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UNIQUE RENOVATED OPEN HOUSE

A MAN'S HOME IS HIS CASTLE—LITERALLY, IN THIS CASE

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THE CURRENT HOMEOWNER OF 5615 CANONGATE LANE IN SHOAL CREEK HAS BEEN "DRAWING HOUSES" SINCE HE WAS A YOUNG BOY. So, it was only natural for him to create the European-inspired renovation plans for this 10,000-square-foot-plus house, built in 1995.

Jason Thomas, entrepreneur and real estate investor, says he truly enjoyed the whole process of creating freehand home renderings for the renovation he and his construction-related cousin, Chad Allbright, executed.

From having studied abroad, Jason knew he liked architectural elements of chateaus and castles and incorporated as many of those design touches as he could. Daylight spills into every room.

"I had two special ceiling murals created with one taking 14 months to finish, six limestone fireplaces done, a customized castle entry front door, a Ralph Lauren closet built, and imported marble placed in the kitchen," says Jason, who now is finishing the outdoor swimming pool.

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"The best part of the entire house is the back, which is nearing completion. The outdoor living space in this place is insane," he says.

Outside features include copper gutters, a 10-foot solid bronze fountain, circular driveway and brand-new landscaping with extensive lighting. There's also a luxury pool with an infinity edge overlooking a private lake lot, in addition to a covered and heated 2,000-square-foot patio area and flagstone fire pit.

The exterior also has a private living room with surround sound TV, a floor-to-ceiling limestone fireplace and multiple other TVs that sync for parties.

The home is located within the Greystone Golf & Country Club. Its main level includes soaring 25-feet tall ceilings, imported crystal chandeliers, a tea room, heavy crown molding, a designer library with a custom leather ceiling and a private master courtyard.

"This was the first and last house I looked at when I bought it in 2014," Jason says."I immediately fell in love with it, and it has a great story in that its original owner, Wilma Thompson, designed it herself when it was built. And she lives right down the road, so we have a great connection about the house from the design standpoint."

Jason says he also enjoyed working with local interior designer Ansley Turncliff, of ATM Designs, to find the just-right home decor.

He also says he's looking forward to now fully enjoying all the home's amenities while still recovering from a broken back that occurred in a near-fatal car accident.



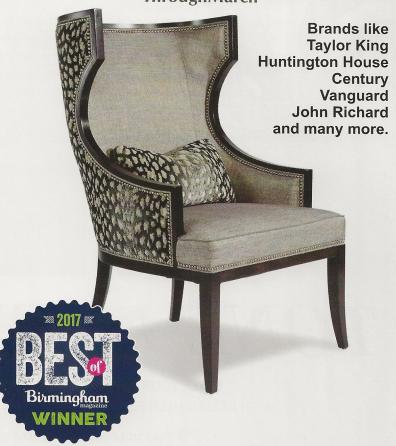


Homeowner Jason Thomas' personal rendering of the doorway before the renovation.



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