

# HGTV Features Two Mariemont Kitchens

Set your Tivo, DVR, or plan to tune in to HGTV on January 22. The cable network was recently in Mariemont to film the popular show, Bang For Your Buck. Two kitchens, which were remodeled by The Howland Group, based in historic Milford, are featured. The Haffners on Mt. Vernon and the Campbells on Indianview played host to camera crews as Monika Osborn, a realtor with Comey & Shepherd, reviewed the work with the HGTV designer on camera.

Betsy Campbell remembers the work done on their house in 2008. "Although the renovation was one of the most stressful periods in our lives, it turned out to be one of the biggest rewards. We put our trust in contractor Tim Howland and he delivered with flying colors!" Karri Haffner recalls, "We began construction in June 2008 and finished in January 2009. The Howland Group ran the project on time. There was never a day when I was wondering if someone was going to show



*Hafner kitchen above and Campbell kitchen at right. Bang For Your Buck airs on HGTV on January 22.*



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up. The communication could not have been better." Karri also said that although they used the same contractor many other factors were different. "We did not have the same overall team that the Campbells did. We used a different architect, we used a space designer,

and we used a kitchen designer from The Hyde Park Lumber Co."

Tim Howland, the hands-on president of The Howland Group, submitted the kitchen plans and a photographic record of both jobs to the network for consideration, and both were selected, along with an historic home in Clifton. Producers of Bang For Your Buck select the homes based on which ones got the most value out of their home improvement project. Tim says, "We try to be creative in our designs yet mindful of the budget, which



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allows our customers to get a lot of 'bang for their bucks.' We aim for a 'wow factor' within a conservative budget."

While both Mariemont kitchens feature white cabinetry and were constructed by the same team of tradesmen, Monika Osborn said, "Both kitchens are completely unique in function and layout. They are absolutely beautiful and designed to function for family living." Monika is featured on camera, as she

on camera, but relaxed after a few takes and just tried to have fun with it," she said. Karri Haffner admitted her family was also a bit nervous, but are very glad they agreed to be part of the show. "As an avid HGTV watcher, it was quite exciting to meet one of the design stars (Monica Pederson) from the show," Karri said.

At the end of the show, the three renovations are ranked according to who



and the HGTV designer review the various design elements. The owners watch the discussion from another room and are shown on camera reacting to the comments of the designer and real estate agent. Monika said, "The shoot was very fast paced and nothing was pre-rehearsed. I discussed what potential buyers would find appealing or unappealing about each renovation."

Betsy Campbell found the cast and crew from HGTV to be very friendly and down to earth. "We were all very nervous about being

got the best value, based on design qualities, condition of the rest of the home, values of similar homes nearby, and the rate at which property values are rising or falling in the area. Monika said the final ranking was very close and that the decision came down to the wire. Be sure to watch HGTV on January 22 to see which of the families got the most "Bang For Their Buck!"

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