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TRADITION PLAYED A ROLE IN HOW THIS STUNNING LAKESIDE TUDOR MANSION LANDED ON THE JLHB TOUR. GROWING UP, THE HOMEOWNER'S GIRLFRIEND ENJOYED TAKING HOLIDAY HOUSE TOURS WITH HER MOM. SHE ENCOURAGED THE HOMEOWNER TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY OFFERING HIS NEWLY RENOVATED HOME FOR THE 2019 TOUR.

Did you know that JLHB tour homeowners move out to allow decorators to dress their homes? They have no idea what to expect when they return. It's like the nail-biting outcomes on HGTV's *Love It or List It*, except on the tour, homeowners are usually happy with the results. "We hadn't been in the house long because we had only just finished a big reno and our own holiday decorations were virtually non-existent. We loved all the different colours that were used, and the holiday trees were beautiful – there were three in our master bedroom. We also liked the furniture they brought in to stage the house. The whole thing gave us some great ideas about what can be done in the future."

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The Junior League of Hamilton-Burlington (JLHB) is part of an international organization of women that develops and enhances leadership skills while working to make their communities better. The annual Holiday House Tour of Distinctive Homes is its signature fundraiser.

LEFT: The sunroom was transformed into a winter wonderland by Branthaven Homes Design Centre. Mixed metals and deep copper hues complement the woody elements. **TOP:** Holland Park Garden Gallery filled the home with fresh greenery, bringing in the scent of the season.

DINING ROOM & GUEST BEDROOM

DECORATOR:
Nicole Jacobs,
Nicole Jacobs Design

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DINING ROOM

Nowadays, multipurpose casual spaces replace formal dining rooms. Nicole Jacobs wanted this room to be a wow space that said, “Let’s go back in time, to when we were more formal.” The table was set with Mikasa’s Palatial Gold china and Jamestown crystal stemware, interspersed with vintage crystal goblets. “I wanted to set the mood for fine dining by candlelight.” In the evening, the only light in the room came from the tree and the taper candles. Dried red sedum and real berries arranged on deep green velvet drapery served as a table runner. Fresh greens, cinnamon sticks and star anise nestled alongside century fruits such as blood oranges, lemons, cranberries, persimmons and pomegranates. A bountiful tablescape fit for a Gatsby Christmas in West Egg.

GUEST BEDROOM

Nicole decorated the upstairs guest room with blush pink accents. It was a space suited to a fashionable young woman of the 1920s, home for the holidays. Design took its cue from the mannequin, draped with a dressing gown and fascinator. A steamer trunk under the tree waits to be unpacked. What would a young woman of the era have on her dressing table? Perhaps a photo of someone special back in the city and the requisite silver-plated vintage vanity set, plus an atomizer, perhaps with Chanel No. 5, which made its debut in 1921, around the same time as this house. *Continued on page 76*



With sparkling snowflakes, a glimmering tree and plenty of festive touches, this bedroom by Branthaven Homes Design Centre is aglow with the holiday spirit.

