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The new kitchen of David Heide's remodeled home at 235 S. Lexington Pkwy. (above) and the restored former residence of Sinclair Lewis at 516 Summit Ave. (below) are featured on the third annual Homes By Architects tour.

Summit Hill homes featured in architects tour Sept. 18-19

The third annual Homes By Architects tour will be held on September 18-19 throughout the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota. This fall's tour features 14 homes designed by members of American Institute of Architects (AIA) Minnesota. The featured homes are both newly constructed and newly remodeled properties, ranging in design styles and techniques.

Two of the homes are located in Summit Hill and were remodeled by David Heide and associates at the David Heide Design Studios. The first is located at 516 Summit Ave. Constructed by the contractor of the state Capitol, this Beaux Arts Renaissance-style residence was once the home of Sinclair Lewis and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Considerable care was taken in the restoration of the nearly century-old residence, including duplication of the original slab marble walls and floor tile, restoration of the original millwork and decorative moldings, and period-appropriate fixtures and detailing.

The other local home on the tour is at 235 S. Lexington Pkwy. and is the residence of Heide himself. Built in the 1920s, the Prairie School home was remodeled to improve function andlayout and to restore historic detailing. The majority of the remodeling project focused on the rear entry.

"The problem solved a cramped rear entry area that is realistically the only entry used, as the house is on a busy urban street and there is no on-street parking," Heide said. "The rear entry is our front door.

The remodeling included a 390-square-foot addition that includes a new kitchen, mudroom and bathroom. The second floor and basement were also renovated to provide more space for entertaining. The reformation incorporates historic details and modern amenities in a combination of classic looks with 21st-century function.

The homes will be open for touring from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 18-19. Tickets are $15 in advance by visiting www.HomesByArchitects.org or $20 at any of the homes on the day of the tour. Single home tickets are available at each home for $10.