74 Ralph Street – General Notes

The house was built in the mid 1970s and has been lived in by the current owners for almost 20 years. They are the third owners.

The painting technique throughout the house is Venetian plaster. Venetian plaster is a wall and ceiling finishing consisting of plaster mixed with marble dust, applied with a spatula or trowel in thin, multiple layers, which are then burnished to create a smooth surface with the illusion of depth and texture. When left unburnished, Venetian plaster has a matte finish that is rough and stone-like to the touch. Unburnished Venetian plaster is also very brittle and damages easily.

Interior decorating by Irene Langois and Linda Nolan.

Home organization by Robin Bailey.

Art work

Much of the art in the house is by Kenneth Lochhead, a prominent Canadian artist who lived in Ottawa, his daughter Polly Lochhead and Arianna Caroli, an Italian artist who spends most of her time in the US and South East Asia, the later of which has heavily influenced her art.

Most of the art work framed by Framed, located on Bank Street in Ottawa South.

Bedroom (lower level)

The floral painting on wall beside bedroom entrance by Polly Lochhead.

Bedding: custom made as are the built-ins.

Carpet: Personal Impressions

Settee: Dante

Painting over settee by Arianna Caroli.

Built-in bench on the outside wall near the bed opens to store extra bedding.

En-Suite Bathroom

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Black and white photos were taken by Catherine Camus (Albert Camus' granddaughter) and purchased by the homeowners in Paris.

Laundry Room and Storage Space

Laundry and under-stairs storage by Richard Buist.

Laundry room has radiant floors. Floor tiles from Centura, wall tiles from Lowe's.

Cedar storage closet behind storage room. (ribbon off)

Entranceway and Powder Room (ribbon off)

Marble floor

Painting by Kenneth Lochhead

Stairwell to Second Floor

Portraits of homeowners painted by Philip Craig (a local artist) and Kenneth Lochhead. Other painting by John Truro.

Office (ribbon off)

Painting of the angel by Arianna Caroli.

Loft Area

Server and side table from homeowner's grandmother.

Reupholstered settee from grandmother.

Chairs from homeowner's mother.

Painting above settee by Polly Lochhead.

Painting of scene in Gatineau Park by Aili Kurtis.

Kitchen

The kitchen was recently renovated by Richard Buist.

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The floor is heated slate with a metal border.

Appliances: Universal Appliances

Backsplash is Patagonian Granite, selected by the homeowners for its beautiful and interesting patters from Interstone Marble and Granite in Ottawa.

Cupboards: Cedar Ridge Design and Custom Cabinetry

Living Room/Dining Room

Runners and carpets in the living and dining rooms designed by the homeowners and produced by Dicerne in Paris.

Furniture from Avant-Scene in Montreal.

The three goldfish paintings by Arianna Caroli.

Floral paintings by Arianna Caroli.

Floral painting facing the entrance to the patio is by Kenneth Lochhead.

Antique sideboard and matching chair are from the homeowner's grandmother.

Antique gold gilt mirror on the wall belonged to the homeowner's mother.

Antique gold gilt mirror over the fireplace is from Champagne dit Lambert.

Swan on the mantel souvenir from travels in Turkey.