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The Gourdon home in Bridgemore, with a wealth of interior and exterior details including elegant painted brick and stone accents, is just one of three showstoppers on the Homes of Distinction at Bridgemore Tour in Farragut.

A graceful chateau home, the custom beauty built by Joseph A. Houck Construction Co. is situated on two lots with a plenty of views of the Smoky Mountains and nature's bounty.

"The combination of the location, mountains and lakes makes this a truly unique home location," explains Joseph Houck.

Surrounded by a palatial wooded area, the proud homeowners can also catch a glimpse of Bridgemore's breathtaking clubhouse and nearby peaceful pond. The exterior charm continues just steps away from the home

Homes of Distinction at Bridgemore Tour

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursdays through Saturdays
and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays
through Sept. 25

Featuring: The Gourdon home
by John A. Houck Construction Co.
and two other custom homes in the
Bridgemore subdivision off McFee Road
in Farragut

Cost: \$10 admission tickets may be
purchased at the clubhouse, 12950
Highwick Circle; 100 percent of the
proceeds benefit STAR, Shangri-La
Therapeutic Academy of Riding

Other tour participants: AVS Design
Concepts, Bennett Galleries and Co., David's
Abbey Carpet & Floors, Home Choice Windows
& Doors, Volunteer Lawn Inc., 84 Lumber, Ladd's
and Friedman's Appliances.

For more information: www.homesofdistinctionatbridgemore.com

in an inviting courtyard.

The backyard exemplifies outdoor living at its best, featuring a covered porch, travertine tile pool and outdoor kitchen, complete with a fireplace and a fire pit.

The outdoor paradise is just the beginning of this 7,800-square-foot home.

“Every space is impressive and unique in its own way,” Houck says of the home concept, which was derived from Charlotte’s Jim Phelps Collection Design and made a reality with the assistance of Knoxville-based Jonathan Miller Architects.

Soaring glass double doors welcome guests into the entry of the home. French doors in the foyer lead to a private library with a fireplace and built-in bookshelves.

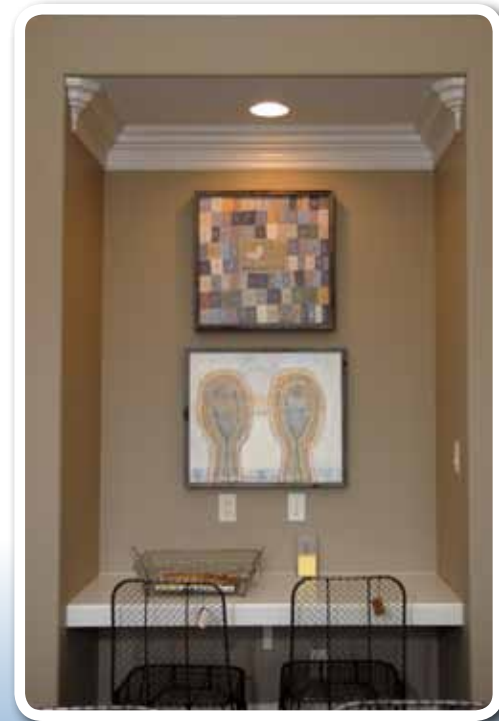
The sophisticated dining room and cheery breakfast area allow for formal or laid-back entertaining options. The open kitchen with its custom cabinetry and generous island is another gathering spot that will easily accommodate more than just the gourmet cook.

The six-bedroom, six-bath home also boasts two laundry rooms and a media room. An added convenience is an elevator to make traveling from the main level to the terrace level a breeze.

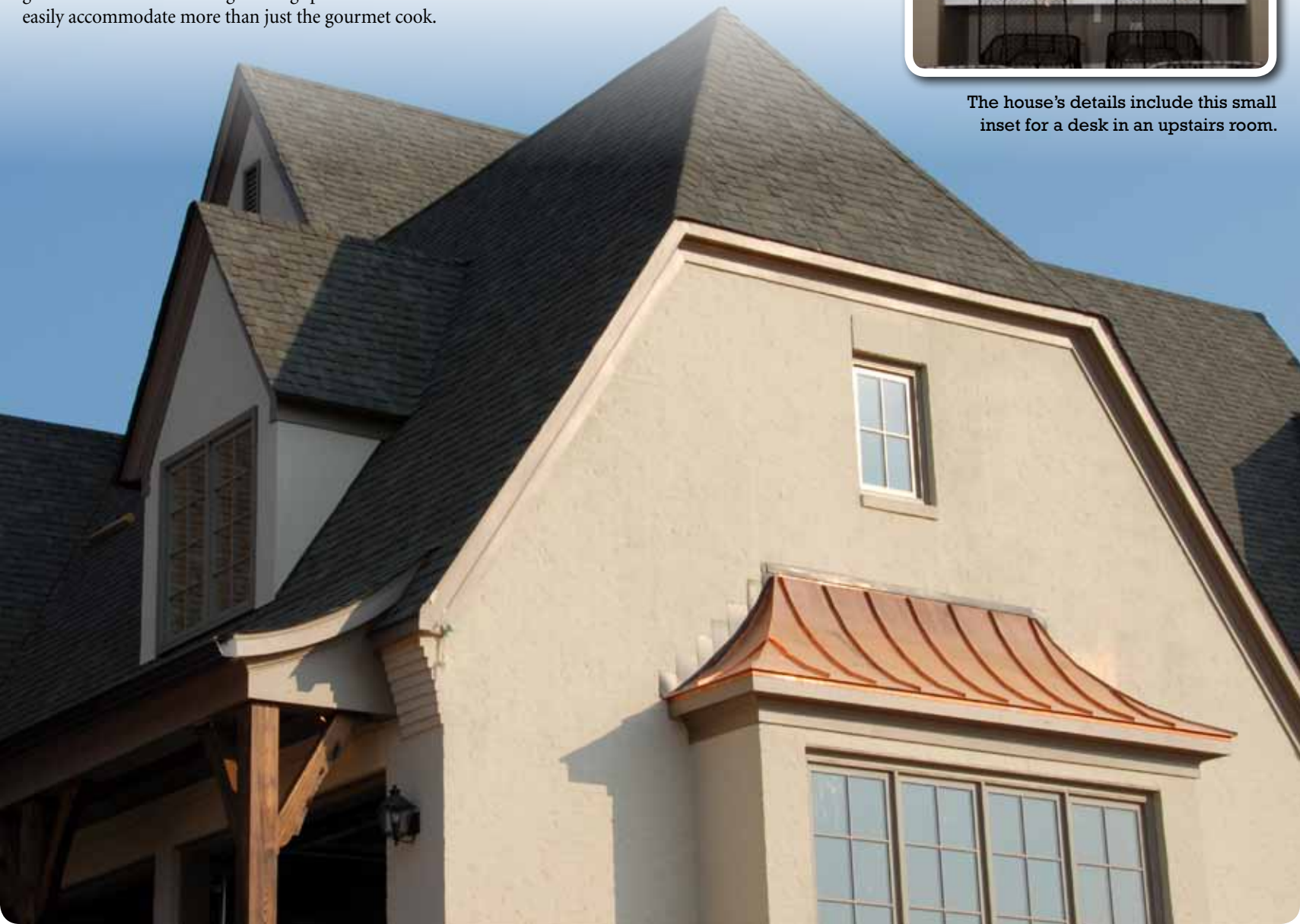
Architectural accents and other lavish details also overflow in the other two homes – constructed by WoodPointe Construction & Architecture and BrookWood Construction & Engineers – featured on the tour.

With 100 percent of the proceeds from the \$10 admission fee benefiting Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, the tour continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays through Sept. 25.

Founded in 1987, STAR, the oldest therapeutic riding program in Tennessee, seeks to foster personal achievement by providing therapeutic experiences using horse-related activities for people with disabilities or other special challenges.



The house’s details include this small inset for a desk in an upstairs room.



A Closer Look

Location: Farragut

Developer: PlaceMakers Partnership

Description: Estate lots along a sweeping boulevard and hillside homesites with 360-degree views of the Smokies and surrounding countryside

Type of homes: Custom single-family homes

Amenities: More than 130 acres of parks and green space, ponds, sidewalks, walking trails, clubhouse, competition-style swimming pool, tennis courts and playground

School district: Farragut

Utilities: Lenoir City Utilities Board (electricity); Knoxville Utilities Board (gas); First Utility District (water and sewer); TDS Telecom (phone), TDS (cable)

Distances: Interstate 40, five miles; Mercy Medical Center West and Turkey Creek shopping area, 8 miles; McGhee Tyson Airport, 20 miles.

Directions: Take Interstate 40 to Exit 373. Go south on Campbell Station Road and then west on Kingston Pike. Go 2.4 miles and turn left onto Old Stage Road. Turn left onto McFee Road; the Bridgemore entrance is on the right.

For more information: Gables & Gates, Realtors, 865-777-9191, or www.bridgemorelife.com or www.gablesandgates.com



The master bedroom in the Joseph A. Houck house features panels of windows and a vaulted ceiling.



A home theater is situated on the lower level.



Off an upstairs bedroom, you step up to a cozy sitting room with a view.