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**Junior League of Hartford
2025 Designer Show House**

**Presented by *CTC&G*
(*Connecticut Cottages and Gardens*)**



PRESS RELEASE #1

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The Junior League of Hartford Announces 2025 Designer Show House Presented by exclusive media partner, CTC&G (*Connecticut Cottages & Gardens*)

Led by the Junior League of Hartford, renowned interior designer and Show House Honorary Design Chair Matthew Patrick Smyth, and CTC&G Editorial Director, DJ Carey, a group of premier designers will transform a historic tudor home in Hartford into a stunning design showcase for the 16th Junior League of Hartford Designer Show House event.



Rendering by Amy Archambault

FEBRUARY 26, 2025 -- HARTFORD, CT: The [Junior League of Hartford](#) is excited to announce its 2025 Designer Show House. The event is presented by exclusive media sponsor CTC&G ([Connecticut Cottages & Gardens](#)), and features Honorary Design Chair, renowned interior designer [Matthew Patrick Smyth](#).

Located at 820 Prospect Avenue in the historic West End of Hartford, Connecticut, the 2025 Show House will be open to the public from Friday, May 2 - Friday, May 23, 2025, along with a special 'Bare Bones' preview event on March 8, 2025. Matthew Patrick Smyth is an acclaimed interior designer whose traditional designs blend classic style with comfort to truly accommodate the real people who will live in the homes he designs. He has designed homes from New York City and Connecticut, to Paris and London. Mr. Smyth's work has been featured in numerous publications, and he has written two design books - *Living Traditions: Interiors* and *Through a Designer's Eye*. Mr. Smyth also has several licensed collections including rugs, fabrics, and wallcoverings.

"We are so thrilled to welcome Mr. Smyth as Honorary Design Chair of our 16th Designer Show House." says Melanie Caiaze, Show House Co-Chair. "His elevated classic-meets-comfort style sets the perfect tone for this 1902 home inhabited by a young family."

The 2025 Designer Show House is a 4,900 square foot Tudor home designed and built in 1902 by noted Hartford architect Edward T. Hapgood. The home is located in the famed Prospect Avenue Historic District, known for its beautiful estates, views from Prospect Hill, and location near Elizabeth Park.

The interior of the home features over 20 decorative spaces including seven bedrooms, formal living and dining rooms, five full and two half baths, two library/dens, and a spacious sunroom. The home maintains original details, including leaded glass doors and moldings throughout. The current owners, Annie Pascucci and her family, have generously donated the use of their home to support the Junior League of Hartford's mission, and because of their love of architecture and the arts.

The 2025 Show House is the signature fundraising event for the Junior League of Hartford, having raised more than \$1.7 million to date for its charitable projects and programs, which currently focuses on [addressing the impact of systemic poverty on women and families in Greater Hartford](#). The proceeds from Show House allow for the Junior League to provide much needed resources, grants, and volunteer time to a multitude of Connecticut nonprofits. Funds are raised through the sale of tickets to tour the transformed home, special events, and sponsorships.

This highly anticipated event occurs every three years, and involves countless hours of volunteering from Junior League members, designers and supporters alike. Having begun in 1979, this year marks the 16th Show House by the Junior League of Hartford. The Junior League takes over a notable home in the Greater Hartford Area and selects interior designers, artists, and landscape architects to completely makeover the interior spaces and surrounding grounds, a process that takes months to accomplish.

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Tickets for house tours and special events are available online through on the Junior League of Hartford website at hartford.jl.org/ShowHouse. Presale tickets are \$35 until May 2, 2025 and \$50 at the door as of May 3, 2025. The Show House will be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 11:00am to 3:00pm and 5:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Show House is closed Monday and Tuesdays.

Guests are encouraged to hold onto their ticket for re-entry to the house at any time during normal house tour hours. Special ticket packages are also available for private group tours and special events.

For questions and more information about the 2025 Show House, visit jlhartford.org, follow along on Facebook @JuniorLeagueofHartfordInc. and Instagram @jlhartfordinc, or contact the Junior League of Hartford at info@jlhartford.org.

Previous Show Houses may be seen here: <https://hartford.jl.org/show-house-history/>

About the Junior League of Hartford:

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PRESS RELEASE #2

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The Junior League of Hartford Announces A-List Roster of Designers for 2025 Designer Show House Presented by exclusive media partner, CTC&G (*Connecticut Cottages & Gardens*)

Led by the Junior League of Hartford, renowned interior designer and Show House Honorary Design Chair Matthew Patrick Smyth, and CTC&G Editorial Director, DJ Carey, 16 designers will transform a historic home in Hartford into a showcase of luxury design for modern living

HARTFORD, CT (April 15, 2025)—The Junior League of Hartford (JLH) today announced the 16 interior and landscape designers who will collaborate with JLH to produce the 16th Designer Show House presented by exclusive media partner *CTC&G (Connecticut Cottages & Gardens)*. The home will be featured editorially in the January 2026 issue of *CTC&G* and on cottagesgardens.com.

The Designer Show House is the preeminent fundraiser for the JLH, and features a select group of interior designers, artists, and landscape architects who are hand-picked to renovate, restore and reimagine the interior spaces and surrounding grounds of a notable home in the greater Hartford area. This year's Show House is located in the historic West End of Hartford at 820 Prospect Avenue, a 1902 Tudor revival home built by noted Hartford architect Edward T. Hapgood.

Since 1979, the triannual Show House has raised more than \$1.7 million for the JLH's charitable projects and programs, which currently focus on [addressing the impact of systemic poverty on women and families in Greater Hartford](#). The proceeds from Show House allow for the Junior League to provide much needed resources, grants, and volunteer time to a multitude of Connecticut nonprofits. Funds are raised through the sale of tickets to tour the transformed home, special events, and sponsorships.

Renowned interior designer [Matthew Patrick Smyth](#) serves as Show House Honorary Design Chair. "It's an honor to serve as Design Chair for the 2025 Junior League of Hartford Designer Show House, especially here in Connecticut where I have enjoyed spending much of my free time," says Mr. Smyth. "This event not only showcases exceptional design talent, but also supports the League's ongoing commitment to community impact and service. I'm thrilled to be part of such a meaningful and inspiring tradition." He leads a talented group of designers from Connecticut and the surrounding region.

The featured designers and landscapers announced today are:

- [Alison V. Cummings](#) - Newtown
- [AMS Kitchens & Interiors](#) - Cheshire
- [Camden Grace Interiors](#) - West Hartford
- [Creative Contour Landscape Design](#) - Middletown
- [Ethan Allen](#) - Canton
- [Grace Galloway Design](#) - West Hartford
- [The Homemaker CT](#) - West Hartford
- [Kaitlin Smith Interiors](#) - Watch Hill, RI
- [Kate Smith Interiors](#) - Farmington

- [Kathryn Hunt Studio](#) - West Hartford
- [McCory Interiors](#) - Burlington
- [Mews Designs](#) - West Hartford
- [Mikel Welch Home](#) - New York, NY
- [NEAT Method Hartford](#) - Hartford
- [Quiver Spirits](#) - East Hartford
- [Sabin Viehland](#) - Washington

The 2025 Designer Show House is presented by Exclusive Media Partner *Connecticut Cottages & Gardens* and supported through the generosity of both local and national sponsors including:

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“CTC&G (*Connecticut Cottages & Gardens*) is honored to once again present the Junior League of Hartford’s 2025 Designer Show House,” says DJ Carey, Editor-in-Chief of CTC&G. “It is truly inspiring to witness such an exceptional group of designers unite in support of a meaningful cause. We look forward to sharing the story of this remarkable home—and the vision and creativity behind it—with our readers throughout the region.”

“We are so excited to welcome the public to our 16th Designer Show House,” says Deirdre Green, who co-chairs the event for the JLH. “The designers have already been hard at work transforming 820 Prospect Avenue, and it is coming together beautifully. This Show House is not just a celebration of design and architecture—it is also a testament to the power of community, volunteerism, and philanthropy. Thanks to the partnership and support of CTC&G, Matthew Patrick Smyth, the designers and our sponsors, we hope this is our most successful Show House to date.”

The Designer Show House will celebrate its grand opening on May 2, 2025 with a special evening fundraiser from 6-9pm. Public house tours begin Saturday, May 3, 2025 and run through Sunday, May 23, 2025. The house is open 11AM-3PM and 5-8PM on Wednesdays-Fridays, and 11AM-5PM on weekends.

Additional special events at the Show House include a Kentucky Derby Party hosted by [Quiver Spirits](#) on May 3rd; “Tea & History” with Sigrid MacRae, an author and granddaughter of the home’s original owners, on May 4th; and Happy Hour events on Friday May 9th & May 16th.

Tickets for opening night, house tours, and special events are available online at hartford.jl.org/ShowHouse. Online presale tickets for Show House tours are \$35 until May 2nd, and \$50 beginning May 3rd.

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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

**PRESS DAYS AT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HARTFORD
2025 DESIGNER SHOW HOUSE**

SHOW HOUSE PRESS HOURS: May 1st 2:30-5PM and May 2nd 9AM-12PM

April 15, 2025 -- HARTFORD, CT: The Junior League of Hartford (JLH) is pleased to announce the unveiling of the 2025 Designer Show House located at 820 Prospect Avenue in Hartford, CT. Members of the press are invited to come tour the home, and interview the designers and members of the Junior League, on **Thursday May 1st from 2:30-5PM and Friday May 2nd from 9AM-12PM.**

The Junior League of Hartford (JLH) Designer Show House is the League's signature fundraising event, and over the years has raised more than \$1.7 million to support multiple charitable projects and programs in the Greater Hartford Community. This highly anticipated event occurs every three years, and there is no similar event in Central Connecticut. The Show House opens to the public May 2nd at 6PM for Opening Night, and public tours run May 3rd-May 23rd.

The 2025 Show House is presented by exclusive media partner, *CTC&G (Connecticut Cottages and Gardens)* and features Honorary Design Chair, Matthew Patrick Smyth.

Guided tours of the house are available upon request. All members of the press are asked to RSVP in advance.

****HOME WILL BE READY FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND TAPING****

RSVP REQUIRED FOR VIEWING

WHO: The Junior League of Hartford, Inc. www.jlhartford.org
WHAT: 2025 Designer Show House
WHERE: 820 Prospect Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105
WHEN: Thursday, May 1 from 2:30-5PM
Friday, May 2 from 9AM-12PM
CONTACT: Kelly Sellew, JLH Board Member; 410-562-1661; kellysellew@gmail.com

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

- Friday, May 2, 2025, 6-9PM: Opening Night Party, Designer Photos at 5:30PM
- Saturday, May 3, 2025, 5-9PM: Kentucky Derby Party presented by Quiver Spirits
- Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2-4PM: Tea & History with Sigrid MacRae (granddaughter of 820 Prospect Avenue's original owners and author of *A World Elsewhere: An American Woman in Wartime Germany*, about her family's story)
- Friday, May 9th & 16th, 2025, 6-8PM: Happy Hour Events

PICTURES

[Click here for images](#)

TICKETS

<https://hartford.jl.org/showhouse/>

ABOUT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HARTFORD AND THE DESIGNER SHOW HOUSE

The Junior League of Hartford (JLH) has been developing women to make a meaningful impact in the Greater Hartford community since 1921. We are a 100% volunteer organization of over 300 women. Our mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. The Junior League of Hartford builds women leaders while we build better communities and build friendships.

The Junior League movement extends far beyond Greater Hartford. We are part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, an organization of over 150,000 members across nearly 300 Leagues spanning 5 countries. The Junior League of Hartford is one of the world's oldest chapters at 104 years old.

Our members are leaders inside and outside of the League. They come together, representing a range of life experiences, talents, skills, and – together – support our League, community organizations, and each other. Our members are women who are passionate about volunteering, looking to learn new skills and meet new people. As a training League, many women have learned how to serve on a non-profit board from the Junior League of Hartford and gone on to serve the community on boards of other organizations such as Interval House, My Sister's Place, and the Aurora Foundation; found their own non-profits; and expand their leadership roles in their careers.

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Funds raised from this event are used to fuel the League's mission and charitable projects for the next 3 years. Our primary focus in the community is addressing the impact of systemic poverty on women and families in Greater Hartford. Funds raised at the Show House are deployed in grants to nonprofits making a difference against systemic poverty such as Journey Home, Inc. and the Diaper Bank of Connecticut, as well as in our own service projects.

Our League also serves with many other notable community organizations such as My Sisters Place, Interval House, the Chrysalis Center, Gifts of Love, Loaves & Fishes, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford and many others in one-off community impact projects where we give both volunteer time and other resources. These community partnerships allow the League the opportunity to give our members leadership experiences while leveraging members' talent and skills to provide short-term support to other area nonprofits.

Every Show House, JLH spends many months searching for a notable home or estate in the Greater Hartford area, and selects designers to makeover the interior and grounds. After transformation, the public is invited to view the grand home that has been redesigned from the inside out. The Designer Show House is more than a home tour, it is an experience. Guests of the Show House are able to shop from vendors or purchase designer furnishings featured in the Designer Show House. A percentage of these sales go directly to the Junior League of Hartford.

Additionally, Designer Show House anchors a season of social events for the Junior League and members of the public, all showcasing the home and grounds, and prominently recognizing the Designer Show House sponsors. Guests have the unique experience of attending the opening celebration to view the house in its "Bare Bones" form, in addition to other social events throughout the duration of Show House.

Our 16th Designer Show House is dedicated to the memory of Mary Lynn Gorman. After participating in a Junior League Show House in Ohio, Mary Lynn brought the Show House to the Junior League of Hartford and co-chaired the first event in 1979. Mary Lynn passed away on December 19, 2023. She volunteered for decades with the Junior League and other local nonprofits in addition to her 30 year career in public relations with the Hartford Whalers & Wolf Pack and raising 4 sons. We are proud to continue her legacy in our 16th Show House, 46 years after her inaugural effort.

We look forward to welcoming the public to our 16th Designer Show House!

MEET THE HOMEOWNERS

Annie Pascucci was raised in West Hartford, and resides at 820 Prospect Avenue with her husband, two children, and basenji dog. The family relocated from Duluth, Minnesota back to Connecticut in 2021. While Annie loved her Lake Superior views, she had fond memories of the Hartford area due to the historical and unique architecture. They purchased the home at 820 Prospect sign unseen!

Annie has been known to say the house chose her and her family due to her love of historical architecture and dedication to maintaining the home's integrity and charm. She also saw the life she could have with her family in the grand home, as it captures the imagination and spurs creativity. Annie has long loved the arts, which is a core value she and her husband work to instill in their children. Annie has been allowed to flex her creative muscle and has regarded the home as her greatest art piece. She volunteered her home for the Junior League of Hartford Designer Show House due to a belief in the mission of the Junior League of Hartford and also, with the hope that the artists who participate will feel as inspired and rewarded as she has in the home.

Annie holds a doctorate in clinical psychology and started a private forensic consulting firm. She operates as a retained psychological expert, in various jurisdictions. She regards her husband as their family's stable base and he contributes to the community as an expert in forensic evaluation for the State of Connecticut. Thank you Annie & family for your generosity and welcoming us into your beautiful home!

HISTORY OF THE HOME

The George W. Ellis House 820 Prospect Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

820 Prospect Avenue was built in 1902 for Travelers executive George W. Ellis and his family by famed Hartford architect Edward T. Hapgood. It is a Tudor revival home with Craftsman touches. Lovely original details include the unusual double front gables, half-timber construction, leaded glass doors and windows, and heart-shaped carved balusters.

Hapgood designed many stately homes in the West End of Hartford in the late 19th century. He also designed the original Travelers Insurance Company buildings, the Connecticut Appellate Court Building at 75 Elm Street, and the State Library and Supreme Court Building (with Donn Barber).

This is the Junior League of Hartford's 3rd Designer Show House on Prospect Avenue. Prospect Avenue is the dividing line between Hartford and West Hartford. The Prospect Avenue Historic District covers 300 acres and approximately 240 historic homes. The homes were developed mainly by Hartford elites who relocated from downtown Hartford between 1895 and 1945, attracted by the views from Prospect Hill, the opening of the Hartford Golf Club in 1896, and the opening of Elizabeth Park in 1897. The 1993 Show House took place at 995 Prospect Avenue, West Hartford, a gated Georgian Colonial built in 1916 across the street from the Governor's residence. The notoriety of the home's late owner Ethel Donaghue led to a 45 minute wait to tour the house, rain or shine. The 1999 Show House took place at 1040 Prospect

Avenue on the Hartford side, a 22-room Georgian Revival style house built in 1911 and previously owned by G. Fox President Beatrice Fox Auerbach. The Junior League of Hartford is excited to return to Prospect Avenue in 2025.

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SHOW HOUSE SPECIAL EVENTS

March 8th, 2025 – Bare Bones:

Join the Junior League of Hartford at the 2025 Designer Show House for a pre-renovation party on March 8th from 4-7PM! Tour the historic home at 820 Prospect Avenue in Hartford before dozens of talented designers transform the space. Our theme is pre-renovation picnic – after mingling and touring the home, you can bring your own tailgate chair to ‘picnic’ with friends – indoor or outdoor, weather permitting. Consider bringing a bottle of wine to donate to the Show House cellar! Street parking is available on Prospect Avenue and surrounding side streets. Tickets to the Bare Bones picnic are \$30 and can be purchased at hartford.jl.org/events.

May 2nd, 2025 - Opening Night:

Save the date for an evening celebrating the amazing designers who transformed 820 Prospect Avenue with the Junior League of Hartford and *CTC&G (Connecticut Cottages and Gardens)*. More information and tickets coming soon to hartford.jl.org/ShowHouse

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Junior League of Hartford (JLH)?

The Junior League of Hartford, Inc. is a women's organization whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

The JLH is part of the Association of Junior Leagues International, a group of 196,000 members in 290 Junior Leagues in five countries (United States, Canada, Mexico, Kenya, and Great Britain). It was established by our founding member, Mary Harriman, in New York City in 1901.

The Junior League of Hartford, Inc. currently includes more than 300 members from the Greater Hartford area. Our members come from the greater Hartford area representing Avon, Hartford, Glastonbury, Middletown, Simsbury, Suffield, West Hartford, Windsor and many other towns. Our members are women who are passionate about volunteering, looking to learn new skills and meet new people.

What is the Show House?

Every three years the Junior League of Hartford takes over a unique home or estate in the Greater Hartford area, selects regional interior designers and landscapers to transform the home and grounds, and sells tickets to the public for viewing of the completed house.

How many Show Houses has the JLH presented?

Over the last 46 years, the League has held 16 Designer Show Houses and raised more than \$1.7 million.

How does the JLH use the dollars earned from Show House?

100% of funds raised from this event are used to fuel the League's mission and charitable projects for the next 3 years. Our primary focus in the community is addressing the impact of systemic poverty on women and families in Greater Hartford. Funds raised at the Show House are deployed in grants to nonprofits making a difference against systemic poverty such as Journey Home, Inc. and the Diaper Bank of Connecticut, as well as in our own service projects.

What is the current focus area for the JLH?

Right now, our primary focus is addressing the impact of systemic poverty on women and families in the Greater Hartford community. We hope to bring awareness to the need by connecting the community to existing resources and removing barriers to basic human needs by working closely with organizations in support of these goals. Our current grant recipients are Journey Home, Inc. and the Diaper Bank of Connecticut. We are also in our 4th decade of serving a monthly meal at Loaves & Fishes Ministries.

What other fundraising efforts does the JLH have?

In addition to Show House, JLH raises funds for community programs through Annual and Endowment Fund contributions, our Volunteer-A-Thon (26.2 consecutive hours of volunteering), and Harvest Classic Golf Outing.

TIMELINE OF SERVICE

Junior League members assess community needs and develop programs to meet those needs, often forming collaborations with other organizations to increase our impact and share resources. Our collaborations allow League members to work and learn from some of the most innovative and dynamic leaders who share our passion for community action. Below are some of our programs and collaborators through the decades.

A few of the programs the JLH has brought to the Greater Hartford community include:

- **1920's** – JLH volunteers founded Hartford's first Maternal Milk Station, providing access to milk for low-income families prior to the invention of refrigeration and baby formula.
- **1950's** – The JLH worked with the American School for the Deaf to establish a Film Captioning Bureau to add subtitles to motion pictures. The first operation of its kind, this project garnered international recognition and was so successful that it was adopted by the US Department of Education and expanded nationwide.
- **1970's** – After Civil Rights riots left Hartford's North End devastated, the JLH partnered with Dr. Evan Daniels to provide funds and volunteers to found **Community Health Services**.
- **1980's** – The JLH created GATE, a drug awareness campaign, Phone-A-Friend, a homework help and support line for children and teens, and developed **Friends of the Family**, a resource and referral center for teenage parents. This program was so successful that it was transitioned to its permanent home at **The Village for Families and Children**, and continues its work today.
- **1990's** – The JLH developed **Take 5**, a program that encouraged new parents to get timely immunizations for their babies, which was recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the White House.
- **2000's** – The JLH created **Family School Connection** to help reduce truancy and abuse. This program now operates at seven sites statewide. To help combat hunger, the JLH instituted the **Backpack Program** to provide weekend meals to families in need.
- **2010's** – the JLH collaborated with Chrysalis Center and FoodShare to create **Freshplace**, a fresh food pantry that is still in operation today, and Junior Achievement to develop a program called **Career Connections for Young Women**.
- **Today** – The JLH's current focus is addressing the impact of systemic poverty on women and families in the Greater Hartford community. We hope to bring awareness to the need by connecting the community to existing resources and removing barriers to basic human needs by working closely with organizations in support of these goals. Our current grant recipients are Journey Home, Inc. and the Diaper Bank of Connecticut.

ARTICLES ABOUT THE SHOW HOUSE:

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