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Queen Anne-Style Show House at O'More

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O'MORE ALUMNI RENOVATE AN EARLY 1900S HOUSE IN DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN

After being used commercially for more than 50 years and then sitting vacant for almost a decade, an early 1900s Queen Anne-style home in Franklin's Hincheyville historic district has been brought back to life through the second annual O'More Alumni Show House. Presented by Traditional Home magazine, the project exhibits the work of 22 graduates of O'More College of Design.

In July 2013, construction began on the 6,000-square-foot residence, led by Thrive Homes. Some of the local designers who contributed are Jennifer Jones (class of 1981), Susan Besser (class of 1983), Jonathan Savage (class of 2008), and Sadie Marchant (class of 2012). The house will open for tours on April 4.

"[I'm] very honored to be part of the Alumni Show House. O'More changed the way we view the world," says Besser, who now works with Franklin Preservation Associates. "The Queen Anne Free Classic house is a wonder of beautiful detailing and graceful Southern charm."

Savage, owner of Savage Interior Design, participated last year and jumped at the chance to be involved again. "This particular project is a fantastic way to showcase a variety of local designers' work. It is not every day that you get the opportunity to work in a home with as much historical presence as this one," he says.

The O'More Alumni Show House is open Tuesdays through Sundays, April 4 to 27; tickets are $20 at the door. For more information, go to omoreshowhouse.com.

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