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## **Hilary Farr and Jeff Lewis to Speak at Philly Home + Garden Show**

*Home and garden show returns to suburban Philly to inspire homeowners  
with expanded features, exhibits and hands-on workshops*

**FORT WASHINGTON, Pa. – Jan. 24, 2017** – The [Philly Home + Garden Show](#), the Philadelphia region’s newest and most dynamic home show, running Feb. 17-19 at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, Pennsylvania, is welcoming HGTV and Bravo celebrities to join the workshops, vendors and interactive features of the expanded and highly interactive home show.

After the Philly Home + Garden Show’s successful inaugural year in 2016, Marketplace Events has expanded the show features that are of particular value to suburban homeowners in order to inspire and educate show-goers on how to achieve the home renovation, décor or craft project of their dreams.

“Because last year was such a success, we decided to make our main features even bigger,” says Show Manager Alyson Caplan. “Our goal is to help local homeowners turn their home improvement ideas into realities.”

Co-host of HGTV’s *Love It or List It*, Hilary Farr, as well as host of Bravo TV’s *Flipping Out*, Jeff Lewis, will take the stage to share their design experience and offer tips they have learned over their years of experience.

Lewis’ *Flipping Out*, a docu-series that completed its ninth season in 2016, chronicles the trials and tribulations of his home flipping business. Lewis also represents a line of paint with handcrafted colors, a line of rugs and a line of tile and barn doors. Lewis will speak on the main stage on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Farr is credited with being the first designer to practice “home staging” in Toronto, Canada. Her ability to predict design trends while suiting the needs of her eclectic client base is what makes her stand out in the design industry.

### **Show Features**

**Make-it, Take-it** – All new Make-it, Take-it workshops are scheduled throughout the weekend to not only inspire your next crafting project, but to teach visitors techniques they can then apply to their own projects at home. With the help from local bloggers, crafters and designers, visitors will learn new skills and take their completed project home with them.

**Feature Gardens** – Six of the region's top landscaping companies are coming together to help us escape the winter and start planning for spring. Walk through more than 7,500 sq. ft. of inspirational gardens showcasing new gardening techniques, ideas and must-have products for 2017. This year the gardens include wine and beer tastings and live music, as well as a custom designed wedding shed.

**Smart Home powered by Xfinity, built by Rudloff Custom Builders** – Experience the next generation of at-home comfort in the all-new, custom-built Smart Home powered by Xfinity and built by Rudloff Custom Builders in . This home will feature innovative design concepts by Deanna Lorenti of Deanna's Interior Design in Horsham as well as the latest in home technology.

**Habitat for Humanity Upcycle Challenge** – As part of a newly expanded partnership with Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County, local designers and DIYers have worked hard to turn shabby Adirondack chairs into patio focal points.

### **TV Tablescapes**

Local designers will create tablescapes themed to their favorite TV shows on dining tables provided by Country Lane Furnishing. Keeping the tabletop fully functional, these pictures add personality and flavor, and highlight our designers' serious dedication to their favorite shows.

### **Show Details:**

#### Venue:

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456

#### Show Dates & Times:

Friday, Feb. 17: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Tickets (single tickets valid for one day of show):

\$10 Box Office Adult Admission

\$8 Adult Online Admission at [www.phillyhomeandgarden.com](http://www.phillyhomeandgarden.com)

FREE for Children 12 Years and Under

#### Connect:

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Now in its second year, the Philly Home + Garden Show, presented by MarketPlace Events, attracted more than 25,000 attendees last year. Its sister show, the Philly Home Show in Center City, attracted more than 45,000 this January. The Philly Home + Garden Show is not affiliated with the Suburban Home and Garden Show that previously occupied the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks.

### **About Marketplace Events**

Marketplace Events creates vibrant expositions connecting enthusiasts with experts, products and services in dynamic face-to-face environments. The company produces 38 consumer home shows in the US, 14 in Canada, and five holiday shows. The 57 combined events, in 25 markets, attract 15,000 exhibitors, 1.75 million attendees and another 2 million unique web visitors annually. From 14 offices, the 150-person staff produces some of the most successful and longest-running shows in North America, including market-leading shows in Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Vancouver, Calgary and Montreal—some of which have thrived in their markets for more than 75 years. In 2016 the company launched Marketing Solutions, a division that provides digital marketing, custom printing, branded content and sales support to their expanding customer base. [www.marketplaceevents.com](http://www.marketplaceevents.com)

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