

Right: The illuminated guest bedroom has access to a private balcony. Below: The master bathroom includes a spacious bath set into a bay window, offering an outdoor view.

originally belonged to the president of Walgreens.

The majority of the home is decorated employing traditional furnishings, with the exception of the loft, which has more of a cabin motif.

With six fireplaces dispersed throughout the house, it is sure to be cozy all winter long. The family room and great room include masonry fireplaces, whereas the other four are sealed gas fireplaces. Five of the fireplaces also include cultured stone surrounds, giving all of the rooms a homey feel. Although the fireplaces provide extra warmth, the family relies on propane and gas for their whole-house heating. "It is very efficient and clean," Roberta says.

For flooring, the couple used beveled-edge oak boards in the great room, kitchen and dining room. The remainder of the home's flooring consists of various types of carpeting. Roberta and Roger also used drywall in various rooms to break up the look of the wood. "I didn't want it all to be real dark and all wood," Roberta says. "I wanted some drywall and some log."

As with many log homes, special nooks and crannies lurk behind every wall and up every staircase, but this home is extra special. It includes an enclosed, in-ground pool at one end of the house and an in-house movie theater in the lower level.

"The pool enclosure was easily the most interesting part of the project," Julie says. "It was the first time we had designed something like it for a residence. It is a lovely addition to the house."

The attached, two-story pool enclosure includes three kingpost trusses that support the roof system, each one spanning 32 feet.

As for the home theater, the Polarks simply decided it would be a fun addition. "We always have family at the house," Roberta says. "We wanted to be able to do all kinds of things that would be fun for the family. Besides, we love watching movies."

Most of the time, Roberta and Roger's only full-time guest is their dog, Samantha. They also receive visits from various family and friends year-round, including their son Christopher, his wife Kelly and son Joshua.

"We'll always keep a home near our kids, but this may very well become our primary residence one day," Roberta says. "We plan on having this house in our family forever." 

