

A new architecture that speaks to the Fraser Valley's growing promise

With every passing year, it becomes more evident that the Fraser Valley has entered a new era, showing a caliber of development that could scarcely be imagined a decade ago. This summer, visitors to the Grand County Parade of Homes will see the latest sign of that emergence when they tour Rendezvous, a Koelbel Mountain Community, the master-planned, year-round resort that's growing along Winter Park's northern and eastern edge.

A centerpiece of the exhibition will be BigHorn Cabins at Rendezvous, the latest designs by Colonnade Resort Communities, creator of Rendezvous' highly successful MooseHorn Cabins and its newer ElkHorn and ProngHorn attached homes. BigHorn takes that success in a bigger, bolder direction—opulent plans designed with progressive mountain architecture that captures both the allure of Grand County's past and the excitement of its future.

With sizes ranging from 3,690 to 4,215 square feet, cabins are styled and scaled for a new breed of purchaser that has become evident at Rendezvous. "When we introduced MooseHorn, we were surprised both at how fast the cabin concept was selling, and by how many buyers asked whether we could do something larger," recalls Keith Neale, President of Colonnade Resort Communities.

"We were also experiencing prices for our custom homes that were climbing into a range that had been the exclusive domain of Beaver Creek in previous years, and we knew we had an opportunity for a larger semi-custom production cabin."

BigHorn Cabins were rendered as a transitional vision of Winter Park life, suggestive of historic cabins and mining sites as well as the natural drama around them. Following Rendezvous' grand theme as a family gathering place, plans would be on a scale to host the most impressive family events, while providing sublime accommodations not just for the owner, but for guests, as well.

When visitors arrive at "The Corona," the Parade entry nearing completion, they'll see impressive exteriors rendered in barn-style natural wood, accented by dramatic glass walls and clerestories to bathe the interior in mountain light.

Colonnade has appointed only the finest finishes: see-thru indoor-outdoor fireplaces, gourmet quality kitchens and appliances, and three master suites on three separate levels. ...That's in addition to extra space for kids' bunkrooms, a home theater, and a two-car garage. There would be another advantage to luxury buyers, as well: Although the quality and feature selection would be that of a custom home, BigHorn would avoid the brain damage...and the time... that accompanies most custom build jobs. And all are arrayed to wrap a forested open space and to show Rendezvous' access to trails and river to best advantage. Realtors and their clients are already taking preview tours of BigHorn's Corona model. To arrange, call Jackie Mullen or Jill Carey at ColonnadeResortCommunitiesat970-726-4169.

