

## Capitol Hill Mansion

by Iris Foster

Three blocks from **(the) Colorado (State) Capitol (building) (in downtown Denver)** is the appropriately-named Capitol Hill Mansion **(Bed and Breakfast Inn)** where **(Whirlpool Tubs)** in turrets, wildflower room monikers and trompe l'Oeil murals invite guests to dreamland in Denver. Although its location, just five blocks from the business district, is a boon to business travelers, the mansion is situated on a lightly traveled residential street for privacy and tranquility.

The outside is as distinctive as the inside because this 1891 historic **(Richardsonian Romanesque)** Victorian was built of ruby sandstone quarried in **(the) Colorado Springs (area)**. Although it's a century-old structure, it has modern conveniences including a front door push-button code entry, free off-street parking, a desk in each room with direct dial modem **(friendly phones)** as well as wireless Internet access and an equipped "business center." Up-to-the-minute guest room amenities prove that Innkeeper/Owners James Hadley and Carl Schmidt are committed to serving all types of guests.

Taking if from the top **(of the house)**, the entire third floor can become a private retreat for a family **(or group)** of up to eight **(people)**. Encompassing the Pasqueflower Room, the Snowlover Balcony Room and the recently refurbished Elk Thistle Suite(.) **(S)**ome guests can soak in the **(whirlpool tub)** located above it all in the turret while others overlook the cityscape and Rocky Mountains from the balcony.

Individually, the Pasqueflower Room is a favorite among honeymooners with its oak floors offset by white embroidered drapes, tablecloth, bed skirt and comforter on the antique queen sized brass bed. In addition to the six-foot circular **(whirlpool tub)**, there is a European-style shower. Walking into the Snowlover Balcony Room is like walking into a forest after a snowfall. Local artist Larry Durlin painted a 28-foot wall with **(snow covered)** trees **(as the landscape)**, so a white quilted comforter on the queen size bed blends into the surroundings. Skiers and snow bunnies will appreciate the view of the snow-capped Rockies and a tiled shower. Just in time for fall, the Elk Thistle Suite has received a facelift with an oak queen sized sleigh bed, wood floor in the kitchen, gas logs in the fireplace and sitting area with sofa bed. However, the original claw foot tub remains, according to **J(ay)**.

Three rooms are located on the second floor of Capitol Hill Mansion, **(which)** also have unique décor and furnishings. The yellow painted Gold Banner Suite has two rooms(.) **(T)**he sitting room **(area)** provides overstuffed club chairs, a drop leaf desk and a gas log fireplace. **(An antique queen sized brass bed and a large triangular whirlpool tub and shower for two dominate the bedroom)**. Another extra large whirlpool for two can be found in the turret that accompanies the Shooting Star Balcony Room. It's another favorite honeymoon and anniversary chamber because its balcony overlooks historic homes. Inside, a realistic floral mural, also painted by Larry Durlin, draws the eye above the **(Antique Walnut)** queen-sized bed. This bathroom also features a **(brass and)** glass-enclosed shower.

And as if one could forget, the Forget Me Not Room is furnished with a Country French four-poster canopy queen sized bed, an oak secretary and a walk-in shower in the bath.

Two rooms, including one that is fully handicapped accessible, are located on the first floor of this delightful bed and breakfast. One of the coolest rooms (literally and figuratively) is the Paintbrush Room where a ceiling fan augments the air conditioning. Touches of oak on the mantel, desk and chairs are **(warm touches)** here where a king size bed can easily become **(two)** twins, a walk in shower accommodates all disabilities, and the parlor and dining room are mere steps away.

The Bluebell Suite is another two-room affair where a solarium serves as the sitting area. As one might expect, wicker furnishings were chosen for this lovely space. A king size bed (**and a fold out sofa-bed**) occupies the other room. A tub/shower combination is found in this bathroom, and the suite is easily (**accessible**) through a private outside entrance.

Lovely as these rooms are, the living room is a favorite gathering spot for Capitol Hill Mansion guests. J(**ay**) and Carl formerly owned a motel and RV resort in South Texas, and they chose this property because it met their aspirations to be innkeepers (**near**) the mountains. They enjoy the 3,000 business travelers who stay annually as well as the leisure guests who seek their advice for restaurants, shopping and sightseeing opportunities in and around Denver.

By the same token, their guests will feel prepared for their adventures once they've eaten this duo's (**gourmet**) breakfast offerings. They range from crème (**Brulee**) French toast, baked Italian omelet (comprised of spinach, Italian sausage, tomatoes, herbs, green onions, different cheeses like mozzarella and Ricotta) (**to**) butter pecan Belgian waffles with homemade banana/cinnamon/maple syrup.

Capitol Hill Mansion visitors will find the flexible room arrangements, convivial hosts' dedication to their needs and great food a peak experience in the Mile High City.

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