in his mother's garage, he said in an interview.

"I was living at home," he said, after his San Francisco job blew up in the dot-com bust. "My mom was nagging on me to clean the garage, and I saw this old surfer magazine with the Wedge. I thought, 'I'm going to go to this Newport Beach place and buy a house on the beach and fix it up and resell it.'"

Then he packed his white pickup truck with his fax machine and laptop, kissed his mom goodbye and headed south.

He spent six months living in the Costa Mesa Motor Inn.

"I didn't know a soul," he said. He bought a one-bedroom condo and fixed it up himself and sold it. Then he bought a house on the Peninsula and did the same thing. Then he built a home for a buddy, and then his buddy.

Today, Patterson has built more than 130 homes, with dozens under construction currently in Corona del Mar.

The homes that will be on the Home Tour include a house in Bayside Place, one on Acacia Avenue and another on Heliotrope Avenue.

"I'm known for the Easter seaboard look," Patterson said. "But these are all various levels of contemporary."

The tour this year also will feature homes in Eastbluff and in the Port Streets, said co-chairwoman Michele Caston.

The annual event is the PTA's only fundraiser of the year and includes tours of six homes, along with a breakfast reception at Le Pain Quotidien at Fashion Island, lunch at Sherman Library & Gardens and an afternoon reception at Bliss Home & Design.

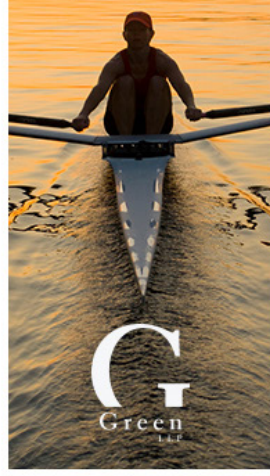
Tickets cost \$75 each and are available now online, as well as at the school and at several retail locations; click [here](#) for more information.

Last year's tour raised \$200,000; read about last year's event [here](#).

"Due to the big success of the event last year, we were able to fulfill two rounds of teacher grants, giving our students vital materials in Spanish, science, special ed and more," Caston said. PTA volunteer Renee Purcifull is co-chairwoman of the event.


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