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An artist/collector's South Broad Street home doubles as a gallery and exhibits more than 200 paintings, including the works of Salvador Dali and Joan Miro.

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Being an artist himself, Charles Bobroff has a knowing eye. The walls of his home feature more than 200 paintings — including some of his own — valued in the millions.

Bobroff, who goes by Zachary Fae (a name carried over from his former shoe business), purchased the place at 1209 S. Broad St. a decade ago and created a gallery filled with artists and paintings he liked. Nearly two-thirds of the collection accumulated over 40 years is on display at the Zachary Fae Fine Art Gallery with the remainder on loan.

"I buy for what I feel, what I enjoy, and it seems to work out where other people like my taste," he said. "I lean toward the surrealist, futuristic genre — but of course you can see we have all kinds of different artists — but that's my specialty."

Beginning in 2003, the three-story, 15-room home was redone, but certain aspects of its original 1840s' structure remained intact. The furnishings are mostly antiques and include a chair from the Dwight Eisenhower White House years.

Bobroff, along with wife of 17 years Deborah Slutter, was looking for a large home to show their art collection when they stumbled upon the Broad Street spot. It has since been appraised at \$1.2 million, he said. Slutter and the couple's 8-year-old daughter, Sophia Slutter, often stay there.

Paintings hung throughout the rooms and hallways include artists from around the world, including Haiti, Israel, Spain and Italy, in addition to local talent.

"All the works you see are the major works they've done," he said of area artists such as Paul Gorka, Peter Potoma, Sally Chase, EO Omwake and Robert Panzullo.

ROOM CONCEPTS RANGE from his daughter's "Beauty and the Beast"

