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Dartmouth Skills

267 Dartmouth Street

This isn't a column about a skill you could learn at college. I don't believe Dartmouth College would be teaching the preservation trades. The worth of training in these trades is a completely different column for another day. But knowledge of wood refinishing and window restoration, to name just two skills, has done the current owner great benefit in bringing her home of 55 years back to its former glory. And because of her hard work and love of that home, it presents a great opportunity for the next owner of 267 Dartmouth Street.

Built in 1900, this majestic Queen Ann is filled with beautiful chestnut molding and woodwork. The owner showed me the few areas that still had the white paint she had so painstakingly removed from the rest of the house. She also refinished the lovely pocket doors between the living and dining rooms. Original windows have been removed, refinished, restrung, and rehung. Again, all the windows haven't been restored but it's a good start for the next owner.

The home has lots of great details and amenities including both a front and back staircase, with a stained glass window at the landing, stunning tile and mantle on the fireplace, original hardware, two clawfoot tubs, a sleeping porch, and push button light switches. There is plenty of storage including fine closet space in the generously sized four bedrooms and additional storage in two versatile rooms on the third floor

servant quarters. Bay windows in the master bedroom and living room elevate the design of these prestigious rooms. But my favorite is the original toilet in the basement with a wooden tank.

A renovated kitchen with modern appliances and a built-in bookcase for your cookbook collection provides functional workspace. A full bathroom off the dining room was fashioned from the original pantry. There's also a cute little room off the front foyer that has loads of possibilities.

The lot has a nice backyard with a weeping Mulberry that fruits each year, four lilacs, and a dogwood. The location is very desirable with the Monroe Ave. YMCA and Public Library just a short walk around the corner. A few blocks in the other direction is Park Avenue and all its wonders.

Contact Jaci Cannan with RE/MAX Plus at 585-279-8200 if you are interested in viewing 267 Dartmouth St. For a house in this neighborhood, \$199,900 is a great price. But the greatest advantage of this home is the end product of the skills that the current owner honed in her years of work on her home. And if you ask nicely, I bet she'd give you some tips so you can finish that cherished work.

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