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House of the Week / Southern Comfort



What: Five bedrooms, five baths, two half-baths in 16,000 square feet on 4 acres.

Where: Roswell, Ga., 16 miles north of downtown Atlanta.

Amenities: Double verandas in front and back, gated circular driveway. Inside, marble foyer with domed ceiling, five fireplaces, high ceilings, two family rooms. One-bedroom caretaker's cottage above four-car garage. Outside, swimming pool and spa, waterfall, perennial gardens and woods.

Asking price: \$3.2 million

Opening bid: \$2.8

Agent: Mary Lou Lanaux, Christie's Great Estates affiliate Jenny Pruitt and Associates, 770-475-5530.

Due Diligence: When Bob and Karen Hagan decided to build a plantation-style mansion, they remembered a builder they'd met in the mid-90's: Cheryl Cooper, who had built a designer showcase home for the Roswell Women's Club around that time. The Hagans contacted Ms. Cooper and hired her to construct their custom home, which they named Whitehall. The couple paid \$2.8 million for the land and the residence, which carries Ms. Cooper's signature trim work, particularly in the grand, 16-foot-wide domed entry foyer. The Hagans added a heated pool, spa and waterfall, landscaping, carriage house and home theater with surround sound. By 2000, Whitehall was complete. But now, with one son in college and another about to finish high school, the couple has decided to downsize. Brokers say the area's limited inventory could help this home sell quickly.

—Danielle Reed



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