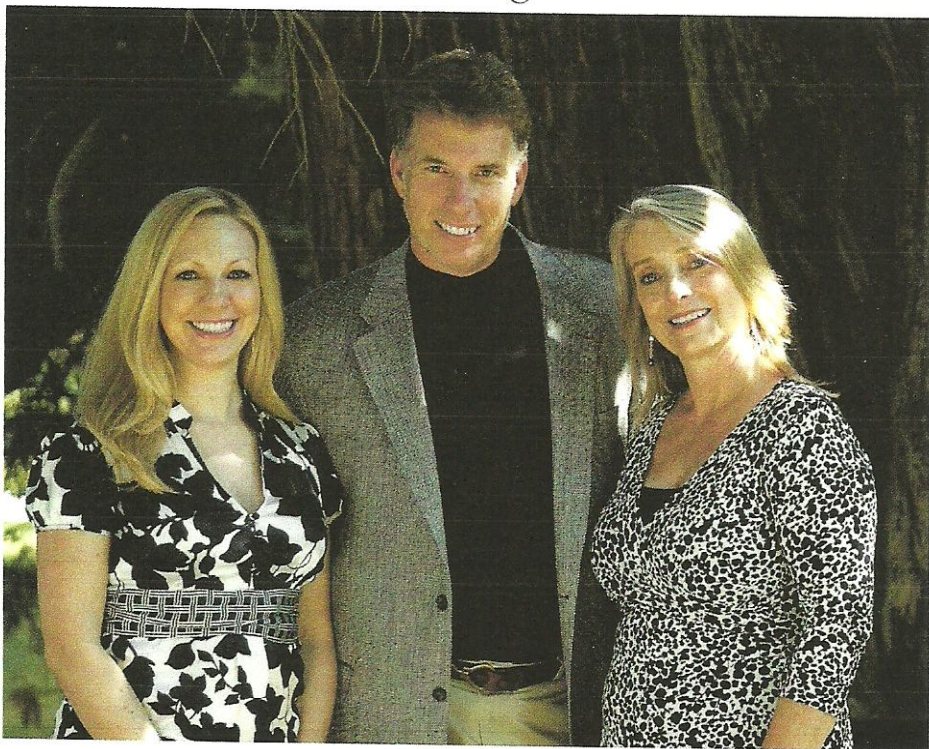


About Saluda Cottages

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Grand estates have given Historic Flat Rock its *raison d'être*. Even so, Saluda Cottages stands out like the fattest bud on a prize magnolia. Already a fixture on the semi-annual tour of homes sponsored by Historic Flat Rock, Inc., the property has received some well-deserved royal treatment to blossom into the 2010 Flat Rock Designer Showhouse.

BlueRidge Design Master Bedroom Suite



Sita Walker, Keven McCammon and Kitty McCammon.

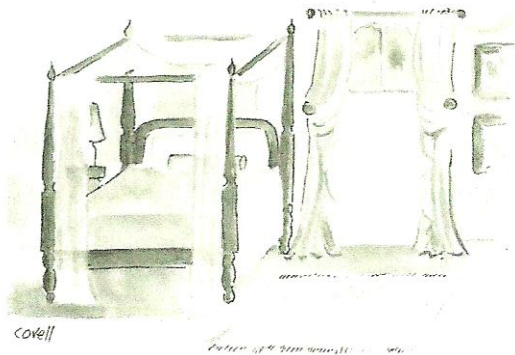
An extension of Rutherfordton bed-and-breakfast The Firehouse Inn, BlueRidge Design is comprised of ASID Allied member Kitty McCammon, her husband Keven (the tech wizard, wiring rooms for ultra-modern efficiency) and room stager/designer Sita Walker.

Charged with transforming the house's master bedroom suite, BlueRidge delivers a particularly eloquent design statement. "With the knowledge that Saluda Cottages has evolved drastically through the generations, our team's objective is to gently tug this grand old lady, one more time, into today's world of technology, while maintaining the grace and charm of her colorful past."

Translated visually, that means gold and silver wallpaper set against steel-gray-painted trim — the combination cedes grandeur to the room's lofty arched windows. The burnished-metallic motif

will surface again in the fabrics, including Ronald Redding silk drapes and Hunter Douglas Vignette shades.

Nodding to old-world quality, the team has commissioned John Fulton of Summit Design Cabinetry to custom-build the bedroom furniture. But the room's virtual inhabitants won't have to resort to parlor games for entertainment: BlueRidge plans to outfit the space — inhabited by a French count in the nascent years of the Victorian era — with a computer, TV and sound system. Quelle surprise!



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