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## Tour season highlights

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An early look at a nearly completed new house in Sarasota's Laurel Park has this observer hungry for the start of the winter home-tour season. It should be a good one, and sensible, too, with sustainability an important theme.

Builder Josh Wynne's ultra-green house on Laurel Street is among the outstanding homes that will be featured on a seasonal slate of home tours, this one the Junior League's Holiday Tour of Homes, Dec. 5-6, themed "Ever-Green Dreams" (\$20; information, 953-5600).

The house is green inside and out, upside and down, with photovoltaic panels, rainwater cisterns and Florida-friendly landscaping, reclaimed and recycled building materials, healthful low-VOC paints and a main house-and-apartment over garage configuration that makes the most of its cozy downtown lot.

With appealing, Florida Cracker-inspired architecture and a small footprint, the house should qualify for the highest green certification, the LEED for Homes-Platinum level from the United States Green Building Council's Leadership for Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The house will be open throughout December as part of the LEED requirements.

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Contractor Josh Wynne built this green house in Laurel Park for a client. It will be featured on the Junior League Holiday Tour of Homes.

