

Home tour house description notes

Background Information

Owner name(s): Robert Trudgen

Description

This home is a fine example of a traditional Greek revival style home. Owned by a fifth generation Amador resident, this home may be familiar, as it was featured on an AAUW home tour in 2014. Originally constructed in 1851, dates memorialized elsewhere also suggest construction may have occurred in later years as well.

As you enter the home, the former front parlor has been converted into a handsome billiard room, which features the owner's sports memorabilia. Note the refurbished 1900's gas oil lamp that hangs over the pool table. In the living area, original "wavy glass" windows overlook the gardens. Historic photographs and artwork from the family's collection are on display.

Through a set of French doors is the art-filled dining room. The painting near the window by local artist Arianna Michel (Arianna Mitchel, artwork shown at Add Art Framing) graces the cover of this year's home tour brochure. The portraits were painted by the owner's mother, an accomplished artist. Just off the dining room is the first-floor guest bedroom and bath, which at one time may have been the original primary bedroom. Charming vintage features include the original hard wood flooring, built-in cabinetry, and a high-tank pull-chain toilet in the bath.

Beyond the dining room, is the real heart of the home. Remodeled extensively by the previous owner, today much remains the same, with the new owner personalizing the space with charming touches incorporating family heirlooms and memorabilia. The breakfast nook has a built-in China cabinet that has cleverly been converted into a bar. Above the breakfast table is an art-deco "batwing" lamp from Sutter Creek Antiques. The kitchen features premium appliances, including twin drawer-style dishwashers on either side of the sink on the island. The sitting room is a veritable gallery of family mementos and sports memorabilia.

Immediately up the narrow stairway are two additional bedrooms, two bathrooms and an office. The rooms are distinguished by more of the family's antique furnishings and displays of personal keepsakes and photographs. The spacious primary bedroom opens to a roof-top terrace overlooking the back garden with a spiral staircase to the lower level.

The spacious backyard features mature landscaping and a spacious patio with built-in seating, and a charcoal grill built by the owner. To the side of the yard, there is a separate private patio seating area with a hot tub. The "out house" building toward the back of the property is a clever garden shed.