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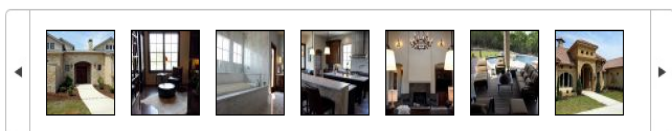
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FOR REAL ESTATE - A view of the Mattern & FitzGerald Custom Builders home at 140 Bitter Springs Monday May 9, 2011 in the Menger Springs community of Boerne, Tx. (PHOTO BY EDWARD A. ORNELAS/eaornelas@express-news.net) Photo: SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS, EDWARD A. ORNELAS / SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS (NFS)



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The show is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. It's open from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost \$10 at tents outside of the homes. Tickets also are available for \$9 at any local H-E-B. San Antonio, an organization that helps unemployed and underprivileged women find jobs. For more information, visit www.mengersprings.homesofdistinction.com or call Tamra Trickey at 913-663-1962

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BOERNE — Contemporary style meets rustic charm this month at Homes of Distinction, a luxury home show in Boerne showcasing Hill Country living trends.

The event runs until May 29 at the Menger Springs subdivision in Boerne. It showcases three homes that highlight three prominent features: outdoor living areas, large great rooms and master suites separated from other bedrooms. The homes are constructed by area builders Trinity Custom Builders, [Paul Allen Custom Homes](#), and Mattern & FitzGerald Custom Builders. The houses have elaborate outdoor areas with swimming pools that can be accessed from various rooms in the home. The Trinity home, whose design is described as “modern transitional European” has a great room with large glass walls that open into the backyard area with a screen that opens and shuts at the touch of a button.

“We’re really seeing people do away with formal living indoors and go outside, especially since we’re out in the beautiful Hill Country,” said Trinity owner [Bubba Meyers](#). “They want completely open living spaces that connect to outdoor living.”

An elaborate master suite at the Mattern & FitzGerald house is almost like a home within a home with a mini-garden outside the master bathroom and a bedroom-size “master retreat” above the bedroom that has a high view of rolling hills beyond the backyard swimming pool.

“It’s totally private from the rest of the house,” said [Travis Roberson](#), a senior project manager with Mattern & FitzGerald.

The design of the Mattern & FitzGerald house is characterized by clean lines and a “warm contemporary” interior, Roberson said. Smooth, gray Venetian plaster and monochromatic accents throughout the home add a subtle touch of modernity.



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