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Junior League of Morgan County's Decorator Showhouse in Chapel Hill Estates will open Saturday.

Designer touches Decatur decorators, others put their creative mark on Junior League showhouse

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The colors are rich. The look is luxurious. The style is a mix. And you've got two weeks to take a peek at the 2005 Decorator Showhouse at 3433 Highland Drive S.W. in Decatur's Chapel Hill Estates.

The Junior League of Morgan County will open the house to the public Saturday through Nov. 13. President Hilary Blakely said they got the idea for the fund-raiser at a convention when they talked to women from a similar-sized league in Rockford, Ill., that holds a similar event.

This first League showhouse, built by Reeves General Contractors Inc. and filled with glitz and glamour by Decatur area decorators and designers, doesn't lack anything in its 4,280 square feet. And if you'd like to move in, it's for sale, with a \$552,500 price tag — or more if you'd like to include the decorator furnishings.

The showhouse includes a well-planned mix of stone and granite, marble and glass, with unusual lighting fixtures and other accent pieces.

"There's a lot of texture in this house," said Junior League past president Jesslyn Reeves, who helped with sponsorships and a guidebook for the house. "Several rooms are painted with faux finishes, and there's some unusual wallpaper, too. The mix of design styles makes it well worth coming to see," she said.

As you walk through the house, from the foyer and living room to the dining room, kitchen and breakfast room, powder room, great room and master bedroom suite, you'll see plenty of ideas you'll want to copy. And you will wish you had three large, separate areas off the kitchen for a pantry, laundry and office, too.

Upstairs, you'll find a guest suite and two more bedrooms with a shared bath. There's also a modern media room, landing and upstairs powder room. Even the walk-in closets are furnished, with the latest fashions and accessories from Frankie's and Cricket by the Creek.

The library-style living room, with walls painted maple leaf red, has plenty of shelves. It is the type of cozy, calming space that invites you to sit a while on the comfortable sofa and chairs. Kristen Shumake and Barbara Yost of Shumake Furniture decorated this space and the adjacent foyer with plaids, prints and warm colors.

Scott Willis Interiors took charge of the rust-colored dining room, with its unusual light fixture that will be part of the silent auction, while Arabelle Wilder worked with the kitchen and breakfast room, choosing a thyme green to complement the cinnamon cabinet shade. Shelia Stewart of Chel'Den's Emporium decorated the office and laundry room.

For the great room, Glee Sides of Glee Interiors chose chocolate with accents of coral and celadon. Tammy Eddy Antiques & Interiors made the master bedroom suite into a restful retreat with a color palette of soft green, cream, salmon and black in silks and damasks.

Kathy Bryan and Felicia Beasley of Brush Strokes designed the upstairs guest suite with warm caramel-peach tones. "It's not your everyday look, so your guests will feel special," said Bryan, who mixed contemporary and traditional furnishings.

Ruth Fuller of Fuller Design & Consulting chose rich earthen browns, golds and elegant blush pink for her bedroom and bath, while Sissy Graves and Jarman Reichmann of Dare to Decorate picked robin's egg blue walls and an ornate wrought-iron and wooden bed for a relaxing atmosphere in another bedroom. Rick Treadway of Townhouse Galleries created a comfortable, modern media room with reclining chairs and sofas.

Even the two small powder rooms have distinctive decors. April Whitley of Whitley's Interiors and Jennifer Jackson of J. Douglas, The Art of Living, incorporated a stone

countertop, oil-ribbed finishes and a metallic wallpaper to achieve a "funky and fabulous" look for the upstairs powder room.

Sallye Coggin of Sallye Coggin Interiors created an Art Nouveau look in the downstairs powder room by combining a cream-colored wallpaper with metallic gold-brushed pattern imported from England with an oxblood colored marble floor accented with pieces of glass tile. She added a champagne-colored glass bowl with bronze-finished pump faucet and granite countertop to an Art Deco cabinet built by Randy Cochran, who has built cabinetry for Williamsburg hotels and Nashville museums.

"It's kind of a new trend to use bowls on top of counters, especially in powder rooms," Coggin said, "and they make them in marble, hammered copper and other metals, and all colors of glass." For the toilet, she is adding a champagne-colored slipcover adorned with beads in oxblood and amber.

This house will be a good value, she said, "because decorators get their suppliers to provide more deluxe items" when their names will be displayed for hundreds of people touring the showhouse.

Showhouse chairwoman Angie Casciano said funds raised by ticket sales for the new fund-raiser, along with a preview party, marketplace and portrait artist days, a Nov. 1 luncheon there with author Alexandra Stoddard, and other events, will go to two League projects: the planned Playground for All Children at Delano Park and the Even Start family literacy program. The Pavilion for Women and Children at Parkway Medical Center is the presenting sponsor.

How to go

What: 2005 Decorator
Showhouse by Junior League
of Morgan County

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 13.

Where: 3433 Highland Drive S.W. in Chapel Hill Estates. From Colonial Mall on the Beltline, take Danville Road to Chapel Hill Road. Turn right and go two miles. Turn left into Chapel Hill Estates. The showhouse is on the right

Admission: Advance tickets are \$10 at Colonial Mall (customer service desk), Eloise and Henry, Parisian (customer service desk) and Sam, Frank & Moore in Decatur. In Hartselle, get them at The Robin's Nest, and in Somerville at Piggly Wiggly. Beginning Saturday, tickets will be available at the house for \$15.