

CHARLOTTE URBAN

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CELEBRATING INSPIRATIONAL DESIGN AND PERSONAL STYLE





mid-century *masterpiece*

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Susan and Gus van Soestbergen have always had a passion for Mid-Century modern structures and style.

THE COUPLE CAME ACROSS THIS BEAUTIFUL Lynbrook Drive house after rekindling a desire to connect with nature, yet still be close to the city.

They were drawn to the house and location because of the proximity to the city, but also the great community spirit and family feel.

“Susan, being an avid researcher of Mid-Century modern design, concepts, architecture and homes in the Charlotte area, as well as the overall fundamentals of the period, has a keen eye for finding hidden gems within the region,” says Gus.

The house was originally designed by famed architect, Alan

Ingram, in 1960. There have been a few renovations since, but most of the style of the house has been preserved. Throughout the house, you can find the geometric shapes and clean lines that are characteristic of Mid-Century modern design. Expansive windows all around the house let in light and nature from every angle.

“Important features of the design period have been maintained and can be seen both within and without its’ walls today. These include design features which allow the home to open up, and unfold to visitors whom enter and are invited into the space,” explains Gus.





Susan handpicked all the furnishings herself. Her passion for the Mid-Century style inspired her to keep the influence within the décor. “We strive to combine today’s modern concepts with the functionality and design of the past,” says Gus.

The dining room is just one example of how the Mid-Century modern features come to play. A gorgeous chandelier with a chrome finish hangs above the wooden dining table. The owners chose the chrome finish after some discussion because of other chrome accents in their home. Having just moved in, the two plan on conducting a few renovations in the near future. Above all, they would like to keep the Mid-Century modern look of the home, restoring certain areas to their original state.

Some advice these two would give to those looking to buy a home from this era? Be yourself. “Look for a property that suits your character. Live in it for a while before you decide to redesign or change it.”

Gus and Susan’s Lynbrook Drive home will be featured in the “Mad About Modern” home tour, details in the sidebar. ♦





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*You can see more
Mid-Century
modern design and
architecture at
The Bechtler Museum
of Modern Art
and The Charlotte Museum
of History in August and
September.*

**2016 Mad About Modern home tour by
The Charlotte Museum of History**

Tour Charlotte's amazing collection of Mid-Century modern homes on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**The House That Modernism Built at
the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art**

Now through Sept. 11, the Bechtler presents its rich mid-20th-century art collection alongside furniture, textile, and ceramic holdings on loan from various institutions including the Eames Office, Herman Miller Archives and Alexander Girard Studios. The exhibition explores how design married aesthetics with functionality in our everyday lives.

Tickets

A \$25 More Modern ticket buys you admission to both the home tour and the Bechtler exhibition. Members of either museum can get a More Modern special ticket for \$20. Tickets are available at www.bechtler.org and www.charlottemuseum.org.

