

Need a little home inspiration? Lake Forest Showhouse to the rescue.

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As we spend more time than ever at home during the pandemic, we're paying particular attention to all things domestic. Record numbers of people are embarking on renovation and design projects. Looking for ideas? The Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens, now in its 10th year, offers a lot to inspire your #homegoals.

For this year's showhouse, a 23-room, 11,000-square-foot, turn-of-the-century east Lake Forest estate on 3 acres has been transformed by some 30 interior and landscape designers.

Originally designed by Frost & Granger in 1906, the Colonial-style home was renovated by architect Stanley Anderson in the late 1920s for investment banker William Allan Pinkerton Pullman, the grand-nephew of George M. Pullman, the developer and manufacturer of Pullman rail cars.

An avid gardener and co-founder of the Chicago Botanic Garden, William A.P. Pullman worked with New York landscape architect Annette Hoyt in 1937 to create world-class gardens on the property. Some of the original plantings still exist, including a large ginkgo tree and rare Chinese maples and Japanese lilacs, as well as the original boxwood hedges—the same ones that inspired others to plant "Pullman boxwood" in formal gardens.

The Showhouse is open daily through Aug. 9. A limited number of tickets (\$40) will be sold each day.

Like what you see? Much of the furnishings and art are for sale. Or buy the whole house (unfurnished) for \$3.5 million.



Second-story retreat by Andrea Goldman Design



Foyer by Konstant Home



Kitchen by ABL Group and Dovetails Cabinetry



Home office by North Shore Nest



Garden by Mariani Landscape



Dining room by Paloma Contreras



Closet by Ilene Chase

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