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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 77th year, and on the second Friday night in November we host Trivia and Tacos, an evening of fun where your knowledge is tested.

Pandemic year excluded, 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 Bath McDowell 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.



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Welcome to the 44th Bath Volunteers for Service Tour of Distinctive Homes!

We are delighted 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 seven 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 \$33,000 in grants to 28 local area service and nonprofit organizations, \$700 to local civic associations, and \$2,250 in student scholarships and merit awards. Additionally, our Christmas holiday bell ringing for the Salvation Army raised more than \$3,000; BVS members donated nearly \$1,000 to furnish a "Calming Corner" in Revere High School's Counseling Office; and we collected pajamas for children in the temporary care of the Summit County Juvenile Court system. Other annual BVS activities include sponsoring two American Red Cross Blood Drives, volunteering at the Bath Pony Club Horse Show and at Bath Park's Fall into Nature celebration, and even an occasional social gathering just for fun! For a list of

our 2021 grantees or for information on how to become a BVS member, please visit www.BathVolunteersforService.com.

We are truly grateful 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 enjoy the 44th 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.

Akron Children's Museum

The Akron Children's Museum's mission is to be a gathering place for children and families where play inspires exploration, discovery learning and problem solving. ACM envisions a community shaped by lifelong learners, who provide innovative leadership inspired by creativity and diverse perspectives. The Museum is passionate about educating children. Because ACM is located in the center of Akron, exposure to all sorts of experiences that our children may not otherwise encounter is paramount. The Museum is projected to serve at least 36,000 kids / families during pandemic years. Early childhood education literature suggests that music and sound patterns are vital for child development. The allocation from BVS will help develop the Sound & Music Studio, allowing children to record short provided scripts or those of their own making, with the potential of adding sound effects, instruments, beats and chord progressions, and playback at different speeds.



ArtSparks



ArtSparks' mission is to provide access to high quality dance programming; to foster the understanding of dance as an art form; and to challenge students of all ages and abilities to discover new heights of individual excellence through focused attention, creative exploration and a sense of community so that they might joyfully dance their way to becoming a more confident human being. The three-artist teaching team ensures that each and every student is given personal attention and thoughtful encouragement to reach their personal best. The BVS grant will allow for an expansion of ArtSparks' "Top Notch Team", a scholarship program that provides exceptional students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, sense of community

& self-confidence through excellent dance / music education & performance, more than their circumstances would normally allow. ArtSparks serves 3,100 students/year, focusing on pre-school through 5th grade plus a special education track for pre-K through mature adults. A \$1000 donation provides 60 students with 1 week of professional dance instruction.

IBH Addiction Recovery

IBH is a highly effective nonprofit organization and leading provider of drug and alcohol addiction treatment in Summit County. IBH provides evidence-based services including residential and day treatment, outpatient programs and aftercare support, complemented by spiritual guidance and education, all intended to offer persons with alcohol and drug addiction the opportunity to restore hope and gain skills for a lifetime of sobriety. BVS' \$2,500 grant will help pay for educational components (books, technology, materials) in support of comprehensive treatment. The resources are both for the person in treatment and their families, about the disease of addiction, trauma, relationships, effective communication, etc.



Jump On Board for Success (J.O.B.S.)



J.O.B.S. aids mothers and women (ages 13-35) with a focus on low-income teens and young adults at risk for generational poverty, substance abuse, homelessness, and unplanned pregnancies. J.O.B.S. works to build up self-sustainability among these participants by improving their professional proficiency in culinary, IT, business administration and entrepreneurship plus providing education / mentorship with parenting skills. The BVS grant to J.O.B.S. has helped furnish transportation to classes, training, Stark State's 22+ program, work and drivers education training and tests for these young women.

The Well CDC

The Well CDC exists to invest in people through the built environment. As Akron's first placebased community development corporation devoted to the Middlebury neighborhood on the east side of the city, The Well CDC seeks to create a shared prosperity for current residents through affordable housing, a thriving economy and placemaking initiatives. The Well CDC's holistic and comprehensive approach to community development is designed to promote neighborhood resiliency and revitalization through family stability and wealth-building strategies. The Middlebury Block Challenge is a neighborhood revitalization opportunity that encourages neighbors to collaborate on exterior home improvements in order to build confidence in



Middlebury & Inspire a commitment to place. BVS' \$3,000 grant to the Well CDC will facilitate improvements to 3 homes to be completed this summer by home owners or tenants at \$1,000 each.

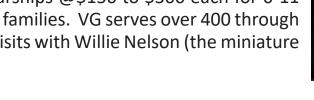


University of Akron Field Station

The University of Akron Field Station at Bath Nature Preserve is a living laboratory for the advancement of knowledge through ecological research, education and stewardship of the natural world. The Field Station works with local schools to provide high-quality, free K-12 environmental education. In a typical year the Field Station staff visits about 1,000 K-12 students in their classrooms and hosts about 500 students at UAFS. The grant from BVS will supplement existing outdoor and indoor classrooms and exploration stations, purchasing more interpretation tools like model eggs (including dinosaur ones), leaf sets, mastodon teeth & numerous other items. Exhibits are for all ages, but especially enhances K-12 education throughout Akron Public, Revere & Copley-Fairlawn Schools.

Victory Gallop, Inc.

Victory Gallop provides a fun, safe environment and a customized structured horseback riding program for children with emotional conditions, behavioral challenges and life-threatening illnesses to learn, grow and succeed. The BVS contribution pays for partial or full rider scholarships @\$150 to \$300 each for 6-11 children with special needs who are also from economically challenged families. VG serves over 400 through its weekly therapeutic riding program, 500+ children through hospital visits with Willie Nelson (the miniature support pony pictured) plus 100 others referred by local agencies.





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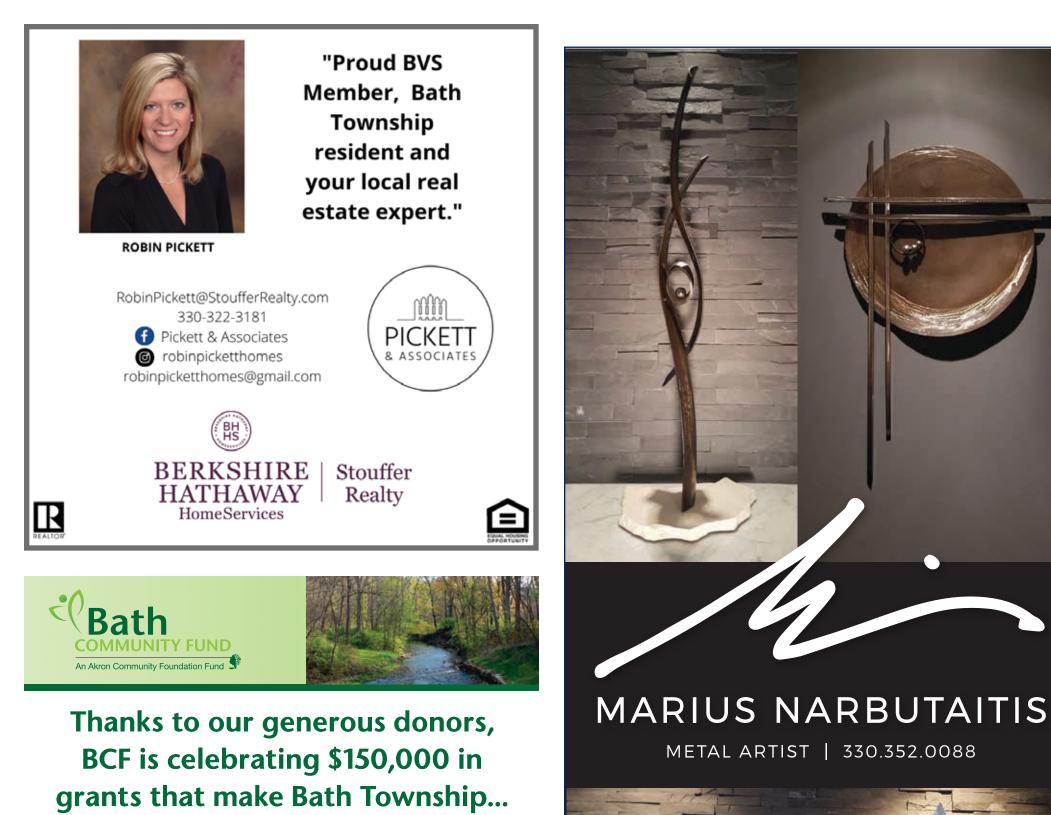




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Artful, Art-filled Arborry

The view from the curving driveway leading to this classic traditional home hints at the surprises inside. The husband's contemporary metal sculptures throughout the yard give a glimpse of the art that lies ahead. Since buying the home ten years ago, this creative couple has reimagined the interior, making it brighter and more contemporary and filling it with artwork.



They have done nearly all the renovations themselves, many of them major changes to the home.



The spacious foyer displays two things that drew the couple to the home – the open spaces and the architectural details. Angles of the dentil molding are repeated in the metal frames of the dramatic ceiling fixtures. The hand-scraped hickory flooring throughout the home, made in the USA by Shaw Flooring, has a symbiotic relationship with all the hickory trees on the property. The foyer welcomes visitors with a painting by Brecksville artist Leslie McCafferty, two by Tom Anderson, and paper art by Chicago artist Don Widmer. Widmer's creations are made entirely with pulp fiber fashioned into amazing works.

In the dining room, colorful artwork delightfully combines with the husband's unique metal sculptures and heirlooms from the wife's mother. The dining table and set of sculptural chairs from Italy blend perfectly with the sleek mirrored cabinet displaying her sparkling collection of crystal and silver.

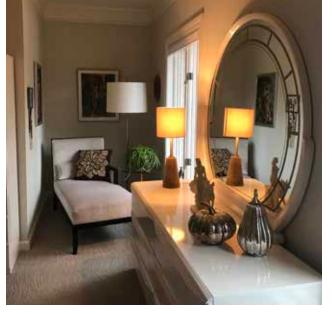


From dark and closed off to light, bright and open, the kitchen was completely gutted and is one of the most renovated rooms in the home. The homeowners did all the work themselves - except for setting the large Cambria quartz countertop on



the island(!) - over a period of six months. They now have a kitchen they can truly enjoy.

Morning sunshine and a limitless view of the woods make the owner's suite a peaceful haven. The husband's artwork decorates this space with a graceful, brushed aluminum piece, "Wings of Time," over the fireplace. The owners' suite bathroom, which originally consisted of several small rooms



and closets, was gutted by the homeowners. It is now spacious and spalike with its artwork and peaceful views of nature.

Just inside the spacious, light-filled living room is a mixed-medium collaboration by Leslie McCafferty and the homeowner of birch trees, the national tree of Lithuania. The eye is then drawn to the far end of the room where the wall is dominated by the massive, stacked stone fireplace. Hanging on the wall next to the fireplace is another of the husband's metal pieces titled "Three Moons Rising." The circular piece was the bottom of an old pot that was exposed to chemicals, which turned it olive green. When it was heated with a flame, the colors emerged. What a transformation! In the center of the room, the wife, an interior designer, has created a striking seating area, anchored by an unusual modular sofa with wooden backs that move for comfort.





A carefully chosen collection of colorful glass plates decorates the space above the French doors that open to the sunroom. Here, a cheerful

cardinal appears, made by paper crafter and artist Don Widmer.

Off the sunroom is a spacious stone patio with a pergola supported by stacked stone columns, shading the grills and pizza oven. The patio is decorated by the husband's metalwork and the wife's greenery,



which she expertly nurtures in the nearby greenhouse. This artistically talented couple has created an oasis of serenity and artwork, nestled in a beautifully landscaped and wooded lot.





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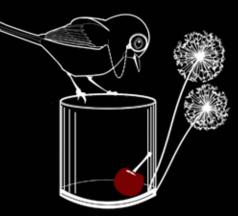
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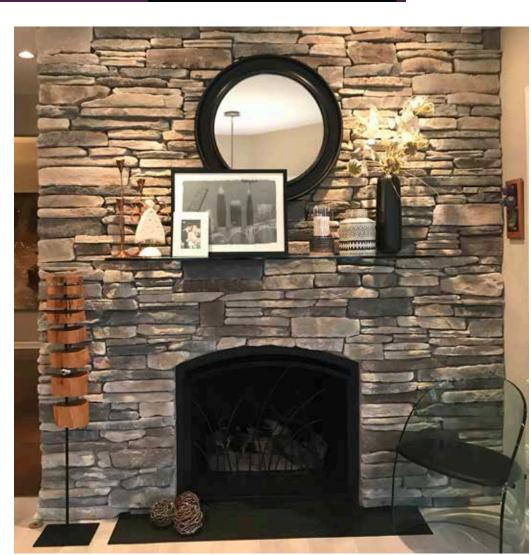
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Falling for Mid-Century Modern

This stunning Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home was built in 1967 for the husband's parents and totally updated in 2014-16. The original house was designed from the inside out to maximize the views of the wooded lot, with one corner of the great room featuring a 270-degree view. Visual and material connections to nature were integral to the renovations which were designed and meticulously overseen by the homeowners' daughter, an architect. Simplicity and consistency of design, as well as quality of materials and workmanship, were paramount to the family. The home is now much lighter and more open.



The front doors of glass open onto a foyer graced by a photo of a Florida rainstorm which gives an appearance of an impressionist painting. Around the corner from the foyer is the great room, originally the formal living room. Two





safari sling chairs and a Platner side table form a comfortable seating area by the window wall at the far end of the room. Floating shelves and a collection of family and travel images are a focal point for the room, along with large, natural sculptures of buckeye and hackberry wood.

Two carved wooden giraffes lead the way to the library, the husband's favorite room in the home. One can see why that is, with the view of the outdoors, a fireplace to warm the space and shelves of childhood memorabilia.

Along the back of the home with floor to ceiling windows are a spacious informal dining area and an elegant, modern kitchen, which was dramatically expanded

in the renovation. The 16 foot island with waterfall quartz countertops provides ample space for food preparation and casual serving, with an original Saarinen tulip table and chairs for dining. Handsome black walnut floors and cabinetry warm the space and connect it to the woods beyond the wall of windows. Custom Home Furnishings in Danville, Ohio did all



the hardwood floors and the cabinetry, which is consistent throughout the home. The family had lived in a century home – almost 200 years old – in Danville, Knox County. They sold most of the antiques from that large center hall colonial and are very much enjoying the simplicity of this mid-century modern home.

From the kitchen, a hallway leads to the three bedrooms in the house. Outside the owners' suite hangs an unusual African "mud rug," in which a modern pattern

has been dyed into the fabric with mud. The owners' bedroom is a peaceful sanctuary with a floor-to-ceiling view of the woods, a fireplace and a seven-



foot headboard which the owner crafted out of Ambrosia maple slabs. The view from the bathtub and glass-enclosed shower is serene, thanks to a private Japanese-inspired garden just outside. The husband's mother was fond of Japanese culture, which is evident in much of the landscaping.

Clear glass globe lights and a swirling mobile

lead down the floating stairway to the lower level, although there is also a full-sized elevator in the home. Photographs are abundant throughout the home. The lower level has porcelain flooring that looks like wood, but is water-resistant and "almost indestructible," according to the homeowner. This comes in handy when family and friends access the patios, falling water features and stunningly landscaped back yard. The landscaping echoes the linearity of the house and blends seamlessly with the two acress of natural surroundings. It's easy to fall for

this mid-century modern family home!









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A Craftsman Contemporary Arrangement

Craftsman architectural details on the exterior of this home lead to a warm, contemporary style in the interior. The handsome dimensional front door opens into a spacious foyer. Framed silver necklaces draw your eye upward to the tiered staircase and expansive ceiling. The owner's elegant office is situated conveniently off the foyer where ebony animal print carpeting accents golden grass-cloth walls.

The heart of the home begins as you enter the open concept kitchen. At the entrance to the hearth room, a curving banquette of





charcoal velour scattered with soft accent pillows is contrasted by a square glass-topped table and a pair of sleek chairs. The corner metallic porcelain fireplace, with its graceful Don Drumm sculpture, is flanked by a built-in bookcase displaying a large, polished geode and decorative vases. In the hallway leading to the garage, (between the banquette and fireplace), two framed photos of skyscrapers decorate the walls, while contemporary sculptural pieces take stage in front of them. The laundry room is spacious and also works well as a butler's pantry when entertaining. Across the hall, cocoa leather-like wall covering greets you in the powder room.

The hearth room is a cozy companion to the amazing kitchen, designed with entertaining in mind. The granite-topped bar wraps

around the perimeter of the kitchen, affording interaction between the cook and guests. The kitchen, originally the back of the house before expansion, is now the center of the home both literally and figuratively! A sun-filled great room with 270-degree views of the back yard, patios, waterfall and lake completes the homes' posterior. Craftsman influences can be seen in the great room with square, wood-framed transom windows and outdoor lights that echo those along the front porch.

Entertaining is a pleasure in the sophisticated dining room. A built-in buffet at one end of the room and a large, free-standing armoire opposite, hold everything necessary to set the large natural finished dining table. Nature enters the room with the





branch-shaped silver candleholder on the buffet and a majestic pewter stag bust perfectly placed at the bay window that faces the woods.

The bedroom suite at the top of the stairs has twin beds and hand-painted bamboo borders around the artwork above the beds and ceiling. A large luggage closet makes access for travel a breeze. The towels in the adjoining bathroom have been beautifully embroidered by a friend of the homeowner.



Part of the addition to the back of the house is the owners' suite, a peaceful retreat with an expansive view of nature. Hints of the outdoors enter this space with a large silver "branch" console,



wall sconces in the bedroom and the bath's hand painted vaulted ceiling. Even branch-shaped handles on the bathroom cabinets mimic the trees outside. A crisp black and white accent coloration completes the tranquil space.

On the lower level of the home, relaxation and entertainment

reign supreme. A wall of wine leads to the Irish, sports-themed bar, complete with an exhaust fan to eliminate cigar

smoke! Twin back-lit golf abstracts act as a main attraction, as well as a signed jersey of Jose' Ramirez. The main room, with poker and pool tables and dual reclining sofas is perfect for kicking back with the guys. Bookcases and framed photos hint to the homeowner's



interests –golf, baseball, art, music (Beatles fan!), travel, cigars and cars.



A decorative wood and metal accented fence/gate lead to a lovely cutting garden, and an expansive backyard complete with a lake, waterfall and patio, where family and friends enjoy the beauty of the natural surroundings. This warm, welcoming home creates a perfect Craftsman, contemporary arrangement!





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History and Heritage in the Heart of Hudson

Standing elegantly on a tree-lined street in the heart of Hudson, this large classic Greek Revival home began as a humble three-room farmhouse. Each addition and renovation was done with careful attention to detail and in keeping with the style of the house, making this home an excellent example of early architecture in the Connecticut Western Reserve. The current owners bought the property only five years ago but have already done many tasteful renovations to the home and barn, and to the shed that they turned into a fabulous cottage.

The wide wrap-around porch leads to the original front door of the home, with an antique brass doorknob gleaming in

the center of the door. A magnificent European chest from the 1600s, and the ornate gold framed mirror above it, immediately command the visitor's atten

immediately command the visitor's attention. The connection to family begins in the foyer, with lovely porcelain figures displayed in glass-front cabinets, light fixtures and a century-old bench that belonged to the wife's grandmother, and a charming antique wall clock from her family. The home's three original rooms - the foyer, living room and office - still have the original pine flooring, which has been carefully restored.

The light, airy living room is beautifully decorated in shades of blue and white, which sets off the richness of the floor and antique

furniture. A handsome Scottish grandfather clock from the 1700's majestically stands guard along the wall.

The stairway to the second floor was added about 1875. Since years of wear had severely damaged the wood, the homeowners painted



the stairs and the upstairs hallway floor black, adding a neutral runner to the stairs. The three bedrooms, the secret



room, and the bath are all decorated with soft colors on the walls to highlight the lovely floral watercolors done by the wife's mother. The mother's expert needlework is also displayed on the straps of a luggage rack in one of the bedrooms. One can see where the wife gets her eye for color and design! Antiques and family heirlooms are blended seamlessly with a few current pieces, such as graceful metal bedframes from Arhaus.

Downstairs, the comfortable study leads to the owners' suite, which was

added to the house 40 years ago. The current homeowners did extensive remodeling, especially in the bathroom, where they added a skylight, a spacious shower and a sliding barn door. The bedroom is restful and elegant in shades of blue and



white, with art and photos of family and favorite places traveled.

An intricate leaded glass suncatcher from Standing Rock Gallery in Kent catches the sun's rays from the skylight over the breakfast room. The breakfast room leads to the bright, sunny family room with the sliding doors recently replacing three windows and giving access to the brick patio.

The colors of the kitchen were lightened considerably,



reducing the need for the 16 can lights in the almost 10-foot ceiling. The can lights were replaced with eight, more energy-efficient, LED lights.



Elegance, antiques, and family heirlooms make the dining room strikingly beautiful. An English mahogany buffet stands under an imposing portrait of the husband's Scottish great, great, great grandfather. A Persian rug under the Chippendale style dining table and chairs adds color and pattern to the room. One of the wife's most cherished pieces is framed under glass and hanging near

the dining table. A delicate lace and floral embroidery piece, it was expertly created by her immigrant great-grandmother in the early 1900's to receive certification to teach needlework at a Texas YWCA.

French doors at the end of the dining room lead to a new screened-in porch and out to the cottage and barn. The cottage needed to be moved a few feet from the property line, a task that was accomplished by moving the whole building

on logs "greased" with Ivory soap! The homeowners completely renovated the former shed, adding water lines and a furnace and creating an office hideaway and full bath to rival the inside of any home.

The big red barn on the property also needed to be moved away from the opposite property line per zoning regulations, allowing a third garage bay to be added. The hayloft was turned into a comfortable living space, with barn beams used in the original post-and-beam construction left exposed.



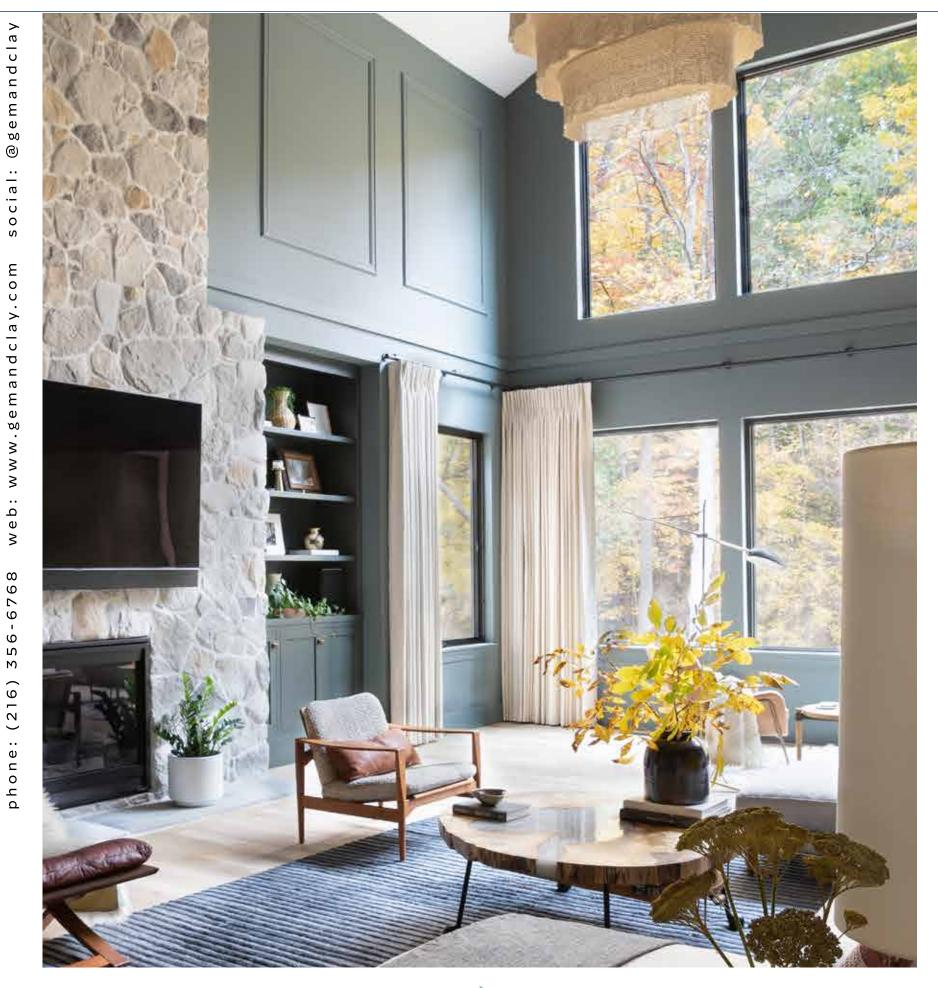
Local architect Stephen Leuenberger designed the transformation, which included adding a stairway, a cupola with windows to bring light into the space, and a large window in the back wall to give an expansive view of the backyard.



The top of the stairway is lit by a distinctive brass hanging light that was originally a gas-lit train lamp. Coincidentally, the lamp's previous home was an historic home in Bath that was recently on the Bath Home Tour.

Loving care and meticulous restorations over the years, including by the current homeowners, have made this once humble farmhouse a showpiece. But its true value lies in its connections to Hudson and to family history. It is truly a family home for the generations.

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French Country Eclectic

A love of classic European architecture inspired this gracious French Country home situated on Yellow Creek. Designed by Schill Architecture of Westlake and built by Old World Custom Builders, the owners' dream home was finished in 2020. The stone portico leads to arched double doors that open into a spacious foyer, affording a spectacular view through the great room to the woods behind the home.

Two-story windows, with custom draperies by Timan Custom Window Treatments, encompass the whole back wall

of the great room, bringing in light and views not only of the



woods but of Yellow Creek and the waterfall behind the home. A comfortable seating area in front of the floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace features two vintage midcentury modern Danish chairs, expertly recovered for the homeowners by Copley Upholstery. The custom coffee table created from a large sycamore tree trunk is apropos, since two mature sycamore trees adorn the backyard of the home.

The homeowner's interior design skills are displayed in her office, with a creative interplay of modern furniture and an antique firebox she discovered at Columbus Architectural Salvage, coupled with a wood surround found in Dover, Ohio. Stillwater Blue paint from Sherwin Williams gives a rich, deep hue to the built-in bookshelves and the wall

on the opposite side of the room. A field of tulips and butterflies makes a bold statement on the wallcovering in the powder room across the hall.





In the owners' suite, custom-designed, oiled walnut "shutters" beautifully hide a TV over the white Italian plaster-finish fireplace. The homeowner designed the cherry wood bed with a graceful curved and upholstered headboard. Nearly invisible pockets are sewn into the headboard's upholstery for convenient storage. The elegant bath features Amish-built cabinets by Troyer Cabinetry, with slim built-in mirrored cabinets at either end of the vanity mirror that provide extra storage. Lighting for the area, including the stunning chandelier over the free-standing bathtub, is from Wildwood Lighting.

Adjoining the great room, the formal dining space showcases the custom 12-foot-long cherry table centered beneath a trayed ceiling. The table has sturdy metal and wood supports at either end, but none in the middle, affording



comfortable legroom for every guest. The custom sideboard was designed by Gem and Clay Interiors and built by Old World Classics. The homeowner also designed creative storage for table settings by using vintage wine crates in the lower shelves of the sideboard.

The spacious kitchen is warmed by the tongue-and-groove wood ceiling, hardwood floor and stone wall surrounding the large window that overlooks the woods. A profusion of live plants on the counter are evidence of the husband's green thumb. He also loves to cook and makes good use of the 48" Thermador range. A wall-mounted faucet behind the cooking surface makes filling large pots convenient. An adjacent scullery offers room for baking and extra storage.

In the back hall, a spacious mudroom has a deep blue custom builtin unit to keep coats and shoes organized. Even the mudroom in this

home is elegant, with a lovely antique spinet desk tucked into a corner. The bright, airy laundry room features an expanse of granite countertops for folding laundry or wrapping gifts at the efficient wrapping station.

The two wings of the upstairs living spaces extend from the balcony that overlooks the great room and includes four bedroom suites. On one end of the walkway is the husband's unique office. The stunning conference table was built by one of the husband's friends from a length of maple wood. In the other wing is the wife's art studio and sewing room. Drawing, watercolor painting and photography are favorite pursuits, and she is hoping to spend more time creating sewing projects on her great, great grandmother's Singer sewing machine.

On the lower level, a wall-sized golf simulator beckons at the bottom of the stairs, signaling the entrance to the entertainment area. With a movie-sized projector TV screen on another wall, there is also an unobtrusive frame TV behind the bar, looking every bit like a framed picture when it is not on. The hallway from the main room

leads to the homeowner's company workroom and material library, including the stairway that leads up to her





office, and also to a very private guest bedroom. The adjacent full bath doubles as a guest powder room with access to the firepit, the walkway around the back of the house and the creek-side fireplace.

Elegance and sophistication are combined with comfortable family spaces and an appreciation of the natural beauty surrounding the home to form the perfect French Country Eclectic home.

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The Colors of a Resized, Renovated Retirement Ranch

A traditional colonial ranch on the outside, this home has been transformed on the inside into a colorful, funky, fun space by the creative and talented couple who bought the house three years ago. The former teacher calls herself a maximalist; she loves color, the more vibrant the better! She has the creative vision, and fortunately her husband has the knowledge and ability, to make it happen. In just three years, they have resized areas and renovated everything inside and out. Everything now pops with life, color, and -Wow!

Stepping inside the front door, the visitor is cheerfully greeted by a kaleidoscope of color and pattern. On the living



room wall hangs a colorful reversible quilt sewn by the husband's mother as a birthday gift to the wife. It was the first piece



of art they hung in their new home and inspired the vibrant colors in each room. Prints by Israeli artist Itzchak Tarkay pick up the vibrant colors of the quilt, while the bold black and white wallpaper and animal print upholstery and rug offer counterpoint to the bright colors. White Bernhardt sofas from Transitional Design in Broadview Heights calm the profusion of prints. Near the front door is a lovely antique desk found at a consignment shop, given a pop of color with the orange upholstered desk chair – and a pink flamingo perched on the desk!

The colors soften in the charming dining area, but they are anything but dull! Lime green paint on the back wall pairs with the whimsical field of flowers (with frolicking bunnies!) on the papered wall, along with the pastel dining chairs that the owners painted. Early 20th century Windsor armchairs

inherited from her grandparents were respectfully left in their original finish.

The bedroom hallway is punctuated by artwork, much of it created by their talented children. The owners' bedroom and bath are done in calming colors of blue, white and gold, highlighting the owner's love of chinoiserie. The colors in



the bedroom contrast beautifully with the dark wood of the bed and with the owner-designed, Amishbuilt double-stacked dresser. An artist's proof titled "Moonlit Magic" by local artist Boo Whitmer is a treasured memento of her.

One of the guest bedrooms



has become a jaw-dropping walk-in closet and dressing room, a collaboration of her vision and his building abilities. Large enough to contain multiple pieces of furniture and art, including a zebra-patterned rug, it is a clothes lover's dream! The other guest bedroom is a cheerful combination of color and pattern, with an unusual Philippe Starck rocker in polished aluminum beside the bed. The guest bath was recently gutted and completely updated, another successful collaboration of her designs and his construction. The deep navy tile, built-in cabinets and vanity contrast with the white floor and fixtures and set off the bright colors in the botanical patterned wallpaper.

The lime green wall of the dining area continues into the reconfigured and renovated kitchen, the changes designed and built by the homeowners. New granite countertops, cabinet doors, drawer fronts and hardware brighten



the space.

Major changes to the lower level begin with the stairway,



which the homeowner completely replaced. At the top of the stairs are two lovely paintings of the family home in Maine, done by the husband's mother. The foyer space at the bottom of the stairs has crisp black and white décor featuring custom-made torn paper collage from Mexico and an intricate piece with inlaid mother-of-pearl. The fun, colorful playroom/storage room displays a photo of the grandfather's long-ago grocery store at Highland Square, family artwork and mementos and even a set of vintage Hartmann luggage. The husband's

workshop/storage room is unbelievably clean and organized! He designed and built his soundproof office with surround sound and custom-built furniture, including built-in filing cabinets. The charming tray hanging over the filing cabinets was made for his grandparents. Other memorabilia and awards in the room highlight his Norwegian heritage.

The hearth room/den on the main level completes what was the original footprint of the home. Done in crisp black and white with touches of color, it's a comfortable, relaxing space. The bunny motif from the dining room returns with adorable bunnies appearing throughout the den. A Tarkay print is joined by photos and artwork created by the daughter and sons of the homeowners.

Adjoining the den is the incredible lodge room, a definite upgrade from the concrete patio that had occupied that space! The husband built it from the ground up, finishing the walls and ceiling with natural stained knotty pine identical to what he used when renovating their lake house. A beautiful armoire in the corner opens to reveal a fully stocked bar,



perfect for entertaining friends and family in this cozy, comfortable room. A cobbler's bench, built by the husband's grandfather, holds a pewter plate from Mandal, Norway where the owner's father was born.

A door from the lodge room leads outside to a new patio, firepit and totally transformed yard. When the homeowners bought the property, there was no landscaping. They meticulously designed the landscape layout and specifically chose over 250 shrubs, trees and plants. The front porch was expanded, and a knee wall was added in front to add even more curb appeal.

Good things DO come in small packages with owner creativity, imagination, self-construction and many "Colors in a Resized, Renovated, Retirement Ranch."



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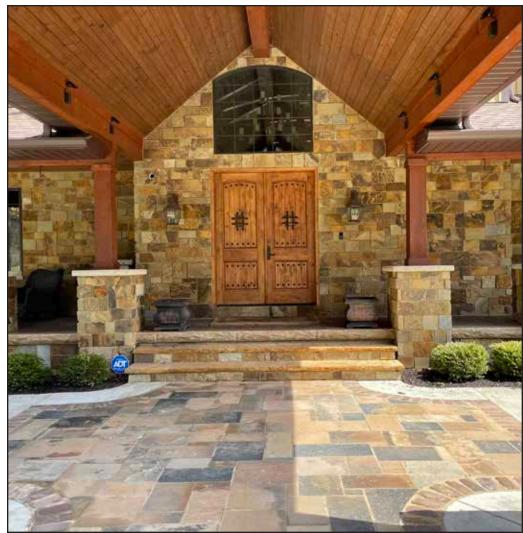
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A natural stone walkway edged with brick leads to an imposing portico, its ceiling lined with the warmth of tongueand-groove cedar. French Rustic arched doors – with peepholes! – open onto a spacious foyer. Hickory floors finished on-site begin here and extend throughout the home. The foyer offers a commanding view through the three-story wall of windows in the great room to an identical portico over the deck in the back of the home.



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The great room is breathtaking! The arched, beamed cathedral ceiling is matched by the massive sandstone fireplace along one wall. The fireplace is flanked on either side by tall glass-front cabinets displaying family treasures. An enormous,



outsized chair from Arhaus – one of only four that were made – looks right at home in this space. Let the fun and whimsy begin!

The powder room in the hallway has its own whimsy with figures scaling the tree trunks on the wallcovering. The homeowners chose a large piece of granite that was made into a sink, supported by a custom metalwork stand. Both the stand and matching custom mirror, with their graceful branches, add to the feel of being in the woods.

In the wife's beautifully designed first-floor office, an Arhaus custom crystal chandelier hangs from the wood-paneled, coffered ceiling, casting light on the elegant Louis XV desk, pair of wingback chairs, custom built-ins and china cabinet.

In contrast, rough-hewn timber beams signal the entrance to the dining

area off the great room. Two graceful chandeliers with leafshaped crystals are suspended over the dining table that easily seats ten. The dining

area blends into the kitchen, designed for entertaining. Not one, but two islands with sinks and pop-up electrical outlets, an 8-burner Wolf stove with an eye-catching copper penny backsplash, every kind of oven imaginable, and separate refrigerators for beer and wine make entertaining a breeze.

Twelve-foot-high ceilings in the back hallway give a feeling of spaciousness to the room-sized pantry, an enviable laundry room, the



"boys'" bathroom with a custom granite sink and a helpful sign for the guys, a handy desk and built-in cubby, and access to the "kids' office."

The landing on the stairway to the upper level is the perfect spot for Horseshoe, a leather horse statue created with shoes and belts by Miller South students for an Akron Children's Hospital fundraiser. The landing at the top of the stairs is large enough for a grand piano, a seating area and the best views of the Great Room below and the lake beyond.

The upper level fans out from either side of the landing and includes a threestory elevator, the husband's office, and five bedroom suites. One suite includes secret hiding spaces built into the dormers and concealed by built-in bookcases.

The fun really begins on the home's lower level! Wine reigns supreme, beginning at the base of the stairway. A stunning lighted, temperature-controlled wine display nearly covers the wall over a long highly polished table carved from



a section of tree trunk. A plush seating area is centered around the floating fireplace, with a poker table nearby. But



the action is no doubt around the bar – not just any bar, but a giant bar shaped like an oversized wine barrel! Three big-screen TV's over the cork covered back wall, beverage fridges on each side of the TV's, and temperature-controlled wine bottle inserts in the bar make for party central. The scoreboard from the old Revere High School gym is the focus of a game room hidden behind custom floating barn doors. Down the hall, Revere alums can take their pictures with a wall-sized Revere Minuteman, Class of '82 mural in the room with a pool table. Tranguil views of the lake can be enjoyed from the Timbertech deck upstairs

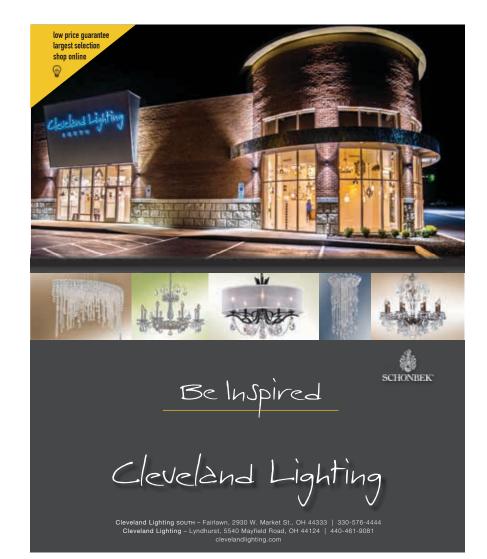
or the patios below. Chicago sandstone, formerly used as Cleveland curbstone, forms steps to a generously-sized hot tub. Vintage barnstone is also used in the landscaping around the home.

The history of the property is almost as amazing as the home itself. The 57 acre property played a part in the history Bath Township well before it became a township in 1818. What has become known as the Krill Rockshelter, on the back portion of the property, is a stratified shale rockshelter that is quite rare in northern Ohio. Kent State University staff conducted archeological research in 1974-75 and were able to reconstruct a scientific timeline of the rockshelter through thousands of years. In the early 1800s, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, the hero of Lake Erie in the War of 1812, visited the rockshelter and carved his name in the shale. Much more recently, the property was owned by the Shaw family of Bath. They sold the land to Dr. Carl Krill, Sr., a prominent



Akron pediatrician, in 1949. Dr. Krill built a rustic cabin near the rockshelter, a cabin that has been beautifully renovated and updated by the present owners. In the 1950s, during the construction of the Ohio Turnpike, equipment idled by a workers' strike was used to dig the largest of the two spring-fed lakes on the property.

The history continues, as the present homeowners are good friends of the Krill family and dedicated stewards of this historic property. Bringing them together truly is One Big, Beautiful Bath Bonanza!





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