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The Meadows brings front porch back

Craftsman design holds lots of appeal

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The Meadows of Rosewood by Arbutus Properties is a new Saskatoon development designed for neighbourliness. Craftsman style homes bring back front porch living where it's easier to connect with those around you, and kids may be found playing on the street.

Arbutus' Parade of Homes on Eaton Crescent features the best of five prominent Saskatoon builders. Arbutus' own stunning new showhome at 243 Eaton Cres. reflects the essentials of Craftsman design, with deep baseboards, wainscoting, crown moulding and window trim, and custom millwork on the fireplace surround.

Annabel Richer, Arbutus' design consultant, says a major strength of the design is all of the millwork throughout the house. "I think that really sets us apart from other builders."

The result creates a sense of refinement that is far from staid, but rather fresh and finessed.

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A flex room at the front of the house offers the perfect greeting on entering, with wainscoting reaching two-thirds the height of the room. Whether used as a den or reading room, this space offers separation and privacy from the rest of the main floor.

An open concept living area occupies the back of the home, enhanced by high ceilings and plenty of large windows.

"I like the layout in this house, and in all our houses, I really love our big open windows that let in so much natural light," says Richer. The Greene plan is a mid-range option and a popular choice.

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Arbutus' showhome at 243 Eaton Cres. in the Meadows features 1,582 square feet of Craftsman style design.

PHOTOS: JEFF LYONS/The StarPhoenix



A frosted glass window lets in the light while retaining privacy in the ensuite bath, with dual sinks, a soaker tub and tile flooring.



High ceilings, large windows and wire-brushed hardwood floors expand the main floor's open concept.

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