

ON THE MARKET

Sharply modern Bethesda home has both ‘magic and poetry’

Architectural marvel is up for sale in Maryland

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Tucked away among towering tulip poplars in Bethesda, a modern masterpiece by award-winning architect Robert Gurney is on the market for \$7.1 million.

“The house has both magic and poetry,” the owner said. “The house has an open plan with light from the Potomac filtering in from the trees. Rather than any one room, I love the atmosphere, which changes throughout the day.”

The building evokes the serenity of Frank Lloyd Wright’s famed Falling Water, while possessing cutting-edge technology. Televisions are imbedded in mirrors and there is an integrated security system with cameras and monitors. Heated floors, an AMX audiovisual system, a six-zoned HVAC system with touch-screen remote climate control, interior fire sprinkler system and off-grid generator for power losses make the home modern in more than just style.

Similar Gurney-designed homes are under construction nearby, making this one of the most modern neighborhoods, architecturally speaking, in the D.C. metro area.

“It’s like a Robert Gurney tribute,” said Long & Foster Realtor Molly Peter, who lives in a more traditional home nearby.

Aware that the house is a departure from the traditional colonials everyone is used to, the owner chose Gurney’s design because of how it makes her feel.

“When I’m in a colonial house, I feel cozy and settled,” she said. “In Robert Gurney’s space, I feel stimulated and, at the same time, tranquil. It’s absolutely wonderfully organized space.”

Gurney’s gift for merging mood and materials is seen throughout the house. A pebbled driveway suggests the beach and the Red Balau hardwood and stainless steel exterior would look as dazzling in Malibu, Calif., as it does in Montgomery County.

A stone walkway appears to float over a reflective lily pond leading to the main entrance, a



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prelude to the soothing interior. The interior features wall-to-wall upgrades, including floor to ceiling, energy-efficient Hope windows in a Mondrian pattern offering great views of the Potomac. An open floor plan includes the dining room, kitchen and living room with a “Pompeii Scarpaletto” lava-stone ribbon flame.

Just outside the living room is a heated lap pool with saline conditioner and gas fire pit, suspended

20 feet above grade. An outdoor home theater, with movie projector and surround sound, make the first floor perfect for entertaining.

“We have had receptions and intimate dinner parties. The house works well for both. It is very positive space and the generous deck and the fire pit add another ‘room’ outside,” the owner said.

Bamboo cabinetry and Hans Grohe fixtures are in all six bathrooms, yet each is unique. The

first-floor powder room includes a Toto hatbox toilet and white oak walls with an integrated TV in the mirror. The master bath has a vaulted ceiling and sculptural, free-standing Waterworks bathtub. A glass corner shower with full body and rain showerheads has a tree-framed view of the Potomac.

The owner’s suite enjoys arresting views of the river, as well as a two-sided, stainless steel gas fireplace.

At a glance

10 Wyoming Court, Bethesda

- » **List price:** \$7.1 million
- » **Rooms:** 4 bedrooms, 6 baths
- » **Square feet:** 7,100 (includes detached structure)
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