



IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

An Exclusive Look into Governor and First Lady Deal's Private Living Quarters: The Master Bedroom by Careshia Moore photos by Picture This Studio

Our third stop on our exclusive tour of the private living quarters of the Governor's Mansion is the master bedroom. The master bedroom is one of seven bedrooms in the private living quarters of the Mansion. This room is exclusively used by Governor and Mrs. Deal and is decorated just as elegantly as the remainder of the mansion. Once again, decorators Richard and Vicki Zimmerman of the Zimmerman Design Agency (ZDA) are the masterminds behind the décor.

A rug that was donated to the mansion was the inspiration for the room's color scheme. ZDA was able to coordinate fabrics and furniture to complete the cozy yet beautiful bedroom. "We chose a Lee Jofa silk embroidered floral with stylized versions of peonies, viburnum, magnolias, and Chinese pheasants for the drapery and valance and used a diamond patterned golden Kravet silk for the bed's coverlet and shams with an iridescent silk for the dust ruffle," explains ZDA.

As always, the designer seeks to use existing furniture as much as possible to furnish the room. "We decided to reupholster two chairs found in the mansion that were of the same style," shares ZDA. The chairs were upholstered in a simple pattern, and used to create a setting at the window conducive to having a light repast around a mahogany table.

In keeping with Federalist period furnishings of the mansion, the master bedroom features a Louis XVI trumeau with flat giltwood pediment above a wide frieze with applied giltwood bowknot and musical trophies. The rectangular two-part mirror is adorned with giltwood molding on three sides and pierced foliate and scroll molding at the lower edge flanked by fluted blocks. This French piece dates back to 1775.

Also included in the room is a George IV mahogany bachelor's bureau that dates from 1820-1830 originating in England. The arched pediment above the sunburst-carved conforming frieze is visible above a pair of paneled doors which reveal sliding shelves. The lower section is complete with a paneled fall opening to reveal pigeonholes above a conforming drawer in each corner. The fall is situated above a pair of short drawers and two long drawers all with cockbeading and turned wooden knob pulls. The entire piece is supported on low bun feet.

Certainly, this master bedroom is fit for a governor and his wife. It is carefully decorated to serve as a retreat from their busy schedules. Complete with historic furniture, elegant fabric and carefully placed furnishings, the master bedroom is a sanctuary for the Governor Nathan and Sandra Deal. **■**

