

70 Hunt Woods Drive - Old World Charm meets New Home Convenience

The house is a French Provincial style, set back from the road with a sweeping circular drive and a stained and stamped concrete "stone" walk. "Inspired by rural French homes, the style is characterized by balance and symmetry." The exterior front lights along the road and under the copper arched portico, supported by Corinthian columns, are handcrafted Faubourg copper switched gas lights, providing magnificent evening charm. The exterior is stone and re-skimmed synthetic stucco, under architectural asphalt shingle, copper, and metal roofing. The house is extremely efficient and low maintenance. Custom outdoor lighting illuminates the home at night.

All landscaping is young as the house is a total remodel, completed in 2008. Original construction was 1996. There is an arched cedar ball and chain door to a secret side garden, connecting to a private garden in the shape of a dogbone, free of deer with an elegant fountain and substantial pergola over a slate patio and walkway. The garden is full of perennial herbs, flowers, and hostas, berries and fruit trees.

The back yard is wonderfully flat with an extensive CedarWorks custom playground and an arching trellis that anchors the yard with protection from flying soccer balls and offers a beautiful backdrop for climbing clematis, wisteria, and roses.

Enter the house through the center hall through a two story foyer with a free standing staircase. Large living and dining rooms are just one way this house combines the best style and quality construction components of an older home with the modern amenities only newer construction offers, including numerous large closets and bathrooms. This house has all of these and more. These two formal rooms offer large windows, extensive moldings and lots of natural light to match their size.

The main floor also includes a two story great room, large bedroom with full elegant bath, enormous gourmet kitchen, laundry room, and half bath. A lofty screened porch, an ipe deck and three car garage are on this level also.

The top floor includes an extensive master suite, complete with its private "martini deck," with handmade wrought iron belly railings a light colored, coated rubber membrane floor surface and the structural support for a future hot tub. There are his and hers large walk-in closets each with its own access to floored attic storage. The master bath is larger than many bedrooms and includes a multi-head shower, double sinks, a large jacuzzi and bed and breakfast style gas fireplace, all under a cathedral ceiling. The upstairs sports three other large bedrooms, each with its own bath and large walk-in closet.

The bottom floor includes extensive living space with 4 sets of french doors and lots of windows to give walkout a new meaning. French doors in the house are new Anderson doors with retractable screens. The basement also includes another bedroom, bath, and fitness studio as well as access to an outside covered porch with columns and a tempered glass windscreen. There is significant unfinished storage, a rough wine cellar with reclaimed chestnut flooring, and a granite covered wet bar with its own refrigerator on this level also.

What makes this house interesting is the attention to detail, beginning with the enormous eat in kitchen that includes a keeping room with a fireplace, office spaces, a butler's pantry and mind boggling amounts of storage and architectural detail. The kitchen has an open design with a European flair. The cabinets are cherry with varying counter heights to ease back strain in preparing big meals. The counters are primarily a white

granite with a non repetitive pattern of blacks, grays and mica. There are a couple expanses of cherry countertops in a large double depth L-shaped island. Sinks are rimless and hammered copper with Herbeau faucets. The sinks including a double and a separate bar sink with a water chiller. The expansive room is made more cozy with a boxed ceiling and recessed lighting. There are copper pendants over the island and numerous accent lighting features. The room is anchored by a corner stacked stone fireplace with a keystone arch behind custom fireplace doors of hammered steel. There is a wall of windows including an octagonal gazebo shaped breakfast nook with a copper cove ceiling. At night this ceiling illuminated with its cove lighting is breathtaking.

Winter sunsets from the breakfast nook are memorable. The electrifying colors of Autumn and serenity of the Winter's first snow are captivating in this room. The fresh beginnings of Spring and brilliant color of Summer all infuse this room from outside. The kitchen is the heart of any home and that was central in the design of this one. This kitchen will steal your heart if you love food, enjoy the preparation of it, and time together.

French doors lead from the kitchen to an ipé deck with custom wrought iron belly railings, torches and a "built in" Viking grill. The kitchen includes a Gaggenau gas cooktop with custom venting, a Thermador built in fridge, Gaggenau double ovens and warming drawer. Both convection, one of the ovens is also a steam oven. A built in Gaggenau grill, streamer basket, and telescopic downdraft venting occupy a part of the island.

There is also a Viking wine fridge and stand alone ice maker, as well as a Bosch dishwasher and under counter microwave drawer to complete the kitchen appliances. The hidden details are too many to enumerate but include a copper rubbish shoot, numerous detailed corbels, many as surprising moving cabinetry to store spices and other cooking ingredients. Even the under counter paper towel access speaks of creativity and the effort that went into the design of this kitchen. There are recessed doors in the cabinetry to hide an appliance garage, printer and scanner storage, and office storage. There is a walk in pantry, a built in food pantry with many rolling shelves, a highly decorative butlers pantry with a copper backsplash. Storage includes locker like spaces for family members beside the laundry/mud room exit and ample built in toy or other storage.

Lighting for the kitchen and basement is in sections and dimmable, although it can be controlled as one. It can be linked to the smart house controls for the music and temperature. Floors throughout the house are wood with tile in each of the bathrooms and the laundry room. Water and air are filtered throughout the house for clean, natural, humidity controlled living. There is instant hot water. A generator is constructed to take most of the house through any power outage with no interruption in electrical service and great convenience.

The great room is two story with fabulous light from multi level windows, excellent moldings, and a beautiful granite fireplace with a Fireplace Xtordinaire fireplace that fills the body with warmth on a cold winter day. A stylish opening to the kitchen is featured.

The main floor bedroom could easily be an office with its wall of built in bookcases, double window overlooking the woods and french doors leading to the screened porch. The bath off this bedroom is stunning with tumbled stone, a rainforest marble countertop, and a hammered copper sink with a farmhouse style copper faucet. The bonus feature is the roomy shower with the oversized glass door highlighting a tumbled stone arched shelf with the glass block inset. The bronze removable shower head with multiple water settings on the slider bar and the built in seat add to the experience.

The house is handicapped accessible with easy access from the outside to the kitchen and a beautiful wood paneled elevator to take you, luggage or that heavy, awkward Christmas tree to all levels.

The screened in porch is another great joy of the house. Nearly octagonal in shape, it sports massive beams of reclaimed wood with an extension cabled cathedral ceiling under a metal roof. A stunning ceiling fan and the north side of the house combine to make this room ideal for three seasons of comfortable use. There are large expanses of invisible screen to make you feel as if you are nestled among the rolling woods. The floors are tile over a rubber membrane with built in drains for triple protection to the finished yoga studio beneath.

The yoga studio has the feel of a "magic treehouse" and could be enjoyed any number of ways. It has radiant heat under granary oak reclaimed flooring. It is almost octagonal in shape with a vista of the 4+ acres of rolling forests. The room is all texture and style with brick walls with weeping mortar joints and a sealed tin ceiling with recessed lighting, cove lighting and hand hammered copper wall lights. Four walls are nearly solid glass, many of the casement windows are fitted with invisible screening. The retractable screen in the french doors cooperates to afford an exceptional cross breeze. The design was borrowed from a successful spa/studio in the Manhattan area, but betters it with the serenity of its surroundings.

The basement bath is shared by a large bedroom and the yoga studio. It features a built-in cedar infrared sauna, a steam shower, handmade Italian subway tile and a tumbled stone floor. The nickel removable shower head with multiple water settings on the slider bar and the built in seat add to the bather's experience.

Walking distance are miles of advanced mountain biking trails, for enjoyable for hiking, biking or trail running in a stunning wooded setting with rambling creeks. An excellent country club and the beautiful Smith River with class 2+ rapids and a regular summer covering of fog (natural air conditioning) from the daily cold water dam releases provide immediate canoeing and kayaking opportunities. Trout fishing is world class on the river. A couple of gorgeous manmade lakes and the Blue Ridge Parkway are a short drive. The house is easy access to GSO, RDU, ROA and even CLT airports. Local companies run shuttles to any of these gateways.

The house is priced to sell, listed at half its owners' investment. Its quality construction with old world charm, modern amenities, and minimal maintenance is designed for a lifetime of enjoyment.