



EXEMPLARY FRENCH ECLECTIC ESTATE

606 KENTLAND DRIVE  
GREAT FALLS, VA 22066

LUXURY  
PORTFOLIO  
INTERNATIONAL®

McEneaney  
ASSOCIATES  
REALTORS®



## THE FRENCH ECLECTIC STYLE

American soldiers who served in France during World War I brought home to the United States adulation for the modest French farmhouses and country cottages they had seen. In the intervening 1920s, numerous American architects trained at Paris' École des Beaux Arts and were inspired to apply their lessons to the houses they were building for their cosmopolitan clients. The two influences gave rise to an architectural style called French Eclectic that reflects a mix of rustic and classic, casual and formal design elements.

Characteristic of the French Eclectic style is the extensive use of timber and stone to add warmth and charm alongside classical moldings, trim, windows and doors to lend structure and distinction. A palette of earth-tone colors and a tapestry of textures on the interior bring to mind the relaxed French countryside. Stucco, brick and faux-limestone materials on the exterior mimic the elegant finishes of a Mediterranean villa.

America's love affair with French Eclectic design flourished during the mid-1920s in Chicago's Hinsdale Village, a community deemed to have one of the nation's best collections of historically and architecturally significant, period-style houses. Laura Robinson, who grew up nearby, dreamed of having a home in this style someday. Decades later, in Great Falls, Virginia, her husband Stephen designed and built an adaptation of that very dream house for their family.

**“YOU’D BE SO NICE  
TO COME HOME TO”**  
~COLE PORTER

**606 KENTLAND DRIVE, GREAT FALLS, VA**

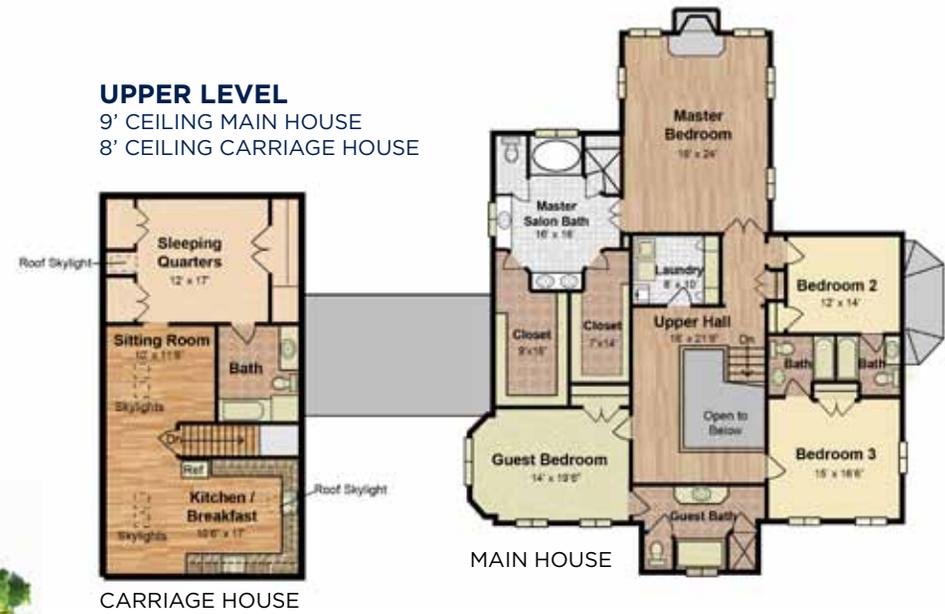
©2015 Mike Brown

All illustrations, dimensions and square footage estimates are approximate and may vary from actual structure. Dimensions have been rounded. All information is deemed accurate but as it is provided by third parties, cannot be guaranteed.

**Estimated Finished Square Footage:**

Above Grade: 6,741  
Below Grade: 2,484  
**Total: 9,225**

**UPPER LEVEL**  
9’ CEILING MAIN HOUSE  
8’ CEILING CARRIAGE HOUSE



**MAIN LEVEL**  
10’ CEILING



**LOWER LEVEL**  
9’ CEILING



## CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN FEATURES

### FRAMING AND CARPENTRY

- Five-and one-half inch wide interior and exterior framing with one-and one-eighth inch seven-ply fir plywood subfloors over 18-inch deep open web floor trusses
- Fine custom-milled moldings and flooring with authentic-period finishes that took almost six months to complete

### HEATING, VENTILATION AND COOLING

- Three high-efficiency dual-fuel (electric/propane) furnaces with low-speed motors to minimize noise
- Four separate HVAC systems for: lower level; first level; second level and Carriage House

### INTERIOR PAINT, FINISHES, MILLWORK AND FLOORING

- Pre-catalyzed lacquer furniture finish over a custom-mixed burnt umber glaze on all baseboards, casing, crown moldings and interior doors on first level and lower level
- Benjamin Moore oil-based interior wall paint (rolled and sprayed applications) on first floor
- Extensive use of one-of-a-kind, oversized, custom-run, clear poplar trim profiles
- Four-and one-quarter inch white oak hardwood flooring

### INTERIOR FEATURES

- Five bedroom, five full baths, two half baths in the main house
- Ten-foot ceilings on first level, nine-foot ceilings on upper and lower levels
- One-and three-quarter inch thick by eight-foot tall doors on first level with oversized Bouvet pewter hinges and mortise interior locksets. Seven-foot interior doors with Bouvet rosette sets on lower level and second level doors
- Antique furniture pieces converted for use as bathroom vanities
- Patterned floor of French limestone in powder room
- Limestone mantel in Master suite
- Full-cast stone mantel in Great room
- Wooden handrail with hammered, wrought-iron balusters and custom-oak newel posts
- Two-tone, double-paneled checkerboard wainscoting in lower level recreation room
- Central vacuum
- Abundant recessed lighting

### WIRING

- Category 5 wiring for phone and high-speed computer outlets
- All phones and computer lines run to central location for future interior computer network
- Exterior speakers at front and side doors connected through phone lines
- Lower-level storage room prewired for future media room

### MAIN LEVEL

- Private study is wood-paneled with a custom finish of French green lacquer with burnt umber glaze and has hardwood floors, a full-length bay window, and a private computer nook with a faux-leather-finish desktop and base cabinet offering the perfect work space.
- Gourmet kitchen has custom maple cabinetry with old-world glaze finish, Bouvet pewter hardware, granite countertops, a backsplash of hand-painted tile in a field of tumbled marble, a large center island with an oak butcher block top, a Bosch five-burner cooktop, a Bosch double oven, a Bosch dishwasher and a GE Monogram four-foot wide refrigerator.
- Mudroom has a brick floor opening to the kitchen and a pocket-door pantry and service coat closet.
- Breakfast room is light and spacious, with beautiful views of the property, and has four corner custom built-ins and set of French doors leading to an expansive rear-terrace.
- Dining room comfortably seats 12 guests and features hardwood floors, a pewter chandelier and a bay window with charming views to the front courtyard.
- Great room is comfortable and relaxing, with large windows, a fireplace, hardwood floors and four-beam ceilings.

### UPPER LEVEL

- Master suite is a private sanctuary with hardwood floors, a gas/wood-burning fireplace with solid limestone mantel and a two-level stepped ceiling with cove lighting.
- Master salon bath is octagon-shaped with eastern and southern exposures. Magnificent features include two custom-fitted antique oak vanities with marble tops, natural stone floors, a natural stone tub surround, a natural stone shower surround and enormous walk-in closets with custom stain-grade moldings and built-in shelving.
- Guest bedroom is graceful and spacious with a crystal light fixture by Schonbek, upgraded carpet and oversized moldings. Its private bath has a custom vanity, soaking tub, water closet and natural honed-travertine tub surround and shower.
- Laundry room is off the hallway with tiled service-wash area, ample counter and storage space.

### LOWER LEVEL

- Recreation room is above-grade, airy and has a fireplace, checkerboard wainscoting, a diagonal-pattern tiled floor with sets of French doors leading to an outside patio.
- Guest suite is above-grade and airy with a private bathroom that adjoins the Exercise/Sitting room.
- Home office is adjacent to the Conference room.
- Storage area is large with pre-wired for future owner's media room.

### CARRIAGE HOUSE

- Self-contained space, with private parking bay and interior entrance, located above the garage bays.
- Southern views of Kentland Pond and ideal as an In-Law, Au-Pair or a Guest suite.
- Areas include sitting room, sleeping quarters and full bath.
- Pleasant eat-in kitchen features GE Profile appliances, a tile countertop and a tumbled marble backsplash with hand-painted tiles.
- Multiple skylights and roof lights create a cheery and sunny living space.
- Additional storage closets are located in both of the corner eaves.

### EXTERIOR FEATURES

- Beautifully landscaped grounds sit on than two acres.
- Portico and service walkways are constructed with lightly colored pea gravel placed over a six-inch thick base of compacted stone dust and asphalt.
- Flagstone terrace is expansive, boarded by substantial brick piers with limestone pier caps and elegant wrought-iron handrails and gates.
- Hand-applied stucco exterior finish is constructed using concrete tile-backer board, instead of exterior wood sheathing, which creates a superior moisture-resistant surface and is preferred by home inspectors.
- Well-sited for future owner's deck, in-ground swimming pool and hot tub.

### LOCATION

- Less than 6.5 miles, or approximately 12 minutes, to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro station
- Less than 8.0 miles, or approximately 15 minutes, to the Dulles Toll Road
- Short distance to many fine local shops, brasserie and restaurants
- Short distance to Seneca Park, Potomac Heritage Trail, River Bend Park, Great Falls National Park and Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts

## CUSTOM-BUILT "HINSDALE" HOME

As its builder, Stephen Robinson took care to lavish his French Eclectic family home with the finest features and materials, including custom-milled white oak floors and oversized poplar moldings; authentic period interior paint colors and finishes; oversized interior doors with Bouvet pewter hardware; superior built-ins and antique vanities; and pewter chandeliers, wrought-iron railings and solid limestone fireplace mantels. Mindful of the way his American family would want to use the home, he also incorporated modern design elements and amenities, including a gourmet kitchen; ample storage areas; multiple indoor and outdoor recreational and entertaining spaces; and a private carriage house convenient for guests. The rooms of the home are at once spacious and intimate. The generous use and placement of windows keeps the home perpetually bathed in soft sunlight. The house is perfectly sited near a serene, woodland stream and has rear-terrace views of Kentland Pond.

The individuality of the home's design and the exceptional quality of its construction has been recognized. In 2003, it received an honorable mention for "Finest for Family Living" by a peer-judged panel of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association. The Monument Award is given to the "best of the best," "The Hinsdale House," for achieving excellence in areas such as overall design, innovative use of space and comparative value within the market segment.





MIKE BROWN has nearly 30 years of experience in sales, marketing and business negotiations, and he has been a licensed real estate professional since 1986. Previously, he was a residential lender for more than eight years with a nationally ranked top-five firm.

Mike offers his sellers and buyers exceptional cross-industry knowledge and experience so they can make intelligent and well-informed decisions. His greatest passion and achievement is providing tangible results for his clients.

He has been a local resident for almost 40 years and currently lives in Washington, DC. He was born and grew up overseas with his parents, who were C.I.A. officers. "If I wasn't a real estate agent, I'd be a secret agent," he likes to say. Mike earned his bachelor's degree from George Mason University.

Mike specializes in fine homes and condominiums throughout the greater DC metropolitan area.

# mikebrown

Associate Broker

Licensed in DC, MD and VA

**202.340.3340**

MikeBrownMoves.com

Mike@MikeBrownMoves.com



LUXURY  
PORTFOLIO  
INTERNATIONAL®

4315 50th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016

202 . 552 . 5600 | [McEneaney.com](http://McEneaney.com)

