

Duct Tape Guys make

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If you've been mulling over any updates, renovations or additions to your house, now's the time.

And if you've been mulling over the easiest way to fix your car bumper, hide some unsightly wiring or mend some frayed jeans, now's also the time.

The Fall Southern Home & Garden Show is hitting the TD Convention Center this weekend, and it's chock-full of good ideas from experts in design, construction, landscaping and more — and some not-so-great ideas from the

YOU CAN GO

What: Fall Southern Home & Garden Show

When: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday; Duct Tape Guys will perform at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Where: TD Convention Center

Cost: \$5, \$4 for seniors, free for 12 and under

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Duct Tape Guys.

The Duct Tape Guys, aka Tim Nyberg and Jim Berg, are duct-tape crazy, and they prove it with several shows of "what we deem

breathtakingly stupid comedy," Nyberg said.

The brothers-in-law trace their duct-tape roots to a holiday celebration when the power had gone out at Berg's house.

"He said, 'If I knew where the power outage was, I bet I could fix it with duct tape,'" Nyberg recalled. "His wife said, 'Oh, he fixes everything with duct tape.' And he started listing off some uses. And I thought, 'There's a book in here.'"

The family spent the next few hours brainstorming ideas in the dark, and their wit and wackiness were eventually published as "The Duct Tape Book" in 1994. Six other

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books followed, and the pair have spent the years since reveling in the fun and functionality of duct tape.

"It's kind of the universal panacea. Our motto is, 'It ain't broke; it just lacks duct tape,'" Nyberg said. "I think duct tape just in and of itself is funny. If you see something fixed with duct tape, it usually indicates that the guy didn't know how

to do it right and just wanted to get it fixed quick and go back to the couch."

To celebrate the Duct Tape Guys' participation, the show also will offer a duct-tape workshop where participants can get hands on to craft their own duct-tape creations. And a local middle-schooler has made a duct-tape jacket for one of the presenters to wear.

Once you've had a good laugh, roam through the more than 200 exhibitors at the Home & Garden Show to find the best tools

and methods to fix things around the house the right way.

"It's going to cover a wide range of topic areas, including green remodeling, rainwater harvesting, holiday decorating and more," said Michael Dey, executive vice president of the Homebuilders Association of Greenville, which puts on the show.

"Anything you can think about for the home, it's most likely covered at the home show."

Originally created as a

complement to the larger spring show that would focus more on remodeling and home improvement, the fall show, now in its third year, is growing by leaps and bounds, Dey said.

There's been a particular increase in the numbers of builders and remodelers bringing booths to the show, and Dey said it's a great chance for those who have a project in mind to meet with a variety of builders.

"Bring your plans," he

laughter stick



Duct Tape Guys Tim Nyberg, left, and Jim Berg are on a roll.