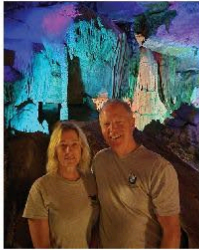


CWS Home and Garden Tour

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Chapin Women in Service Home and Garden Tour was a great success. Over 110 people purchased tickets to tour five homes in the Amicks Ferry Road area on May 15, 2022. After touring the homes' inside and outside living areas, guests were invited to an Appreciation Reception at Timberlake Country Club, where they enjoyed finger foods and homemade desserts. There was also a silent auction with many exciting items out for bid.

CWS planned this event as a fundraiser, with the proceeds going to Beautification of Chapin projects, a way for the group to give back to the Chapin Community. It would not have been possible without the five couples who graciously allowed their homes to be showcased for the day. CWS appreciates all the hard work they did to prepare their individual properties for the tour and offers our sincere thanks to the following homeowners:



• Annette and Perry Linn moved from Minnesota to their 4-acre wooded paradise within the busy Timberlake neighborhood in January 2021. Stunning waterfall features in front and back, as well as beautiful outdoor spaces and a sunroom that becomes part of the home when the doors are

fully opened, contribute to making this home very special. The four-car garage is home to a "golf cart," motorcycles, a tractor, cars, and pool shark trophies.



• Patty and Chris Bimonte retired from law enforcement in Miami, Florida, and moved to the Timberlake area to join other friends who had also made this choice. They purchased a traditional family home and have made it their own by updating the master bath and extending the screened-in porch to span the entire length of the house. This is their favorite place to spend time with family and friends. The porch looks over the pool, fire pit, and golf course. A beautiful shade garden with a comfy hammock is tucked in the corner of the yard; it's an excellent place for reading or relaxing. Patty's mother's artwork is prominent in the home, as well as a unique camera collection and other family items that are special to them.

• The home of Mandy and Randy Rushe offers a stunning view of Lake Murray. They built the house fifteen years ago, and it is a home full of music. The Yamaha baby grand piano and a Wicks Royal




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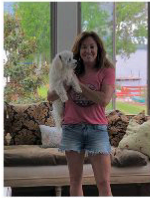
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Classis 3 Digital organ are at home in the great room. Randy learned to play the organ in high school in England and has had an organ of some type for 42 years. Mandy is a middle school music teacher, their daughter majored in Music Therapy at Florida State University, and their son, who plays over 20 instruments, is studying Music Composition at Florida State University. Spanish musical prints throughout the home were a first-anniversary gift from Randy to Mandy. The great room is open to the upstairs, where they have a wall of exposed bookshelves. Other features of the home include: themed rooms created by a local artist/muralist, a fiber optic summer night sky bedroom ceiling designed and plotted by Randy, and a pool area with plenty of outdoor space for family and friends.

- For Lynne and Darren Drake, wanting to be near their granddaughter was the motivation to move to South Carolina three years ago from Napa Valley, California. That granddaughter now has a baby sister, so they are happy to be close to watch these little ones grow. The home they purchased was 21 years old, and they have spent the past three years making it their own with cosmetic updates, a major kitchen renovation and changes to the master bathroom. They enjoy their beautiful porches on the front and back of the Antebellum-style home. The back porch overlooks the Timberlake marina and provides lots of great people and boat watching. And, if they look to the left, they can see the Timberlake clubhouse. All the bedrooms in the home have lake views. One is decorated with little girls in mind, and the other has a Broadway theme for the son involved in performing arts.



- Barbara Shockey wanted her home to have a "shabby chic" Lake Lodge feel. She and her late husband Paul put much thought into the home's many details to achieve this goal. In the foyer is an antique chandelier that was being used at Little Mountain Antique Mall Café and was not for sale. Barbara and Paul somehow convinced them to sell. That item, like so many things in the home, has a story—like a floor lamp with a marble pulley, the mantle piece from a twisted Juniper tree, an Onyx piece over the bar, a China cabinet which Barbara put her mark on by removing blue velvet backing and replacing with burlap sacks. Barbara is an artist, and her talent is displayed throughout the house. Her sculpture of Paul while battling cancer and an elephant she sculpted during a safari trip in South Africa are just two striking examples of her work. The pottery workshop is home to her business "Purple Martin Pottery." The name is fitting because purple is Barbara's favorite color. Her maiden name was Martin, and her view is of Bomb Island, where the purple martins visit every summer on Lake Murray. The beautiful sunroom and outdoor spaces provide magnificent views of the lake as well as the vegetable garden and yard, which Barbara works hard to maintain despite the hungry beavers that have ruined more bushes than she can count.

The five homes on the Home and Garden tour were as unique as their owners. Chapin Women In Service appreciate them for putting their homes on display, and they look forward to the good that will come from this event as they use the proceeds for beautifying Chapin.

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