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OF DISTINCTIVE
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What is BVS?

Bath Volunteers for Service was established in 1958 when 13 members of the community came together to help better the lives of area children and adults through volunteer service.

In the past 10 years, the members of BVS have raised funds to provide over \$175,000 in grants to local nonprofits, \$10,000 in community support funds, \$40,000 in scholarships to area students, and \$25,000 in merit awards given to students living in the Revere School District.

In addition to our Home Tour, we co-host the Bath Horse Show, now in its 79th year, and on the second Friday night in November we host Trivia and Tacos, an evening of fun where your knowledge is tested.

We are a very social and active group of women with a long history of service:

- initiating the planning of the Bath Community Park
- helping to maintain and improve the Bath Historic Town Hall
- helping to found the Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library
- conducting two American Red Cross blood drives annually
- various other community service projects and social outings each year

If you live in or around the Revere School District and want to join us in these community efforts, we would be delighted to welcome you. Please go to our website for more information.

www.bathvolunteersforservice.com



Welcome to the 45th Bath Volunteers for Service Tour of Distinctive Homes!

We are delighted that you are joining us.

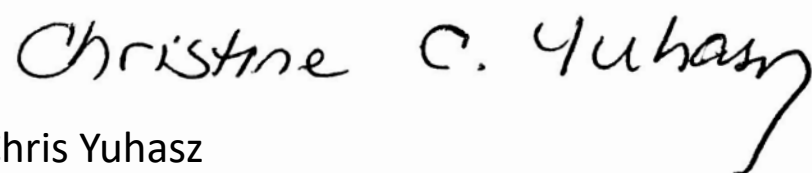
More than 60 years ago, the 13 founding members of Bath Volunteers for Service came together with the mission to "... carry out a system of volunteer service which shall be of the greatest benefit in bettering community living for adults and children." One of their first projects was to open a children's library in a small house on Ira Road in Bath Township. That little library, stocked with donated books and staffed by BVS volunteers, eventually grew into what we now know as the Fairlawn-Bath Library.

Today the women of BVS are proud to continue this legacy of giving back by joining forces each year to "magically" create our signature Tour of Distinctive Homes to raise funds to support our volunteer mission. That "created magic" includes countless hours of work and organization, learning new skills, tapping the expertise of our members, and calling in many favors. It also includes the continued support of community and family members, homeowners, sponsors, ticket holders, and so many others. This year's amazing tour features six unique and inspired homes, lovingly decorated and cared for by their owners who have graciously welcomed us into their most sacred and personal spaces.

Every year proceeds from the BVS Tour of Distinctive Homes are returned to the community through grants, scholarships and merit awards. Last year's tour made it possible for BVS to donate nearly \$50,000 in grants to local area service and nonprofit organizations, and \$5,000 in student scholarships and merit awards. Additionally, our Christmas holiday bell ringing for the Salvation Army raised more than \$3,000. The Trivia and Tacos event yielded a higher profit than any other year which helped us award record breaking grants. Other annual BVS activities include sponsoring two American Red Cross Blood Drives, volunteering at the Bath Pony Club Horse Show and at Bath Parks' Fall into Nature celebration, and even an occasional social gathering just for fun! For a list of our 2023 grantees or for information on how to become a BVS member, please visit BathVolunteersforService.com.

We are truly grateful that you have chosen to support our organization and our commitment to continue the BVS mission of volunteer service by purchasing a ticket or becoming a home tour sponsor. Thank you, and please enjoy the 45th Bath Volunteers for Service Tour of Distinctive Homes.

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Funds raised by Bath Volunteers for Service provide grants to non-profit groups, scholarships and merit awards to Revere area students, and other community support. Some of our grant recipients have shared stories with us to let us know how their organizations have benefited.

ACCESS

ACCESS is dedicated to serving women and children experiencing homelessness in our community. ACCESS encourages women in the attainment of permanent housing by providing a supportive environment that provides programs of education, advocacy and empowerment. ACCESS is often the first step on the road to self-sufficiency for many residents. The shelter offers a clean, safe place where families and single women in crisis can begin to stabilize. The agency has developed comprehensive programming to respond to the challenges women and families face. The objectives are to stabilize women and children experiencing homelessness by providing for their basic needs at no cost, assess and stabilize their mental and physical health, identify the obstacles that caused their homelessness situation, provide guidance, support and education to overcome those obstacles, and empower and assist them in attaining employment and independent housing. The allocation from BVS will be used to help keep their clothing bins full for the over 350 individuals who will seek services at the shelter in 2023.



Akron Snow Angels

Akron Snow Angels, founded in 2015, spreads warmth and connects with the most vulnerable in our community by providing basic essentials and fostering friendships while inspiring others to do the same. They provide warm meals along with coats, boots, hats, gloves, sleeping bags, tents, and articles of warmth to people on the street or are at risk for homelessness. The Akron Snow Angels serve approximately 250 people a year, mostly at Middlebury and Grace Parks, but also through Project Rise and Summa Hospital outreach. The allocation from BVS will be used for the Fight the Frostbite program; providing waterproof socks and winter gloves, and seven days of hand/feet warmers for 50 individuals living on the street during the cold, winter months.

CASA Board Volunteer Association

In 1993, the CASA Board Volunteer Association, Inc. was established to further the mission and support the work of the CASA/GAL Program of Summit County, Ohio. The Board partners with the program by raising and administering funds for: enhanced programming, personnel support, promoting public awareness of the CASA Program, and recognizing the efforts of CASA's heroic volunteers. CASA's programs provide quality court-based advocacy for abused and neglected children. In order to guarantee the on-going success of the program, the Board will continually generate awareness of the plight of these children, and will cultivate strong partnerships with individuals and organizations committed to bettering children's lives. The grant from BVS will be used to create holiday gift boxes for older abused and neglected children living in residential facilities.



Richfield Elementary School Kindergarten Special Education Program

The mission of The Revere Learning Community is to create, support, and maintain a learning environment that empowers students to achieve their personal best through a focus on individual student achievement. The teachers in the Kindergarten Special Education program provide educational opportunities to help engage the students learning by creating an inviting space that enhances sensory learning to help empower learning and growth. The program currently serves ten students, ages five to six years of age. The allocation from BVS was used to purchase a light table that is shared between two classrooms, providing learning opportunities such as development with fine motor, hand-eye coordination, pre-writing skills and color recognition. The table also promotes self-directed activity and

hands-on learning by allowing students to collaborate with each other.

Victim Assistance Program, Inc.

The mission of Victim Assistance Program is to empower our community to restore lives impacted by crisis, violence and tragedy. Victim Assistance Program summarizes its core services into three sections: crisis intervention, advocacy, and education. Each of their core services

are strategically designed to offer a myriad of services that are provided to thousands of Summit County individuals impacted by crisis, violence, and tragedy each year. The BVS funds will be used to offset the costs associated with planning staff retreats. These retreats provide advocates an opportunity to spend time with their peers and strengthen team cohesion by sharing stories, discussing challenges and creating goals for the future. Also, restorative experiences for the staff is a way to decrease vicarious trauma, an anticipated consequence of their work, to prevent burnout and protect their longevity and resilience to provide effective services.



The WRP Main Stage

Western Reserve Playhouse

The Western Reserve Playhouse, founded in 1956, engages, inspires, entertains and challenges audiences with theatrical productions which range from mysteries, musicals, and comedy to new works and children’s productions. They educate and support the next generation of theatre artists through their education program promoting life-long learning to a diverse community and celebrate the essential power of community theatre. Western Reserve Playhouse entertains approximately 5,200 patrons a season with their Main Stage performances, and approximately 500 attend performances from their summer education camps. They educate over 200 youth from the surrounding area through their education camps. The playhouse benefits from over 15,000 volunteer hours per season to make the magic happen, and has over 100 actors perform on its stages annually, ranging in ages from 3 to 76. The BVS grant will be used to purchase a new electronic piano for the stage.

Williams Challenge Man2Man Fatherhood Initiative

Williams Challenge, which was founded in 1988 with a mission to make young men and women better people, annually provides college scholarships to in-need and high-achieving youth. In 2006, it created and added the Man2Man Fatherhood Initiative to its programs, with the mission to teach at-risk and absent fathers the skills they need to mature as men, learn their role in the family, and make them more nurturing, present fathers. The goal of the Man2Man programs is to strengthen families and break the cycle of poverty and incarceration. Approximately 90 fathers in Summit County are served each year, and the program targets men who have been involved in the criminal justice system. The allocation from BVS will be used to cover the cost of instructors, textbooks, and supplies for training, mentoring, and individualized services. The fathers also receive a gift card for their participation in one six-week session.



2023 grant or community service recipients:

Organizations & Charities Serving Summit County

- ACCESS Shelter & Housing
- Akron Children's Museum
- Akron Snow Angels
- Art Sparks
- Battered Women’s Shelter
- Bridge of Love (Ukraine)
- Bridge the Village
- Building for Tomorrow
- CASA / GAL Program of Summit County
- Cast It Forward
- Children’s Concert Society
- First Glance Student Center – Kenmore
- Julie Billiard School – Akron
- Jump on Board for Success
- Open M Food Pantry
- Rape Crisis Center
- The American Red Cross (semi-annual Blood Drives)
- Salvation Army
- Stewart’s Caring Place

- SWAG (Students with a Goal)
- The University of Akron Field Station
- The Well, CDC
- Victim Assistance Program of Summit County
- Victory Gallop, Inc.
- Western Reserve Playhouse
- Williams Challenge – Man 2 Man Fatherhood Initiative
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- Bath Gamma Garden Club
- Bath Horse Show
- Bath Park Board
- BVS Merit Awards & Scholarship Grant
- Revere Local Schools:
 - Bath Elementary School
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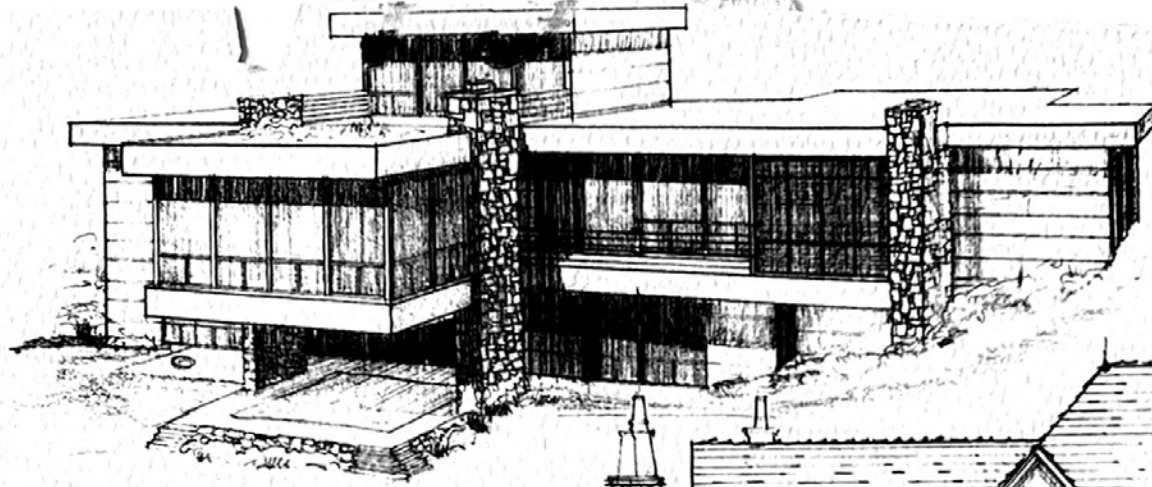
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Prairie-Style Modern Hilltop

The uphill drive through old-growth forest opens to a scene of awe-inspiring beauty, where a home built in harmony with nature overlooks a one-acre lake.

Taking cues from Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style, this home features themes that are inspired by nature. Walls of windows bring in natural light, and natural materials are used to create the open floor plan.

Built in 1999, this is the fifth home designed, built and lived in by the architect homeowner. The hillside lot was originally part of a Christmas tree farm, with traces of that origin still visible on the property. The one-acre lake on the site was a local swimming hole in days gone by.

The welcoming entrance and front door was designed with a four foot wide door, enhanced by the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired stained glass. The position of the lake determined how and where the house was built. The homeowner wanted the entryway/foyer to open up to the lake and hillside views.



In the elegant and spacious entryway, a round foyer table doubles as a dining table, opening up to seat 10 – the homeowner is one of 11 siblings! An African, hand-carved granary door and a wooden elephant stand in the corner – a unique welcome for guests.

The step-down living room was designed for conversations and family discussions – no technology here. The Chinese slate fireplace surround, topped by a vibrant painting from Quebec City, is the focal point of the room, while Breuer-inspired vintage lounge chairs and a sofa offer comfortable seating. The art around the room adds color and vibrancy, as does the alligator nestled under the baby grand piano, carried back from Papua, New Guinea. A TV cabinet, 70 plus years old, now



functions as a bar! The built-in cabinetry, indicative of the Prairie style, separates the foyer from the living room, adding visual interest as well as much needed storage.

The entry foyer leads to an expansive deck overlooking the lake, where the children and grandchildren catch and release fish throughout the summer months. Outdoor furniture and a grill make the deck a gathering place for family and friends.



On the other side of the foyer, the kitchen and family room share access to the deck as well, continuing the theme of seamless indoor-outdoor living. A glass-topped island adds a spacious look to the kitchen. Mid-century modern furniture, built-in cabinetry, and a game table welcome everyone into the family room, whether for conversation, game playing, or relaxed reading, all with a spectacular view of the lake. The art above the sofa, and a blue accent wall, bring the tranquil color of the lake into the room.



A powder room, with its elegant floating ceiling of cherry wood, leads to the owners' suite. The bedroom offers restful views of the lake and woods from a comfortable window seat, as well as access to the deck. The bed's headboard, designed and built by the owner, opens to provide handy storage. The owners' bathroom is spacious, with a skylight, glassed-in shower, and an homage to Revere School's Celebration of the Arts with a long-ago purchased original work!



Two African headdresses – one depicting a female carrying a child and the other headdress depicting a male - frame the landing to the second level. The top of the stairs is heralded by an authentic 6-foot tall, hand-carved wooden shield from New Guinea and a handcrafted basket, mementos of world travels.

The room at the top of the stairs is a cozy gathering place for guests, but also doubles as a bedroom, with access to the upper deck overlooking the lake. More keepsakes from world travels include a grouping of tulip paintings, a collection of fish spears, and a bow and arrow used on wild hogs in New Guinea.

Two additional bedrooms on this floor, and a full bath, are

filled with art and distinctive items collected over the years. One room includes a refurbished vanity with beautifully painted lampshades on the lamps, and a painting of five giraffes looking on. The second bedroom boasts a one-of-a-kind metal lamp with a dragonfly base and glass shade, a Carnivale mask from Venice, and a striking, oversized painting of a poppy in two side-by-side frames.

The lower level of the home is the working level, with desks, drafting tables, and spaces to create, as well as an additional living area if needed, with a small kitchen and bath. Burlled cherry paneling accents the space. A walk-in wine cellar displays hints of the homeowner's travels to wineries around the world, trips the couple have enjoyed over the years. The cellar is framed with corks, and the barn door handle was made by the homeowner from the side of an oak barrel!



Outdoor amenities go beyond the the decks extending from the west side of the home, and continue the theme of indoor/outdoor living. One of the most amazing outdoor features is the gazebo, cantilevered over the side of a ravine and built by the homeowner to complement the house design. First used on the homeowner's wedding day, it is now used year round for small gatherings with family and friends.



The large, paved patio features a woodburning pizza oven and adjacent garden with raised bed. Three bistro tables boast tops created by the homeowner from slabs of wood cut from fallen trees on the property. This home warmly invites family and friends to gather, eat, relax, and simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings of this thoroughly Modern Hilltop.



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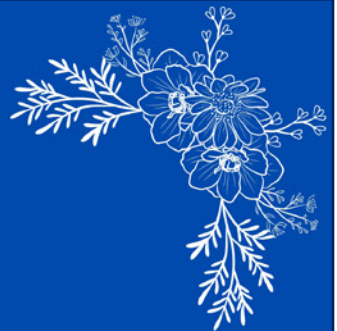
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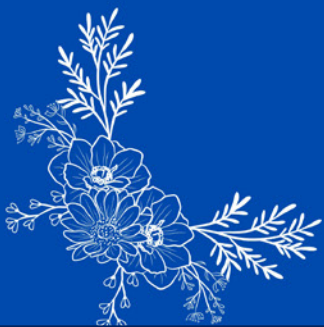
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Classic Colonial Re-imagined

Sitting majestically atop a hill, this classic center hall colonial beckons family and friends. The drive up to the house showcases meticulous landscaping that blends perfectly with the stately brick exterior of the home. The leaded-glass front door is the welcoming entrance to this Classic Colonial Reimagined.

As a self-described minimalist, the owner has brightened and modernized this 1984 home during the past two years, making it comfortable and welcoming. This is evident beginning in the two-story foyer, with new wall sconces echoing the design in the front door and a fanciful chandelier lighting the graceful staircase.



Pocket doors from the music room open for the step down into a light-imbued family/living room with access to the patio. An inviting seating area fronts the fireplace, which is accented by a bright, floral painting and flanked by built-in bookshelves filled with family keepsakes.



larger complement to the one in the foyer.

The second-floor landing surrounds the staircase on three sides, providing room for built-in bookcases with a comfortable window bench tucked between. The chandelier and a pair of sconces, identical to those in the foyer, tie the two floors together.

The sage-green walls of the guest bedroom are brightened by tones of silver and crystal. The ceiling fan light complements the crystal door knobs the owner added throughout this floor to enhance the classic colonial feel. The nightstand is home to a family of silver-toned penguins beneath the cut-glass lamp, while a trio of mercury glass candleholders shines on the dresser.



The centerpiece of the music room is the baby grand piano. Graceful cranes, a gift from a friend, are a stunning accent to the bay window. On the bookcase, music and friends themed sculptures reinforce the atmosphere of camaraderie in the room.

Pocket doors from the music room open for the step



The adage, “the kitchen is the heart of the home” certainly applies here! Expansive granite countertops, a double oven, built-in microwave, and a warming drawer assure plenty of food-prep options when entertaining. The built-in banquette was designed so the table and chairs could be tucked out of the way for unimpeded access to the patio, while backless stools slide under the countertop for convenient buffet service. A corner bookcase displays family keepsakes - a porcelain platter passed down from the owner’s grandmother and an antique brass mortar and pestle. An elegant powder room and laundry room are in the hallway off the kitchen.

The dining room offers understated and classic elegance for those more formal dinners. The vintage dining table is surrounded by enough comfortable chairs for any crowd, and the room’s graceful chandelier is a



The owner's suite is highlighted by a sophisticated painted desk, the striking room color, accents in the silver and crystal palette, and the distinctive bed and armoire. An elegant chair and ottoman are lighted by an unusual table lamp with a branch-shaped base that extends through the shade. Mirrors in the adjoining bath reflect the natural light, courtesy of the skylight.



The rest of the upper level includes a guest bathroom with a skylight enhancing the muted colors and showcasing the floor and tub surround, a unique use of the same material. Both the owners' office and a second guest bedroom offer views of the backyard gardens.

The lower level, no longer a lowly basement, was gutted and recreated for entertaining family and friends. The enticing "Pub-style" room, painted in a deep sea blue, is dominated by the pool table and accented by lighting cleverly designed around the edges of the dropped ceiling.

Enlarged windows and a fireplace brighten the space, while comfortable seating options provide respite from those invigorating games of ping pong, darts, or foosball. For creative talents, one wall has a floor-to-ceiling white board and a blackboard – artwork encouraged! Storage under the stairway adds a practical place for stocking board games and refreshments, while the wet bar features a granite countertop and hammered aluminum sink – with a drinking fountain! Fun is encouraged in this entertainment area, but a framed reminder "If you can't be Kind...Be Quiet" is sage advice from this kind host.



Tucked out of the way on this level is a bathroom with a massive steam shower and an unexpected but so enticing sauna!

The patio and backyard are the homeowner's favorite places when weather cooperates. Glass doors, unencumbered by window coverings, open from the family room and kitchen onto the expansive patio, the perfect entertaining space. A graceful beech tree overlooks the gardens that are filled with flowers from spring through fall, roses being a special favorite.

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Cotswold Cottage Tudor

This Cotswold cottage in a picturesque century-old neighborhood commands attention with its elevated prominence and stylish demeanor. It was built in 1926 by noted architects Good and Wagner for Goodrich executive J. Robinson Silver, Jr. Its exterior boasts half-timbering with painted cedar shingles and creamy batten-board, creating a charmingly rustic, yet refined, impression. The gently arched mahogany front door, with its restored leaded-glass window, greets all as they enter.

Guests are welcomed into the warmth of the foyer. Its minimal furnishings include a framed mirror over a trestle table, perfect complements to the original staircase and balustrade. A muted rug, with a pop of red, adds a cozy layer over the gleaming tile floor, installed on the diagonal. With stucco walls bathed in pale buttercream, the foyer is rich with pattern. The pattern is highlighted by the raised panels on the side of the staircase, the crown moldings and the stunning, eight-paneled mahogany front door.

In the spacious living room, an impressively sized mirror above the fireplace is hung on a background of judges paneling, creating a visual sightline and acting as a focal point to the room. The brown leather Chesterfield sofa and oversized chair with ottoman are accompanied by an abundance of pillows in diverse hues and textures. They not only anchor the space but add visual interest without a lot of fuss. Two arched, built-in niches proudly display vignettes of family photos, vintage cameras and memorabilia from the family's travels. A cushioned window seat offers comfortable viewing by the unusually configured bay window. The picture frame pattern in the wood floor mimics the variety of contours found throughout the home. Handsome wood register covers are set into all of the home's wood floors.



Peeking around the corner of the living room reveals a room aptly named the “snug” by the owners, a British term describing a small, comfortable room designed for peace and relaxation. Here, one is embraced by the soothing color palette, three walls of windows and the original French door that leads to the sandstone patio.

Arches, arches and more arches are reprised throughout the home, including at the entrance to the library, with an unexpected, raised wooden arch on the floor. Pulling on the side of the adjacent bookcase causes it to pivot on the arched track, revealing a fun hideaway space that will eventually house a bar for entertaining. The comfy leather chairs, the abundance of books, framed art and a textured rug draw one into this cozy space. An attention-seeking brass rabbit bust (better known as Eric), complete with mustache and monocle, juts out from the wall and “owns” the room. Whimsical oil paintings of animals by Liz Wiesel grace the walls. The owners agree that her charming painting “Vivian in the Tub” perfectly reflects a sense of melancholy. (Vivian is a rabbit, of course, deep in thought).

The staircase to the second floor is a striking focal point, emphasized by the contrast of wood against the light stucco walls. At the top of the stairs is a light-filled loft, originally a sleeping porch which has been enclosed. One of the features that “sold” the owners on the home was this second wall of built-in bookcases, a complement to the one in the library. A custom-made bench and shelving hold an extensive vinyl record collection, with a working turntable taking a prominent place nearby.

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this photo demonstrates how surprisingly undeveloped Akron was back then. The recently remodeled Jack and Jill bathroom leads to the son's bedroom, sporting a sophisticated palette.

One end of the hallway showcases a framed blueprint of this property dating back to 1932. In the hall outside the husband's office is a curated collage of concert photos taken by him. Mark Mothersbaugh, Akron native of Devo fame, also has a prominent role in this area. The husband's office continues the "love of music" theme with an abundance of framed "gig" posters and set lists, many featuring Akron's Black Keys and The Vindys from Youngstown.

In the owners' suite, a medley of pale fabrics, muted paint colors and framed wedding photos provide a restful personal space. The tufted upholstered headboard and bench at the foot of the bed enhance the tranquil ambience, while a multi-layered chandelier adds sparkles of light. Gentle arches over the closet and dressing room doors continue this architectural theme found throughout the home.



The wife's dressing room hints of a bygone era, with Tiffany blue walls, closet doors with inlaid mirrors and clear glass door knobs. Tucked under the window, a jewelry box is perched on the custom Amish-built cabinet, its unusually deep drawers providing extra storage. The renovated bathroom with glassed-in shower is tucked behind the bedroom, with walls in the same calming Tiffany blue color as the dressing room.

The third floor, not available for the video, is home to the wife's office and art studio. Originally a bedroom, this level - definitely not a typical attic! - has a walk-in cedar closet and a full bath with a soaking tub.

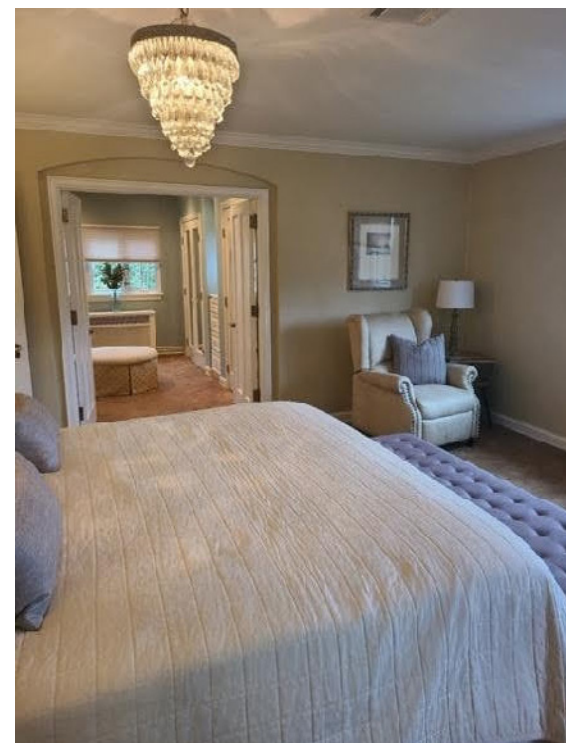
Back on the main floor, original French doors open from the foyer into the light-filled dining room, anchored by an unusual square dining table, which can have leaves added for more seating. Metallic gold, puddled draperies, a unique pendant light, and brass and glass lanterns add shine to the room. The china cabinet displays the wife's grandmother's crystal stemware. Limited edition prints by London graphic designer MinaLima, famed for her Harry Potter graphics, decorate the walls. Behind the swinging door sits a "sweet" bar.

Classic and contemporary mesh beautifully in the kitchen, which pairs soft gray cabinets, undressed windows, and white subway tile backsplashes. Brass hardware enhances the white Cambria counters, while glass pendants and a simple, yet stunning, chandelier light the space. The kitchen island was custom made in California with a French farmhouse vibe, the bottom shelf left open, and the legs designed to mimic those on the dining room table. The owners' design vision embraced mixed metals of stainless and brass, and different wood tones, to create this comfortable, eclectic space. The room was built around the bright cobalt blue stove, the crowning touch to this delightful revamping.



The powder room, one step from the kitchen, was only partially updated, leaving charming touches of the original room. The door frame is noticeably askew, and the original small sink is in place, but the floor was replaced and the tile was painted.

Doors from the eating nook to the patio lead to the outdoor dining space and the beautifully landscaped grounds. Family, friends, tradition and beauty are at the core of this home's cozy ambience. Thoughtfully collected treasures convey love and tradition, with a very special provenance, in this Cotswold Cottage Tudor.



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Elegant Simplicity

Overlooking Crystal Lake, this elegant condo has been updated to reflect the homeowner's vision. Every part of the renovation spanning 17 months was worth the wait! Every detail, from the materials chosen to their placement in the home, was overseen by the homeowner and the interior designer, now a trusted friend. The quality of materials and workmanship were paramount throughout the process.

The front doors open to a soaring picture window giving the first and most dramatic views of the lake. In the living room, bright



splashes of yellow p l a y against d a r k

hickory flooring and a baby grand piano, creating a scenic welcome. A piece of Lake Erie driftwood on a dramatic base punctuates one corner of the foyer. On the other side of the foyer, mirrored panels are framed on the closet doors, something the homeowner remembered from a classic TV show and wanted to replicate.

Off the foyer is the open concept dining room, with unique art by Julie Keaten-Reed giving a yellow pop of color. The elegant furnishings are a mix of old and new, all working together with



lighting that is simple but with a touch of flair. The beautiful hickory flooring continues here and throughout the entire home.

Beyond the dining room are the completely renovated kitchen and great room. The islands and walkways were changed to allow more efficient access between the two rooms, and to provide views of the lake from all angles. A door to the upper deck from this area provides outdoor options. Beautiful quartz counter tops and a limestone backsplash in a basketweave pattern brighten the space. One of the two islands, with graceful architectural detail on the end caps, was created by removing one end of an existing counter, giving ample storage and making the great room more easily accessible.



In the great room, the stacked stone fireplace and soapstone hearth take center stage, surrounded by comfortable seating and colorful art, making this space cozy and welcoming to family and friends.

Down the hall from the great room are a laundry room, a powder room with elegant lighting and a fanciful painted sink, and a bench and fabulous mirror in a space that was previously a hall closet.

The first of two bedroom suites on this level is distinctive for its soft colors and lake views courtesy of the wall of windows. A sitting area is delightfully placed at the bay window, while the linear gas



fireplace is a dramatic touch without compromising the serenity of the room. A beautifully paneled wall adds texture to the suite, juxtaposed by the soft upholstered headboard and simple but luxurious bedding. Beyond the sliding barn doors is a spa-like bath with glassed-in shower, quartz counter tops, and gorgeous sconces backdropped by a mirror. And once again, a view of the lake!



Furniture from the owner's previous home found new life in the second bedroom on this level. New marble tops were designed for the nightstands, and new hardware was added to both the nightstands and the dresser. Intentionally, the shape of the hardware is an ideal complement to the table lamps. The area rug blends perfectly with the new bedding and floral art. The completely renovated second en-suite has a built in closet, skylight with vaulted ceiling, and fireplace at one end of the tub.

A stunning mural depicting a city skyline, by local artist Charity Matty Gangale, covers a whole wall leading to the lower level. Once downstairs, the lake greets you once again! A pool table, four large antiqued mirrors, and a coffered ceiling make the space dramatic. A leather sectional, another stacked stone fireplace, TV, and a game table overlooking the lake make another cozy area to congregate. A bar beyond – with its stacked stone backsplash, a duplicate of the fireplace – shows glass door cabinetry and hardware mimicking the ripples on the lake. An exercise room and a storage area finish this end of the lower level.



Beyond the pool table are another pair of guest suites to complete the lower level. One room can be used both as a bedroom, complete with a pullout sofa and full bath, or as a work/play space with an antique table/desk, beautiful bookcase, and once again, a view. The second suite is calming and exceptionally furnished with bursts of golden colors in the bedding, lighting, and sunburst mirror.



French doors from the lower level open to the lake by way of the home's second deck. A fire pit and outdoor furnishings are enhanced by the landscaping, including a bald cypress. And when playtime is scheduled, canoes and paddle boards are ready for family and friends to enjoy on the lake. Serenity and a true welcoming feel is here – Elegant Simplicity at its very best!



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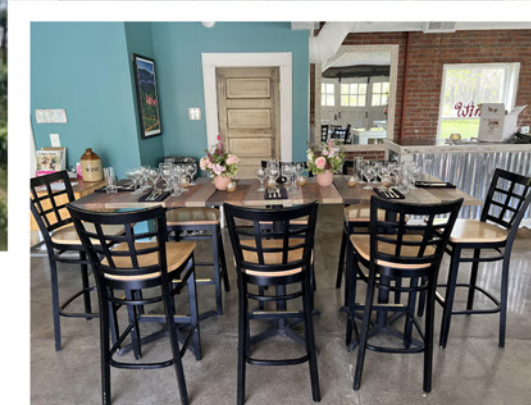
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Seuss on the Loose

High on a hill among the trees, this stately colonial hides a secret behind its traditional brick façade. The lush landscaping and front pathway lead us to the front door and a two-story foyer bathed in natural light. The “wow” factor of this home begins with a unique step up from the entryway into the beautiful square foyer with tiled floor, where a German cuckoo clock greets guests. Overhead, the graceful, semi-circular landing at the top of the staircase draws the eye upwards -

but the artwork here is what shines. This home’s secret is

an amassed eclectic collection of fine art and fun art by various local and famous artists from Drumm to Dali and even Dr. Seuss!

Three rooms beckon from the foyer, but first, artwork catches the eye. A Don Drumm sun sculpture shines over “Chase in the Forest” by Dr. Seuss – a favorite of the homeowner and the first of many Seuss works in the home – plus “Winter Stream,” a signature David Norton fused-glass piece that is back-lit.



In the living room, Peter Lik’s fine art photograph, which can change with the room’s lighting, shines brightly over the fireplace. Artwork reflecting the eclectic tastes of this couple adds fun personal touches throughout this room and the entire home. A back-lit Norton glass work on an antique chest blends seamlessly with wall art “Birds on a Fence” by LeRoy Neiman, and even a Rembrandt etching. Maintaining family connections, an antique Singer sewing machine that once belonged to grandparents has been topped with glass and repurposed as a chess table.

French doors on either side of the fireplace lead to a sunroom with a distinctive vaulted ceiling and windows on three sides letting in an abundance of light. Plants abound and highlight the owner’s green thumb, especially showcased on a porcelain vase, painted inside and out, and converted into



a glass-topped table. A rattan alligator guards the see-through fireplace, as “Men with Bikes” look on overhead. Above the transom hangs the first piece in the home of a series by Dr. Seuss, the whimsical “Bird Women of La Jolla.”

Welcoming guests to the den, a pair of Kiwi bird doorstops leads into a space of Old-World sophistication and Old-West charm, evoked by the wood-beamed ceiling and paneled walls. The moose antlers over the fireplace dominate the room and hang opposite fascinating original drawings from the 1850’s Indian Wars. Auction treasures accent the marble hearth, including an oversized piggy bank and a “decorated” violin, won in support of the Akron Symphony Orchestra. The second of a pair of beautifully hand-carved, and incredibly comfortable, rocking chairs is another Symphony Auction treasure. One set of paneled doors at the front of the room conceals a convenient beverage center, and the large windows at the back give a glimpse of the fabulous outside space yet to be explored.



A striking desk of elegant acacia wood and several works by favorite artist LeRoy Neiman define the husband's home office. The iconic Neiman prints of the America's Cup sailing races dominate the walls, while bookcases contain works on the couple's favorite artists, including The Secret Art of Dr. Seuss!

The kitchen and dining nook boast a heated slate floor and lovely bay windowed access to the back patios. Ceiling-high cabinets with cleverly placed glass and metal fronts, as well as transoms above the doors, provide light and design interest as well as space for the wife's vintage Pyrex collection. A colorful Norton glass work and fun sculptures by Toledo area artist David Carruth overlook the kitchen and dot the walls, adding whimsy to the sophisticated space. The center island is quartz-topped, and the black quartz waterfall-edged counters complement the slate floor. The faux quartz wall behind the cleverly designed banquette and breakfast table continues the theme on one end, while the six burner Thermador range holds court on the other.

A delicate crystal chandelier sparkles over the dining table and chairs. Leon Neiman's vibrant International Cuisine is perfect over the buffet, while a dynamic and stunning oil by Michelle Stewart is displayed on an elegant gold easel nearby. Tucked in between them is a vintage floor lamp, a treasure from the wife's father. And surprise! More La Jolla Bird Ladies from Seuss also abide here. The art deco cabinet is a perfect foil for the elegance of the room's stenciled, embossed wallpaper...the pattern of which is echoed around the corner in the staircase carpeting and window draperies.



Framing the picture window on the first landing are bold sailboat works by French artist Denis LeBecq, in his signature primary colors. Along the walls are several original works by Evangelia Philippidis, a favorite of the wife. A 1960's Don Drumm bench, purchased at a charitable auction, occupies the upper landing. The artistic ceiling lines draw the eye upwards and to the outdoors through the large window.

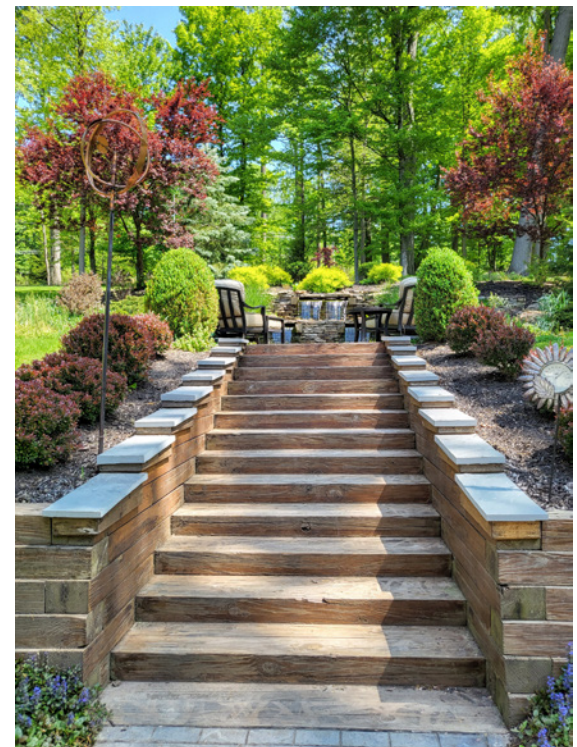
Over the double doors to the owner's suite hangs another Peter Lik nature photograph, ushering us into the serenity of the "inner sanctum" where the owners can retreat from the world. Here the simplicity of the fireplace and furnishings are the base for the unique and stylish sconces and chandelier casting elegant light upon a variety of artwork. Displayed here are works by artists ranging from Matisse to Neiman to a Salvador Dali, and naturally, Dr. Seuss. In the bathroom, a claw-footed tub is framed by corner windows and plants, providing a home

for The Cat in the Hat on the walls and a Don Drumm clock. The walk-in shower, with five shower heads and two benches, plus separate his and her vanities are all connected with a heated tiled floor. The large dressing area is home to an 1800's antique chest with an 1880's heirloom painting adorning it, and a treasured art deco jewelry box from the wife's grandmother on the wall nearby.

The three ensuite guest rooms complete the upper floor and display more "fine art and fun art," as the homeowner calls their eclectic collection. These rooms house a grandmother's antique secretary desk and period lamp, a definite "fun" painting of five contemplative ostriches, intricate embroidery pieces, and more Seuss, Dali and Neiman on the walls.

The home's lower level is finished with many mementos of their life together. A wonderful entertaining space is highlighted by a Portage Lakes map table and a drawing of their former home in the Lakes. Several Seuss works decorate the walls, including a rare political piece and a Cat in the Hat in the shower. A wine cellar and tasting room, an exercise room with sauna and a home theatre space round out this fantastic level.

Outside, glory awaits as waterfalls, tiered patios and exquisite landscaping create an outdoor sanctuary with wooded privacy surrounding all. It's a perfect space to sit, relax, and reflect on the wondrous artwork contained within the secret-holding Seuss on the Loose!



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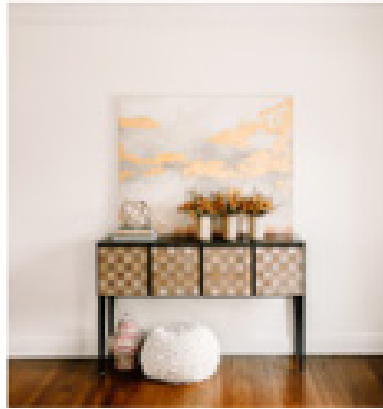
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Georgian Revival

Nestled in an historic neighborhood, this almost-century home built in 1929 stands watch over a lush front lawn flanked by majestic oak trees. A new, welcoming entrance with its windowed doorway adds a modern twist to the red brick exterior highlighted with classic Georgian pillars and white-sashed windows and black shutters. This is a wonderful mix of modern and traditional design and a reflection of the distinctive styles of the homeowners.

Beyond the green-marble entrance floor, the wide, original hardwood flooring ties together the elegant dining room, the central staircase, and the inviting living room.



Arched doorways on this level draw the eye to the original custom crown molding, while lower wall paneling and the latticed radiator covers are uniquely classical touches found throughout the home.

The original wood and marble fireplace surround centers this airy room decorated in a neutral palette of soft golds and pinks. An antique secretary, a side table with woven leather doors, contemporary sofas, mid-century modern chairs, and a game table make this room as beautiful as it is comfortable. Fiber art by local artist Jessica Pinsky and unique rolling chairs – with secret hiding spaces underneath – add a fun note to this formal room. French doors lead to a plant filled, glass-walled sunroom with windows that can be opened when weather permits. Infrared heaters in the ceiling create the ideal space for hot yoga!



In the office, original wood paneling and the carved wood and marble fireplace surround enrich the space, along with built-in cabinets and shelving along the walls. Family collectibles and artifacts gathered during world travels fill the shelves. This handsome space is brightened with original watercolor art and a bold abstract by local artist Benjamin Manista.

The chinoiserie-styled dining room welcomes guests with subtle, patterned wallpaper



and a collection of ginger jars in colors to match. An antique table and chairs and the mirror over the original fireplace blend traditional style with a modern light fixture and latticed wine cabinet. The mirrored and burl walnut mid-century serving table was refurbished with a black lacquered top to coordinate with the design of the room.

The guest bath, previously a butler's pantry, is decorated to complement the dining room. The original kitchen has been transformed into a home office and mudroom. This space has locker storage and also serves as the daily drop zone. The half-bay window houses a personal collection of treasures, while artist Benjamin Manista's playful llamas decorate the walls.

The back entrance to the home is what the homeowner calls the "messy" kitchen, with the main refrigerator and prep area for entertaining, making lunches, and arranging

flowers, among other chores. Decorated with a rare canvas work by Jessica Pinsky, this modern butler's pantry transitions nicely to the true heart of the home.

A former sunroom has been creatively transformed by the homeowners into a spacious, light-filled kitchen and entertaining hub. Connected by an arched doorway, the cozy family room beckons with soft furnishings and a fabric light fixture matching those in the kitchen. The vertically tiled walls and large picture windows add traditional touches, while the nook is planned to be repurposed as a drink station/wet bar for coffee, wine and other libations.



The kitchen features waterfall-edged quartzite countertops in a leathered finish, and a steam oven in place of the typical microwave. The lower drawers, cabinets, and even an under-counter fridge are designed for easy access. The center island has stool seating on one side but also accommodates the custom dining table that slides beneath for more entertaining space. The final touch is the accordion-fold, sliding door that opens the entire room to the outside kitchen and separate seating areas.



The updated owners' suite was designed around the original built-in bookcases and a marble surround, wood-burning fireplace, the fourth fireplace in the home. The woven-textured rug and soft colors imbue a cozy feeling while the abstract, original painting above the fireplace adds a colorful accent. The ensuite bath with heated floors has an infrared sauna, a large shower and a floating double vanity. The soft brass fixtures and wooden doors of the vanity enhance the feeling of contemporary warmth, while the tigers in the wallpaper add a touch of whimsy.

The second floor also includes the nursery with a large window seat, comfortable rocker and unique art from "Eddie Spaghetti." The guest room lounge is an ideal space for guests, sleepovers, and can double as a playroom. The main bath remains original, including all the tile work and fixtures, while the modern sconces and playful, patterned wallpaper give the space a brand-new feel. Two additional bedrooms share another full bath, cheerily decorated with bright colors and a new vanity, and adjacent to the service stairs which provide convenient access to the back of the house.



The large outside space includes a small patio off the side kitchen. Using new as well as salvaged materials from old patios, the owners expanded the yard space for the family and created new entertaining spaces separated by the outdoor kitchen as well as the path to a beautiful new, side gate. Preserving the brick pillars while rebuilding the wooden fence in this outdoor sanctuary is another sign of the owners' commitment to living in and loving this Georgian Revival.



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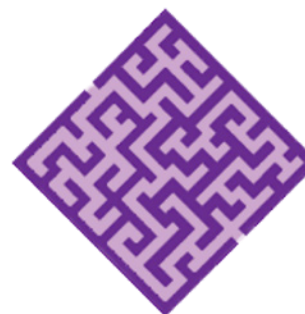
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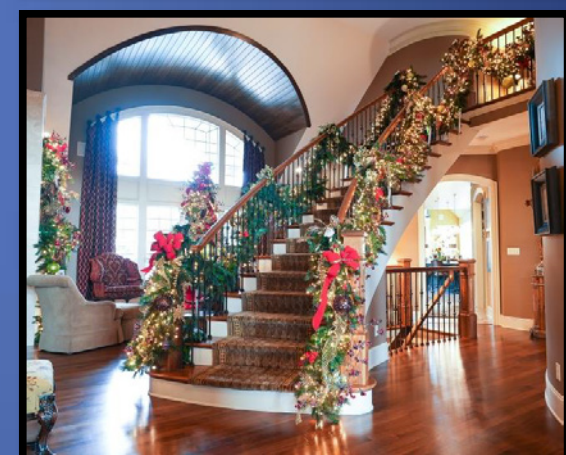
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The welcoming exterior of stone and wood, the intricate and varied lines of the home's design, and the complexity and number of



courtyards and patios, landscaped to celebrate nature while showcasing the home, disguise the grandness of the 20,000-square-foot of home under a series of clay tile and copper roofs.

The foyer sets the stage, opening to the uniquely positioned central staircase, its dark wood banister railing matching the stair treads and both flowing upward to the arched and beamed, ombre-painted ceiling and the hand-made, teardrop crystal chandelier.

The home was built around two distinctive features: an entertainment area – the glassed, half-moon solarium being the perfect stage for musical performances with stage lighting concealed in the ceiling beams of the adjacent Great Room – and an aquatic area with an indoor swimming pool, a therapy pool, and a spacious jacuzzi. In between is a home that is a work of art – a combination of Old-World



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Pristine woodwork and black walnut, wide-planked floors speak to the craftsmanship as does the intricate tile work throughout, including the inlaid peace dove and sun medallion at opposite ends of the gallery. From the built-in banquette seating framing each side of the Great Room fireplace to the octagonal breakfast room, with its peaked beam ceiling, from the napping-reading nook built into the wall of the kitchen/den to the wood-paneled library with its yet to be installed stained-glass window and rolling ladder, this is a one-of-a-kind home.

There's the 75-foot-long Gallery, connecting the front of the home with the private owners'

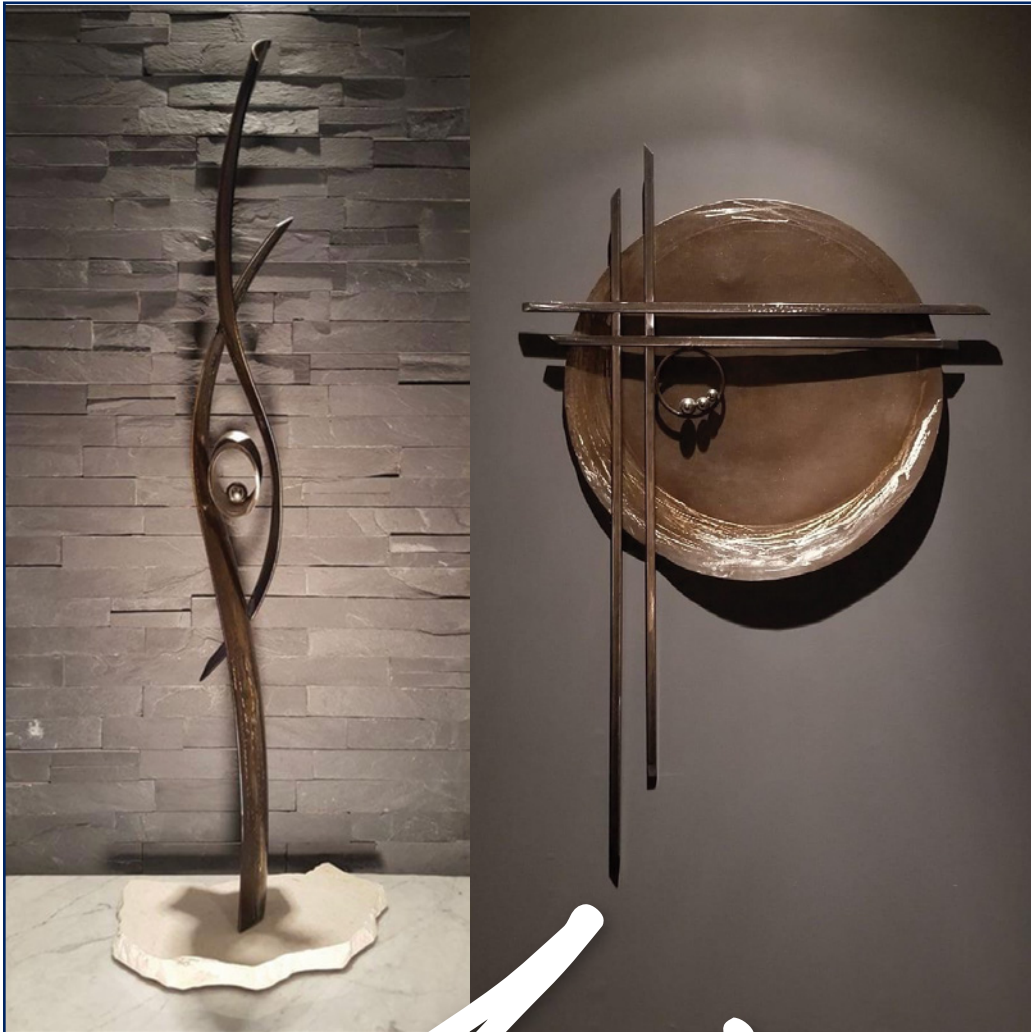
spaces and designed to showcase exquisite sculptures – semi-precious stone and bronzes – and artworks curated by the owner, including paintings by the homeowner's mother, whose art has been exhibited, as well as paintings by the homeowner herself. There are three bedrooms upstairs all with large sitting rooms and ensuite baths, each as distinctive as their names imply – Lake, Balcony, and Tower – the latter with a staircase to the stone and wood tower, complete with Gothic mullioned windows. A stone and brick pizza oven on the back porch; a pub room in the lower level with a nearby bricked wine cellar; extraordinary light fixtures throughout; whimsical wallpaper and cellphone shelves in the bathrooms; a state-of-the-art home theater; a "green" footprint from the solar roof to the geo-thermal heating and cooling; and so much more....



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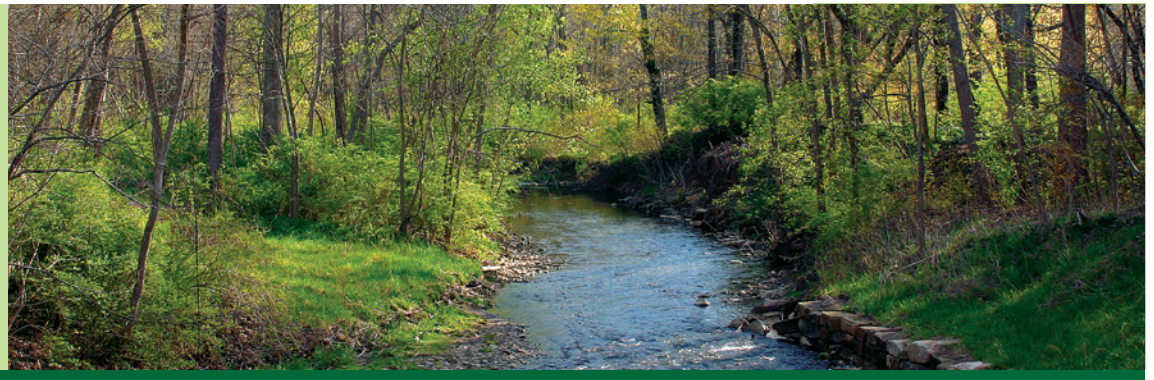
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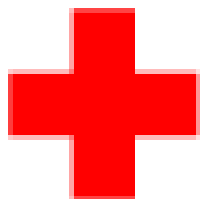
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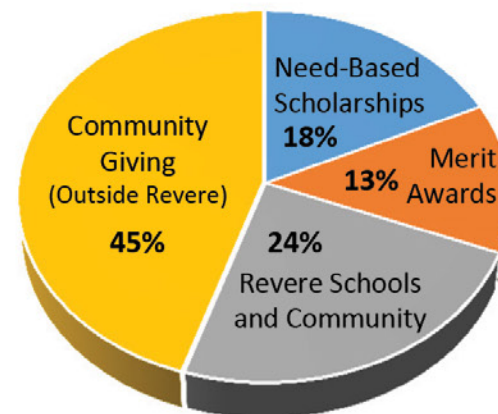


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