

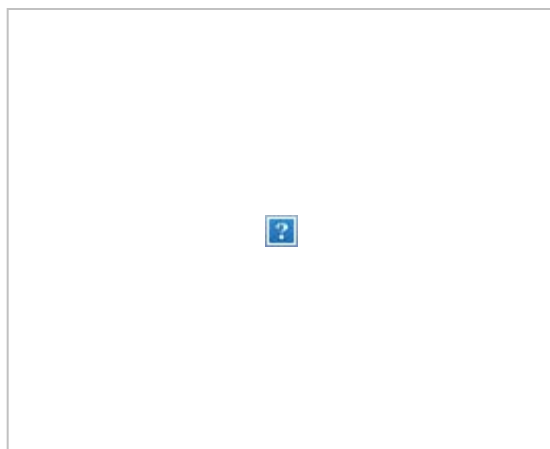


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*Presented By:*



**April 19-21, 26-28, 2013**

**Homes Open Fridays, 6-8pm and Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5pm**

**Admission is \$5 per adult and \$2 for children 12 and under,  
babies in arms free**

**Tickets good for all 6 days of parade, unlimited viewing**

This Annual Scattered Site Parade boasts 16 beautiful homes in the Temple/Belton and Salado areas. Homes range in size from 1600 square feet to over 5000 square feet showcasing TABA builder's talents and the latest in technology and building techniques.

TABA would like to thank Central National Bank for again partnering with us to bring this annual event to the residents of central Texas.

We would also like to thank our other show partners, **Tri-Supply, Texas Bright Ideas, Keene Roofing, the Temple Daily Telegram and Ratliff Ready Mix** for their generous support and commitment to TABA, the Parade of Homes and the building industry

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# PARADE OF HOMES KICK-OFF PARTY

DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013

TIME: 6PM, AWARDS PRESENTATION AT 7PM

LOCATION: DEAD FISH GRILL, BELTON

**COST: \$10 Per person and you MUST have a ticket to enter, tickets are limited to the first 250 people and reservations will be taken through Wednesday, April 10th**

**Please call the office at 254-773-0445 or email to [cheryl@tahb.org](mailto:cheryl@tahb.org) to order your tickets. Tickets will be mailed and you **MUST** have a ticket to enter the party**

**Buffet with sliders and chips, beer and margaritas provided from 6-8pm or until guaranteed quantity runs out. Cash bar available**

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TABA would like to thank the **Temple Daily Telegram** for their continuous support as our Title sponsor for the Home & Garden Show. We would also like to thank this year's show partners - **Fairway Independent Mortgage, Asco, Amos Electric, Atmos Energy and Extraco Banks**. Our sponsors help us put on another great show for the residents of Central Texas.

Saturday brought in over 3000 people, the most ever for a Saturday. Vendors were commenting that it was a record Saturday for them in terms of sales and most people we talked to had a great show in general.

We would also like to thank our wonderful committee of hard working folks. Chairman, Rusty Betts and his committee - Jared Bryan, Tony Gallagher, Debbie Swift-Alejandro, Alison Eracio, Brad Turner, Connie Simank, David Spradley and Andy Bass - JOB WELL DONE!! We also want to thank our Car Show Committee chaired by John Paysse along with Susan Miller and Don Psencik. These folks put on on great car show every year!

We are looking forward to 2014 and will begin planning in July. Exhibitors, watch for your yearly mailer in August, our call to you to BOOK EARLY! Information will also be published in the newsletter this summer so be watching.

Thanks again Sponsors, Exhibitors and of course our Attendees! See you next year!

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## CHANGE IS ALWAYS A GOOD THING!

There are lots of changes going on at TABA. As most of you know Blair Anderson has left TABA to move back home to Washington with his new family. We wish him all the best of luck! With his departure, a vacant position is left for us to fill - the Government Affairs Director. TABA leaders have gathered together and brainstormed on the direction of the Association keeping vigilant of our budgetary constraints, the economy and future outlook for the building industry and the Temple/Belton area. We are very encouraged by signs of a strengthening economy and are hopeful our membership will begin to grow. The

economic crash took it's toll on the Association with membership dropping to 260 down from a high of 350 and sponsorships became increasingly difficult to get, which was completely understandable given the climate. Because of this we scaled back membership meetings and worked very hard to keep a balanced budget and be mindful of the money spent that our members give year after year. We have had a TAB and NAHB dues increase which lead TABA to increase their dues this year. It IS getting better but it is a very slow climb that we have ahead of us.

With all that being said, cuts still need to be made and the leaders of the Association have decided to go back to a one person office with a main focus on government affairs. This new direction has taken us back to an old familiar face. Troy Glasson will be coming back onboard as your new Executive Officer effective May 1st and we are very pleased to welcome him back! Troy will be working hard to grow our membership and manage our multiple projects and will need your help to get it all done. We strongly encourage you to serve on a committee because it is our volunteers that get these projects pushed through and ultimately make for a successful event. We hope that you will reach out to Troy and lend your support and time so we can keep the Association growing and keep the building industry in the Temple/Belton area vibrant.

Cheryl will continue to stay on here at TABA but in a more limited role to allow her to work more from home and spend time with her family. Cheryl will be handling the Home & Garden Show and will handle all of the bookkeeping functions for TABA.

Please join us in welcoming back Troy Glasson. He begins May 1st so give him a call or send him an email. He will be very happy to hear from all of his old friends!

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## NEW HOME STARTS

	Feb, Mar '13	Mar '12	'13 YTD	'12 YTD
Temple	30, 34	41	93	41
Belton	10, 2	13	20	13
Morgan's Point	0, 0	0	1	0
Totals	76	54	114	54

[Note: this data represents a compilation of the statistics that are reported by the Temple Daily Telegram every Sunday.](#)

## ALL HOME CLOSINGS

<b>Feb, Mar '13</b>	<b>59, 65</b>	<b>'13 YTD</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>Feb, Mar '12</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>'12 YTD</b>	<b>NA</b>

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## EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka  
Executive Officer

Let me start off by saying what a successful Home & Garden Show we had this year! I want to personally thank the Temple Daily Telegram, Extraco Banks, Fairway Independent Mortgage, ASCO, Amos Electric and Atmos Energy for their generous support. I also like to thank Rusty Betts for his leadership and of course Debbie Alejandro, Jared Bryan, Tony Gallagher, David Spradley, Andy Bass, Alison Eracio, Brad Turner, Connie Simank, Susan Miller and John Paysse for serving on this committee. It was a lot of fun working with all of you.

The Parade of Homes is right around the corner and so is the Kick-Off party. The party is scheduled for April 18th at the Deadfish Grill and you must have a ticket to get in. We are limited to the first 250 tickets so order them early. They are \$10 each and we will be serving a buffet of sliders and chips; beer and margaritas will be provided from 6-8pm or until our guaranteed quantity runs out. A cash bar will also be open.

As you might have read Troy Glasson is coming back to TABA! I am very excited that he will be back and serving as your new EO. I will be stepping back but will not be gone! I will remain on to manage and organize the Home & Garden Show and will be taking care of the TABA bookkeeping but will mostly be working from home. I will be in the office on Tuesdays from 9-3pm but you can reach me via email anytime.

It has been a true blessing for me to serve as your EO for the past 8 years. I have learned a lot and have met so many good people that I call friends over the 15 total years I have been at the Association. Your compassion and love through my heart attack in 2012 truly touched my heart and I wish nothing but the best for TABA and all of you. But like I said I will be here working the Home & Garden Show so many of you will be hearing from me again.

I hope to see all of you at my final TABA event - the Parade Kick-Off Party. It was great fun last year and I only expect better this year!

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