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Rake and Hoe Garden Club

Christmas House Tour 1994

" A Christmas Wedding"

The Vantosky Home

629 Tremont Avenue

The wedding guests arrive via a gently curved front walk which is lined with evergreen and birch topiaries, and a flower filled evergreen ball is suspended above the front entry. Entering the spacious front hall the guests spy the bride ready to descend the magnificent stairway. The tulle and evergreen draped stairs provide the perfect setting for the bride in her wedding gown, by New York Designer Edens Oberto. Two massive cascading arrangements flank each side of the hall. Looking to the right guests see the 'grooms' room then turning left guests are ushered into the living room. Here the mirrored fireplace is draped with lush evergreen roping and incorporates the Vantosky's collection of Oriental Objects d'Art. Highlighted here is the brides bouquet on the coffee table and the Christmas tree with it's tulle roses.

The Wedding cake is formally displayed on a bed of evergreens in the next room. To the left is a mirrored niche with a floral arrangement and to the right is a large hutch containing a special display provided by Designers Potpourri of Westfield. A quick walk around the staircase allows for a peak at the mothers 'Retiring Room', a special 'Pavee' design arrangement on the hall table, followed by a beautifully decorated dinning room. The table is the backdrop for a 'Parallel' designed flower arrangement while the etagere contains examples of European styled arrangements.

The Butler's pantry is next showing an arrangement 'in progress', then it's on to the lovely kitchen where we immediately see a 'Wedding Gingerbread House' on display on the large counter. Evergreens decorate the area above the cabinets and special note should be made of the decorated Christmas tree provided by the Vantosky's as a part of a collection.

We especially wish to thank the Westwood Cleaners for cleaning and restoring the wedding gown and the owners of Designers Potpourri, Darrielle Walsh and Penny Pray.