



STEWART HOUSE

2023 Pasadena Showcase House of Design

Welcome to Stewart House, a 1933 grand colonial estate with spectacular acreage in a storied neighborhood of Pasadena.

Designed by Marston & Maybury, one of Pasadena's most celebrated architectural partnerships, Stewart House takes us back to the days of gracious architecture and quintessential Showcase with over 11,000 square feet of living space sited on two acres of carefully landscaped and exquisitely manicured grounds. Featured in 1983 as the 19th Pasadena Showcase House of Design, we are revisiting this incredible property, stewarded by the same family for nearly 40 years, to reintroduce this majestic estate to a new generation.

Situated on park-like grounds, this distinguished American Colonial estate leaves a striking first impression with an expansive verdant lawn, circular driveway, and iconic portico. An elegant foyer with a Georgian staircase greets upon entry, leading to a stately living room with a fireplace and a bright and airy sunroom overlooking the rear gardens. The entertaining space continues with an impressive gallery bar adjoining a warm paneled library as well as a formal dining room. Completing the main floor is a large butler's pantry and morning room, an open kitchen and family room, a laundry room, and two guest bathrooms. The second floor comprises four bedrooms and three bathrooms, each with beautiful vistas of the grounds, and a spacious primary suite with fireplace and French doors that lead to a generous veranda.

Complementing the main residence, the estate features a large guest house with recreation/media room, four-car garage, pool, changing rooms and pool cabana, and an enclosed tennis court. The grounds showcase a variety of themed gardens including an Asian garden, vegetable garden, rose garden, a children's play garden, and a café terrace. One of the highlights of Stewart House is the vast collection of sculptures and statues ornamenting the property.

In the days of the great ranchos, the land was part of Lucky Baldwin's Rancho Santa Anita and later served as a flourishing orange grove. Arthur Stewart and his wife Ruth Nicholson Stewart received the land as a wedding gift from W.L. Stewart, Arthur's father and president of Union Oil Company. They built their home at a cost of \$13,000—a large amount for a new house during the Great Depression—and lived with their two young daughters. They led a quiet, country life, with a stable and corral at the back of the property where the girls kept a horse. Nearly a century later with detailed improvements, expansions, and magnificent landscape developments, it's now hard to believe this estate was once the home for a quiet, country life.

This exquisite Showcase House will surprise and delight with the latest lifestyle trends highlighted by our 32 talented interior and exterior designers.

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