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Updated home blends modern amenities with Old World charm

By Pamela Brown

This breathtaking, newly-renovated home is the perfect marriage between old-fashioned details and contemporary styling.

"The picturesque appeal of this circa 1800 century home gives this a unique design when Old World style meets renovated modern convenience," said Lorraine Amaral, Realtor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Northern Fairfield County Brokerage. "This home is the best of both worlds. It's for a buyer who loves history and charm but requires all the newest cosmetic updates and structural renovations."

Built in 1890, the 4,353-plus-square-foot, two level home is located on 4.63 acres at 275 Wewaka Brook Road in Bridgewater.

"This luxury-styled Bridgewater neighborhood with very large estates is privately situated on sizable lots. The location is extremely desirable because it's a small quiet quaint town, yet the property is just minutes to Brookfield and the Lake Lillinonah boat launch," she said, pointing out that the homeowner's boat can be stored on the spacious level lot across the street, which is also part of the property.

A custom, Spanish cedar and mahogany front door, constructed by Historic Doors of Pennsylvania, opens to a world of warm extravagance that incorporates special features such as antique barn siding floor boards, wide plank Brazilian cherry and chicoba hardwood floors, five custom fireplaces and Mahogany covered beams.

"The foyer is grand as it is open to a spacious hall area adorned with decorative walls and gleaming hardwood floors, which stretch throughout this luxurious home," Amaral said.

The foyer is detailed with a partially coffered, tiered ceiling with a four-pointed chandelier and double doors leading to a large vestibule closet.

Located off the stairwell is a den/study enriched with exposed cherry wood beams and hardwood floors. A powder room, detailed with a pedestal sink and a leaded



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The home at 275 Wewaka Brook Road in Bridgewater features an open floor plan including a formal dining room with a candelabra chandelier and custom crown molding. The home is listed for \$899,000.

glass window, is conveniently nearby.

An extended main level formal living room is spectacular.

"It has magnificent antique barn siding floor boards and antique wood beams. A large, custom, stone wood-burning fireplace is the focal point at the end of the room," Amaral said. A glass door offers access to an extended deck.

The home's open floor plan features a formal dining room generously-sized for large-scale entertaining. You'll be impressed by the candelabra chandelier, custom crown molding and a white formal mantel over a large stone fireplace adorned with a cooking crane.

"The crane dates back to the 18th century," Amaral said. A door opens to the deck.

Hone your culinary skills in the updated gourmet kitchen, exquisitely-appointed with custom-made cherry Kingswood cabinets, rich golden and gray granite countertops, a dual pantry, exposed beams covered with cherry wood archways, skylights and more.

"Antique delft tile forms the back-splash and a delft tile mural covers one wall. An original stone wall blends the characteristics of the stunning kitchen," she said.

High-end stainless steel appliances include a Viking cook top, down draft, and refrigerator, a Dacor oven, a Gaggenau steam oven, a Miele dishwasher and a GE microwave. Through a curved archway off the kitchen is a cheerful breakfast room. An extension of the kitchen, it has a double pantry, a wall of windows, a beautiful porcelain tile floor, and a domed light fixture above a large eating area.

"It's a great place to have a comfortable, less formal dinner," Amaral said. French door steps down to a spacious level fenced-in lawn

A special bonus is a voluminous billiards room located above the three car garage offering an abundance of privacy and loads of fun when entertaining. The foyer leading to the sun-drenched room has a Quartzite tiled floor and a colorful leaded glass window that provides a unique artistic introduction to the space. Some of the room's details include a cathedral ceiling with exposed mahogany beams, Brazilian cherry hardwood floors, a deep green palette double light wall sconces.

A bar is at the far end of the room and a wood-burning stone fireplace has a detailed oak mantel

which was acquired at an auction from a New York City home," Amaral said.

A large, oak, French cabinet and the pool light fixture were also acquired at auction. All of the millwork was custom-made for this room. Glass doors open to the deck.

A wood staircase to the upper level leads to an entrance foyer with built-in bookcases and a gracious master bedroom suite.

"This area encompasses the serenity and tranquility for restful sleep," Amaral said. "The master bedroom suite was architecturally designed with a wood-burning, custom wood mantel augmented with mahogany carvings and delft, hand-made English tiles to the surround."

The suite has a custom chair rail, moldings and matching furniture, recessed lighting, hardwood floors and a private sitting area. The master bathroom is lavishly decorated with a jetted tub, custom cherrywood vanity with granite and double sinks, recessed lighting and a full tiled shower.

Two additional guest bedrooms offer ample space and old pine hardwood flooring. The modern bedroom has a blue palette, crown moldings and an interior balcony

with white spindle and oak wood that walks-out a deck over the front door portico. The second bedroom features pastel, floral, vintage-style wall covering and ample closet space. Also, this room has a full bath with matching tulip wall covering, a large bathtub, a stall tiled shower and a double sink oak vanity with granite countertops. The upper level also has a third full bathroom with a mosaic-styled tiled border, a tiled floor and a pedestal sink.

Additional amenities include central air conditioning, a full home security system, a lower level laundry room, a three-car garage and a covered wood storage structure.

The professionally landscaped property is magnificent beginning with an entry featuring custom stone pillars, a paved circular driveway, and a cement stone courtyard in front of the garage with antique millstone. The landscape is dotted with trees, including dogwoods, weeping cherry and hemlock, Japanese maple, spruces, and evergreens, along with shrubs and perennials, such as rhododendrons and multi-colored phlox. The level yard has a wood arbor with granite columns draped with wisteria vines. The property is very private and only a short, pleasant drive to Lake Lillinonah offering a relaxing scenic country drive past a waterfall, tree-lined streets, and a bridge.

"This rare home is a great choice for anyone looking for a private luxury retreat without giving up Old World charm, recent updates or locational convenience," Amaral said. "This special buyer will be one who appreciates attention to details and would love this home whether searching for year-round living or a private country getaway."

The home is offered at \$899,000. To view the virtual tour, visit www.WillimPitt.com; MLS#170061862.

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