



Fine craftsmanship and layers of detail define the home of James and Lynn Callihan in Briarcliffe Acres. A luxurious master retreat includes a palatial bedroom and sitting room while the stunning master bath is spacious enough for a curio cabinet to house accessories and jewelry. Formal dining is enhanced by the owner's collection of heirloom china, which dictated the room's color palette. In the living room, a roundabout upholstered in a leopard print was added for seating during the holidays but remains because it proves to be a popular spot for guests. Even the kitchen and adjacent morning room showcase elegant decor.



HOME OF JAMES AND LYNN CALLIHAN

Photos by Carl Kerridge

Comfort and beauty were among the objectives James and Lynn Callihan were seeking when they moved out of their home while it was renovated a few years ago.

Elegance and style were what they encountered when they moved back in 14 months later.

The couple, who met just after James built the house 13 years ago, worked with designer Kimberly Grigg of Knotting Hill Interiors to plan the renovations.

"We see the work completed," Lynn said, "and we understand why it took so long. We didn't hire a construction crew to do renovations. Kim served as the foreman on the job and we brought in craftsman to do everything that we wanted done."

Grigg said she spent months after the renovations

were complete decorating because the Callihans are very detailed people. The wetbar, for example, was handcrafted by a carpenter. Then the inside was mirrored and the mirrors were antiqued. The outside was faux finished to look like burl wood.

"That's four people working on one piece of furniture and that doesn't even involve decorating it," Grigg said, noting that renovations and decorating of the home took two full years.

Wrought iron and French antiques played a role in the renovations and redecorating, but fine china was the key.

"Lynn inherited her mother's Canton blue and white china and she wanted to incorporate that china into that house," Grigg said. "I've never used it as a



starting point but I did in this case. That china is reflected in every room in the house.”

The china even made its way into the Callihans’ young daughter’s playhouse where it adorns a wall and is painted onto the dining room table in the girl’s dollhouse, Grigg said.

Tone-on-tone colors, including whites and off whites, form the color palette for the home.

Blue is the accent color. The china won a place of honor in Lynn’s dining room where it is artfully displayed on blue walls accented by layers of molding. This formal dining

space is Lynn’s favorite place in the house.

The master bedroom is another favorite room for Lynn. A spacious sitting area is defined by a classic arch and two columns. Primarily used for reading, Lynn also enjoys having a private desk here. Fabrics in blues and creams frame the windows that overlook the pool and lake.

“We spend a tremendous amount of time at home,” Lynn said. “We both enjoy cooking and being at home and we have an only child who loves to be at home. I think we were successful in making it comfortable and pleasing to the eye.”