

collaboration for perfection

With the help of nearly twenty local home professionals, builder Bob Lee of Robert Morgan Fine Homes transformed this Tuscan-style Daniel Island mansion into a traditional, Southern abode.

A twisting staircase leads meandering guests toward a ceiling featuring intricate, custom-milled trusses placed in a grid-like pattern.



(above) The resort-style pool and spa combination created by Aqua Blue Pools overlooks the coastal marsh surrounding Daniel Island. The backyard was designed by landscape architecture firm LandPlan Associates (top right) 376 Ralston Creek boasts over 8,000 square feet of luxurious living space. (below right) The exterior lighting, featuring traditional lanterns flanking the entryways, was provided by Rick's Lighting and Interiors. (below far right) The bathroom is punctuated by a freestanding tub, a classic symbol of relaxation donning the rounded master suite.

Originally purchased by San-Franciscan news anchor Lora McLaughlin Peterson, the 376 Ralston Creek Street home exuded a Tuscan elegance that simply was *not* Lora's style. So, she reached out to Bob and Catherine Lee, the husband-and-wife co-owners of Robert Morgan Fine Homes, to transform her house into something more Southern.

It takes a village to raise a child, and for a home such as this one, it takes a village to complete a remodeling project. The hands that worked on the overhaul of this house were specifically chosen by Bob, who has been in the home-building industry for 38 years and knows exactly how to choose reliable subcontractors. He notes, "Every builder has to go through a certain number of subcontractors before he gets the right group, and we can confidently say that we

have that group now. It's very important for a builder to have good subcontractors because they're his backbone. If he doesn't, then the project wouldn't turn out like it was envisioned by the homeowners." With his group ready to go, Bob and the team set out to make drastic updates to the structure.

For the home's vast technology, Chuck Mitchell of Connect-Tec used his expertise to install wiring for the latest and greatest systems. He explains, "There's a lighting-control system that is very comprehensive. Basically, every switch in the house is controlled by touch panels, which can also be operated remotely via a smart phone. Then, I synced all the different systems—music, television, movies, security—together to make the technology run cohesively." Upgrades like these make high-end, advanced equipment simple to use.

The plumbing fixtures were also a huge aspect of the Ralston Creek home's renovation. Of the new interior look, Jessica Markley of Moluf's describes, "There's a lot of polished nickel and bronze in the house, and as far as brands go, most fixtures are Kohler, Toto, or Rohl. In the master bathroom, we took all of the tile, fixtures, and everything out of the room and went down to the studs to start over." Of all the items they removed from the master bathroom, the most notable was a 17,000-dollar free-standing, hand-carved stone tub. It had a very Tuscan feel to it, so Lora decided to donate the old tub and replace it with a traditional, free-standing white tub—the centerpiece that punctuates the rounded bathroom.

The bathroom and most other rooms of the home feature immaculate mahogany hardwood floors. Bob notes, "The floors are





(above) The lighting in the kitchen was purchased from Circa Lighting, a Southern company with an eye for unique, modern, and chic fixtures. Custom cabinetry built by Carolina Kitchens and designed by Alexandra Lhurs Interior Design adds to the kitchen's elegance. The countertops in Bianco Avion were supplied and installed by MVP Granite and Flooring.

probably the most dominating thing about this house. They were in terrible shape when we first started the remodeling project, but now they're some of the prettiest floors I have ever seen."

To shed light on all the beautiful interior transformations, Bob called

on the help of Circa Lighting and Rick's Lighting. Circa Lighting provided the numerous sconces around the home as well as an delicate chandelier that illuminates the sink area in the kitchen. For the less ornate lighting, Rick's Lighting took charge, installing can lights, under-cabinet lighting,



(from left) Chuck Mitchell of Connect-Tec, Dianne Wyndham of Rick's Lighting, Catherine and Bob Lee of Robert Morgan Fine Homes, Jessica Markley of Moluf's, and Steele Trotter of Circa Lighting (Paul Straight of Aqua Blue Pools Not Pictured)

LED bulbs in the bathrooms over the showers and tubs, and entry lanterns.

The interior was not the only area of the Ralston Creek home that received a new look; Aqua Blue Pools installed an elevated backyard pool to give the homeowners a great place to relax. The pool features a block-wall foundation, a spa with hydrotherapy jets, and a travertine deck.

Halfway through the project, Lora decided to keep her family in San Francisco and forgo their move to Charleston. However, she couldn't bear to see the renovation abandoned. For the remainder of the project, she relied on Catherine to make final selections and keep the process moving. The finished house, full of quality work by the village of home professionals tasked with the remodel, stands as a testament of both beauty and refinement.❖

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Company: Robert Morgan Fine Homes
Project Type: Remodel
Location: Daniel Island

Resource Guide of Select Companies

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