

# Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour

Columbus Day Weekend: Friday – Sunday  
October 5, 6, and 7



Beautiful Setting ♦ Beautiful Homes  
♦ Beautiful Cause ♦



Home Selection Committee

Sitting: Donna Massa, Peg Gorman, Nancy Sturman, Pam McKown, Ferne Hale  
Standing: Denice Maiers Not Pictured: Barbara Grant

## The Home Selection Committee

The homes for the 2018 Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour have been chosen. The Charities have been paired with their respective homes. So, what do these lovely ladies on the Home Selection Committee do with all their copious spare time now? Actually, they don't get any time off. The 2018 Tour is still 5 months away; however, the Home Selection Committee is hard at work looking for homes for the 2019 Tour. They have already have contracts for two homes for the 2019 Tour. Do you know anyone whose home you think should be on the Tour? If so, contact us today! We sincerely appreciate and welcome recommendations.

In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight the two co-chairs of the Home Selection Committee. They are always one the job!

## SML Charity Home Tour Updates

The Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour Website is your portal to everything you need to know about this year's Home Tour ([www.smlcharityhometour.com](http://www.smlcharityhometour.com)). Maps and directions to the homes are being added. Sponsor lists are updated weekly so you can see which businesses are generously supporting the Home Tour. New pictures of the homes are added when we get them from our photographer.

Please visit our sponsors and let them know how much you appreciate their support of the charities of the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour. If you, a friend, or you know of a business that you feel would like to be a sponsor of the tour, let us know. We love having more and more people and businesses involved. Tell your friends about the Tour and maybe even invite them to walk the homes with you this year. This is a win-win-win situation. More money for the charities, more exposure for the businesses, and more people get to enjoy beautiful homes and gain ideas for their own homes. Everyone involved benefits!

### 2018 Charities

- Adult Care Center of Central Virginia
- Agape Center
- Bedford Pregnancy Center
- Children's Assistive Technology Service
- Disability Rights and Resource Center
- Franklin County Family YMCA
- Henry Fork Service Center
- SML Good Neighbors
- Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue (Alternate)

*"Money supports scholarships for senior and youth programs, swim lessons for children, summer camp, after school programs, and veterans programs."*

Kevin McAlister  
Franklin County YMCA

## Diamond Sponsors



## Highlighting the Katherine Westbrook / Chip Gillooly Home

This charming 1980's lake-front cottage has been completely renovated over the past three years by Katherine and Chip. They personally designed all the updates themselves.

Because this home is not new construction, you will find mature Japanese maple trees in the back yard. They are a thing of beauty and unique to this home. They add color and variety to the multi-level landscaping.

This home will give any visitor some fabulous ideas for the efficient use of space. On the lower level, the homeowner has designed in cubbies under the stairs for storage. There are four built-in bunk beds with a mini-staircase between them. The lower level, including the bathroom, is designed with grandchildren in mind.

The contrasting colors throughout the home create a feast for the eyes. For example, in the Master Bedroom you will find pale aqua walls, complemented by stunning white bedding and offset by dark oak flooring.

If you come by car, be sure to take a walk down to the dock where you will find their antique wooden boat on one of the boat lifts.

This is one of the eight homes you will be able to tour on the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour this October. Put it on your 2018 calendars now - Tour weekend: October 5, 6, and 7. Tickets go on sale June 1!



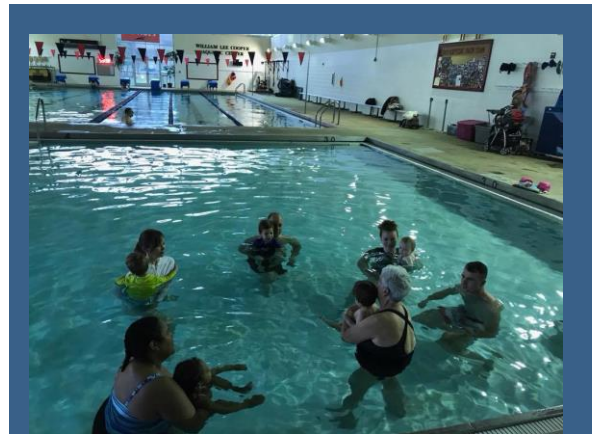
Home of Katherine Westbrook and Chip Gillooly on Dudley Road in Union Hall

## Franklin County YMCA

The Franklin County YMCA is paired with the Katherine Westbrook and Chip Gillooly home.

The Franklin County YMCA is working to improve youth development for healthy living and for social responsibility. They provide many services to the local community. Some services they offer are lifesaving swim lessons to over 1800 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders in Franklin County Public Schools, financial assistance to working families for before and after school care, summer camps, and even preschool. They offer financial assistance to seniors for arthritis relief and membership programs as well as scholarships to families for life improving health and wellness programs. They offer programs for military veterans, diabetes prevention, drug and alcohol prevention, and youth mentoring.

Web site: [www.franklincountymca.org](http://www.franklincountymca.org)



People enjoying the Franklin County YMCA



## Highlighting the Home of Lynn and Mike Hoots



Home of Lynn & Mike Hoots  
Pine Crest Circle in Moneta

This home was built in 1986 at the end of a cul-de-sac. Lynn and Mike purchased it in 2016, and have completely renovated it in the past two years. As you can see from the picture on the left, this home has huge windows. Don't you just love the roof line? The large windows look out over their 700 feet of water frontage. If you walk down to the newly remodeled dock, you will be walking on Trex decking and see a shared beach, a fire pit, and wide water views.

There are some features of this home that make it very special and unique. One of the beauties of this home is the dark wood wide plank flooring. This truly is a "lake home", and you will find lake memorabilia throughout the home. The vaulted ceilings in the living room are covered with tongue and groove pine boards supported by wrapped wooden beams. For winter warmth, the room boasts a stone fireplace.

When you visit the completely remodeled master bath, be sure to notice the floor of the walk in shower. It is done in smooth pebbles!

One of the neatest historical features of this home is that Richard Dreyfuss stayed here during the filming of the 1991 movie "What About Bob?".

Be sure to bring a friend or two along to see this unique home.

## Bedford Pregnancy Center

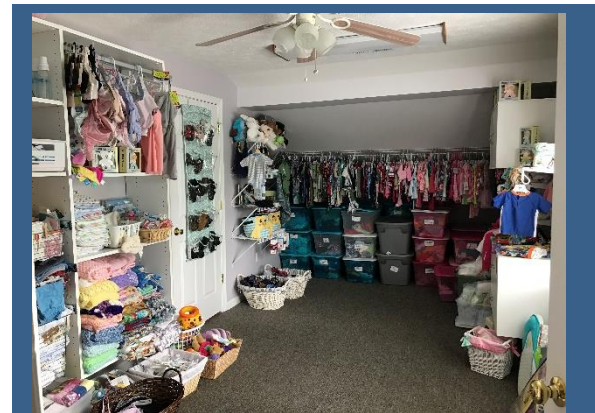
The Bedford Pregnancy Center is paired with the home of Lynn and Mike Hoots.

The Bedford Pregnancy Center is located in downtown Bedford. It cares for women in pregnancy related situations by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They offer free and accurate pregnancy tests with immediate results, information and educational resources, prenatal referrals, support throughout the pregnancy, postpartum and post-abortion support and a Boutique for baby essentials.

The center is open to women of all faiths. There is a team of dedicated staff members and trained volunteers who reach out to the women with compassion and unconditional acceptance in their time of need. The assistance provided is both emotional and practical.

"The Charity Home Tour allows the Bedford Pregnancy Center continue to make a large impact within the community by assisting Expecting Mothers and Mothers of Infants-Toddlers with educational resources as well as material items." Lori Lewis, BPC

Web site: [www.bedfordpregnancy.org](http://www.bedfordpregnancy.org)



The Boutique Room at the  
Bedford Pregnancy Center



## Our Home Selection Team

### Peg Gorman



Peg Gorman, Co-chair

When asked how I got involved in the Charity Home Tour, I guess I have to start by saying how much it has impacted my life. My husband and I started to come to the lake in the late 90's, fell in love with the lake and surrounding country and bought a lot with hopes of eventually building a home. For the next 5 years, we made sure to make arrangements to come down for home tour weekend. We not only got some terrific ideas from homes we visited, but got to meet many of our future neighbors who were involved with the tour, including Jeannie Wagner who started the tour so many years ago. Even after building our home in 2005, I always made sure to come for Home Tour weekend. Not only was it always fun to see the various homes, I learned more about the areas surrounding the lake and felt good about supporting the various charities that are so needful of our help. Upon my husband's retirement four years ago, we moved to the lake full time. At that time my neighbor and close friend, Loa Herbert, was the

co-chair of the Home Selection Committee and asked if I would be interested in joining her committee. Finding homes that would draw people to the tour has been so rewarding and at the same time frustrating. We look for homes that not only have features we feel people would be interested in seeing, but we also need to look at the bigger picture of their location on the lake in conjunction with other homes for traffic both by land as well as the water. New homes or recently renovated homes are great resources for those looking for ideas and a major way to support our local industries. This year, in particular we were very frustrated in that all the homeowners we contacted in Bedford County declined, so we ended up with a full slate of homes in Franklin County. Since the tour is really all about the Charities, we sincerely hope that the lack of homes in Bedford County this year won't influence our local sponsors not to support the cause. These Charities need our help...no matter where the Tour homes happen to fall. We may have three counties surrounding the lake, but there are no county lines when it comes to helping the needy. We feel so blessed to be able to live in such a beautiful place where it just feels right to pay it forward.

### Donna Massa

Though beach lovers, my husband and I retired and moved full-time to the Lake in 2012. We were born and raised on the Eastern Shore in Salisbury, Maryland which was 30 minutes from Ocean City. We both worked at the shore in the summer. I started my customer service career working as a switchboard operator and the following summer was promoted to a desk clerk position. The owner/manager was an impressive, larger than life lady, to an impressionable 16-year-old kid. She taught me a lot about customer interactions and the service industry.

That skill set lead me into a 32-year career in banking in Pennsylvania. That brings me back to the Lake. My friend from my workplace bought a place here in the 1991. Every banking holiday that fell on a weekend was a road trip, headed to Smith Mountain Lake. It was just a matter of time until we were in love with lake life. In addition, both my husband and I realized there were no jelly fish and it was mosquito free (almost).



Donna Massa, Co-chair

The most important factor of my association with this group is what the group accomplishes, the results they get, and the Charities themselves that benefit. I have never lived in a community that does so much for those with need.

Reviewing and selecting potential homes is a two-part process for me, each being equally important. First, is the location (water and land), accessibility, curb appeal, landscaping, décor, and what that home offers that will interest others. Secondly, enthusiasm. I'm a people person so this is very important to me. Folks that want their home on the tour because they believe in the "cause" get me excited. I believe that these "Home Owners" are the ones that keep our mission viable. Our home was on the tour in 2014. That's what it took for me. I find the "cause" contagious as well as greatly rewarding.



## Did you know?

As our Executive Chair, Sandra Morse, said in our last newsletter – the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour Board of Directors is always on the lookout for people who appreciate the causes that the Home Tour supports. We feel the Home Tour serves our area as the largest single fundraiser for charities here at the lake. The Tour has been recognized as the Best Charity Event or Service project at the lake for many years – this year receiving the Gold Award (see clip on the left below from the Laker Magazine). If you would like to get involved in serving all the charities we support, we would welcome your inquiry. You can start as a volunteer at one of the homes (go to the volunteer section on the web site). You can serve as a “Deputy Board Member” so you can learn the ropes and eventually take over a Board position, or you can jump right in and be on the Board immediately. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact us using any of the methods below!

## Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour, you can always find and contact us at [www.smlcharityhometour.com](http://www.smlcharityhometour.com) and then clicking on the “more” then “contact us” tab. You may also call us at 540-297-TOUR (8687), leave a message, and we will call you back within a day.

## Be Part of Our Community

We would like to invite you to become part of our social media community at: [www.facebook.com/smlcharityhometour](https://www.facebook.com/smlcharityhometour). Please click “Like” and become one our “Followers”. That way you will be the first to know when we post updates about the Tour.

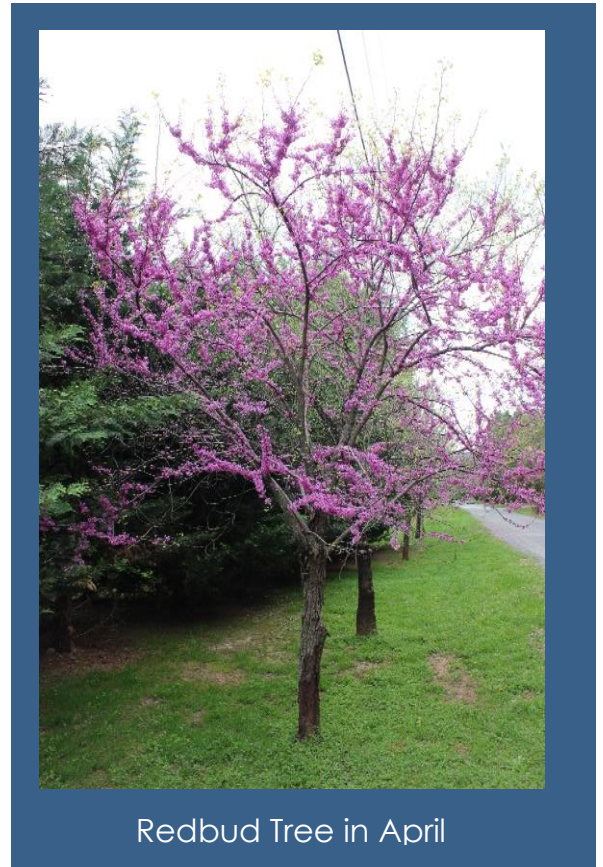


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**SML CHARITY HOME TOUR**  
Held three days over Columbus Day weekend in October, the Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour features tours of eight lakefront homes with proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships benefiting eight area charities. The Charity Home Tour has raised nearly \$5 million in its 28-year history.

KAREN DILLON



Redbud Tree in April