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## LEED Stop on Eugene Tour of Homes Features Hakatai



*For Immediate Release*: Hakatai, a leading supplier of glass mosaic tiles for architects and interior designers, made an appearance in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Eugene Tour of Homes at the only LEED certified stop in the mix of 17 new residential projects featured in 2010. CQ Interior Design, Los Angeles and Portland, worked closely with the homeowner in the floor to ceiling shower specification of the Emperia series of mixed-medium glass mosaic and natural stone tiles from Hakatai.

The weeklong tour hosted by the Home Builders Association of Lane County, Oregon, celebrated its silver anniversary by showcasing the work of 14 professional home builders and interior

designers. The home of Merle Weiner and her husband, professors at the University of Oregon School of Law, features 156 square feet of the Emperia series for the full shower in the guest powder room and bath on the first floor. The couple's impressive new "dream home" is just the third home in all of Lane County to earn certification in the LEED for Homes rating system.

Set high above 80 acres of forestland in Southwest Eugene, the rugged stone mosaics were a natural fit for the home and the glass mosaics iridescent finish the perfect contemporary accent. CQ Interior Design discovered the antiquated feel from the stone in Emperia balanced with the iridiscent glass mosaics smooth, water-like surface texture in the design phases. Mesh-backed for an easy installation, the  $1^{7/8_{m}} x^{7/8_{m}}$  tiles from Emperia are rectangular in



shape and set in an aligned pattern for a look inspired by the clean lines found in classical art. Hakatai has expanded its collection of glass mosaics in vibrant colors and sleek, modern finishes, to include natural materials like stone as well as metal, copper and steel, to create new options for designing with glass mosaic tiles.



"The homeowner wanted a very contemporary feel," said Cher Quigley, principal of CQ Interior Design. "We had even considered gold tiles when we first started out. She was thrilled when she got the samples from Hakatai. The house is set in the mountains with trees everywhere. We used old-fashioned style wallpaper and kept it modern with the shower tiles and the iridescence. Hakatai was easy to work with and the whole process was great. They were flexible and very open, and much more cost-effective."

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