

Pathways Kitchen Tour

**Sunday
March 14**

1~5pm

1: 1679 Westover Ave. ~

Ed Blasé

What began as a 10 foot by 10 foot breakfast nook with drop ceilings and an adjoining screened in mud room is now a real chef's kitchen. Master craftsman Dan Robbins skillfully mixed the ingredients of the past with seasonings from the present to create a bright, often naturally lit space with handsomely detailed maple cabinets, black galaxy granite counter tops, and a built in pantry. Chef Ed whips up his favorite dishes with ease on a Viking six burner gas cook top and Viking oven. The hood and beautiful back splash lusciously frame his culinary creations. The space is topped off with a gorgeous handcrafted barrel ceiling and low-voltage track lighting system that makes every meal glow.

7: 239 Grove Ave. ~

Joan Gardiner and Kevin Mullis

Floors once coated with motor oil now host mouth-watering meals seasoned with olive oil. Be dazzled by the transformation of a cinder block auto body shop to an urban loft style single family dwelling with adjacent office, workshop and studio space. The functional, minimal and by the owners' own account, "successful" kitchen features 14 foot ceilings and a wall of windows overlooking the deck and river. Although converted in 2007, the industrial feel of the building never left the room, with concrete work surfaces, plywood floors and cabinet doors of glass framed in steel. "Leftovers" in the form of an old country store counter that has been re-purposed as the island, a dining table made from an old plank door and steel pipe and an antique wardrobe that serves as the pantry proves that recycling truly is the special of the day!

2: 328 S. Sycamore St. ~

Kathy Fields

Recently deemed one of the most haunted homes around by a team of paranormal investigators, it's no wonder the hospitable group of spirits who share the space with Art Gallery owner, Kathy, don't want to leave. The vibrant, whimsical hues and vast and eclectic collection of art are so fun, quirky and enticing. The kitchen is a multi-course meal of color, collectibles and finds from around the world. Once a porch, the room features bead board walls, a radiator hidden under the sink, a 1910 era pantry and cupboard, a neon juicer and a mixed media box of chocolates hanging on the wall. The room is a work of art in progress and inspiration to Kathy each time she "paints" a new dish.

6: 311 High St. ~

Rob White

Imagine eating in the same building where Robert E. Lee frequently dined. The General often took his repast at the tavern, feasting upstairs on the main floor as an honored guest, while his horse, Traveller, was tended to in the rear stable. The tavern's original main kitchen was in the English Basement adjacent to the common man's tavern room and the Summer Kitchen was in the backyard dependency. After the Civil War, the tavern reverted to a family residence and the back porch was enclosed and converted to a kitchen. In 1975, the house was converted back to a Colonial Tavern Museum and a support kitchen was added in a former addition. A flood from faulty plumbing ruined that kitchen, allowing the late Dianne J. White to design the current fabulous replacement, complete with the original fireplace.

3: 410 W. Washington St. ~

Joann Dubois

Built on the site of what was once a garden, this Virginia Historic Landmark is filled with a cornucopia of elegant antiques, Oriental pieces and contemporary furnishings. This handsome blend of styles creates a feast for the eyes, which takes you on a tour through a carved porch entablature, slender Tuscan columns and a vast entrance hall leading to the kitchen-great room. The bright shared space creates a heavenly setting for preparing any meal. The beautiful white cabinetry, earthy granite counter tops, and wall of windows further enhance the serene atmosphere. Serving guests on the back deck overlooking the rear garden is an indulgence reminiscent of the hospitality of generations before us.

4,5: 416 W. Washington St. ~

Carl and Suzanne Dubois Klingenberg

Fires, condemnation and destruction from being subdivided into 6 apartment units are usually the recipe for disaster! But the Klingenbergs seized the opportunity to renovate a major eyesore into a beautiful dream home. Much of the historic fabric of the house including original floors and woodwork were restored to their former elegance as they looked when the dwelling was the residence of Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne, the founder of St. Christopher's School. Whipping up family meals in the true cook's kitchen, is easy as pie with stainless steel appliances, ample granite counter tops and an abundance of cabinetry. Tour the original kitchen building that became a carriage house that has been transformed to a guest house with a new kitchen that's ideal for party preparations or guest accommodations.

For more information, call
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- 2 328 S. Sycamore St.
- 3 410 W. Washington St.
- 4,5 416 W. Washington St.
- 6 311 High St.
- 7 239 Grove Ave.
- 8 1210 High



- 9. Food Tasting
The Bistro at Market & Grove
424 N. Market St.
- 10. Cheese and Wine Tasting
Old Towne Market Place
124 W. Bank St.
- 11. Door prize and raffle
Pathways
1200 W. Washington St.

1* From Wythe St.:
Go south on Sycamore St. for one mile.
Turn right on North Blvd.
Make a slight left onto Westover Ave.
The house will be on the left.