

uncompromising quality, the home's level of detail is "exceptional," according to architectural designer Tom Rauscher of Rauscher/Robichaud. "Most of the time, molding profiles and such that are put in newer homes are much narrower and smaller to save money. But we decided not to skimp on the millwork details, like bringing some of the arched openings back into what a lot of the older homes had. And with the faucets and hardware, there's much more of a substantial feeling to them. More vintage profiles."

Echoing the typical Country Club style, the residence was designed to be washed in sunlight from all four sides, unlike many modern homes that only have windows located front to back. The airy effect complements the open floor plan that still retains intimate spaces.

But unlike an exact reproduction of a vintage Country Club house, this home allows you to peek into the past while it adopts the best practices that bring it up to today's living standards. Modern conveniences like spacious walk-in closets and master suites take it beyond the realm of pure nostalgia. Energy innovations also allow for doubling the window percentage.

The running joke is that this Country Club home has closets! Of course, original Country Club homes also had them — but just barely. A master bedroom would typically contain two 4-foot-wide by 2-foot-deep closets; children's bedrooms may have a 3-foot by 2-foot closet.

"They wouldn't qualify as closets by anyone's standards today anymore than a wood-burning stove and ice-box would be considered a modern kitchen," explains Jones.

The master bedroom suite — including sitting area, coffee bar, bed alcove, opulent bath with a floating tub at its center and wardrobe room

in addition to the closet — creates a warm, sophisticated getaway that would have been unheard of 60 or 70 years ago.

"I also think that the whole back end of the house, with the kitchen/morning room and the family center, is so functional yet has a lot of beauty and a lot of detail to it. The kitchen is open and yet it doesn't feel like it's sitting in the middle of the family room. The spaces flow," Rauscher says.

With countless remodels in the Country Club area under his belt, Rauscher drew on his experience and expertise

Morning room



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