

# 405 North Mayflower Road

## Lake Forest, Illinois

### Property Details and Features

Illinois' most architecturally significant estate on Lake Michigan, The Schwappe Estate, was restored to perfection in 1987 and 1988 by 70 craftsmen, including Italian artisans and Bavarian stonemasons. Fittingly for such a regal place, the estate, known as Mayflower Place, entertained royalty at least twice. Laura Shedd Schwappe hosted a crown prince and princess of Sweden, who danced on the eastern terrace and Edward, Duke of Windsor and Wallis Simpson.

The superior construction and level of intricate hand-carved architectural details and finishes rival the grand estates on the east coast. Built of superior materials, this concrete, steel and brick structure features intricate hand-carved limestone, monumental limestone stairs, limestone fountains and balustrades, Flemish bond masonry walls, slate and copper roofs, decorative copper scuppers, flashing, gutters and downspouts and leaded glass windows with limestone surrounds.

This magnificent English Renaissance estate was designed by Frederick Wainwright Perkins in 1917. The Schwappe estate was the gift of Mrs. Schwappe's father, Marshall Field & Company president John G. Shedd. It is beautifully situated on 5.3 lush, private acres overlooking Lake Michigan with approximately 400 feet of beachfront. The extensive exterior hardscape, professional landscaping, decorative monumental fountains, grand terraces with limestone balustrade, and open bluff's edge esplanade make this a place to behold. The west terrace and dramatic east bluff-edge terrace were designed by the eminent Boston firm of Pray, Hubbard & Company.

The interior features of this majestic estate include: hand-carved wood millwork and mouldings, hand-carved limestone surrounds and walls, 11 fireplaces with exquisite hand-carved marble and limestone mantles, plaster walls and intricate plaster relief ceilings. The spectacular library with hand carved "linen fold" panels and handsome carved bookcases with exquisite coat of arms detailing is one example of the exceptional craftsmanship embodying this estate. Enjoy the warmth and elegance of the grand sun-filled rooms with amazing views of the beautiful grounds and Lake Michigan.

#### **ROOM COUNT**

30 rooms, 12 bedrooms, 12 full bathrooms, 4 Half-Baths.

#### **DETAILS AND FEATURES**

Magnificent English Renaissance estate with front forecourt, magnificent grounds, and lakefront views/beach

Handsome wrought iron exterior lanterns

Elaborately scrolled ornate iron entrance gate

Ebony and white marble floors in entry hall and garden room, arched limestone entry off gallery

4" quarter sawn plank oak hardwood floors throughout

Custom millwork, mouldings and cabinetry throughout

Leaded glass casement windows and French doors - excellent condition

Brick and limestone exterior walls with slate roof

Copper half round gutters, downspouts, flashing and decorative scuppers

Security system and exterior security lighting, satellite and cable, central Vacuum System

Ceiling Height: 12'-0" on first floor, 9'-0" on second floor

#### **FIRST FLOOR**

##### **Entrance Vestibule**

Intricately hand carved arch topped walnut door with limestone surround with custom cast bronze decorative hinges

Decorative clay tile entry bordered by limestone perimeter with floor drain

Barrel vault ceiling with decorative plaster finish

Flemish bond masonry wainscoting with limestone cap

Antique bronze lantern with amber panels

## Gallery

Groined vault ceiling flanked by barrel vault ceilings with decorative plaster finish  
Ebony & white marble 12"x12" tile in checkerboard pattern surrounded by 3" border  
Limestone 12"x 24" tile wall with decorative limestone cap  
Access to elevator, his and her powder rooms, coat closet, library, foyer and service hall

## His/Her Powder Room/Hallway/Sitting Room

### **His**

Travertine floor, Wood paneled walls  
Marble top vanity with ornate wooden chest and decorative faucetry  
Sherle Wagner Scroll & Flourish carved marble water closet casing with gold plated hardware & shell cover, painted gold

### **Hers**

Travertine floor, Limestone walls  
Marble top vanity with ornate wooden chest and decorative Sherle Wagner faucetry  
Sherle Wagner Scroll & Flourish carved marble water closet casing with gold plated hardware & shell cover, painted gold

## Reception Hall

Overlooks rear stone terrace and lawn, and side courtyard/fountain  
Provides access to main entry hall, main staircase, living room and dining room

**Floors:** 6" quartersawn oak planks

**Walls:** Stained paneled wood- inset panels with ogee profile- 5 panels high

Intricate crown moulding assembly with cove and tulip top, Impressive wood base moulding

Hand-carved limestone surround at pocket door to living room

Hand-carved limestone arched opening to staircase: smooth rope and bead edge with egg & dart moulding

**Ceiling:** 12"-6" high

Intricately detailed painted plaster ceiling: large ellipse, square and scroll patterns with projecting rosettes/leaves, highly detailed leaf, flower and bird mouldings

**Fireplace:** large firebox 64"Wx53"H

Cream colored speckled firebrick-herringbone pattern at sides and staggered/stacked pattern at back  
highly decorative, antique brass andirons with low brass punched screening with rosettes, and tall shiny brass edge screen

**Surround:** smooth limestone gothic arch with leaf carvings, panels with rosettes and armor,  
large pilasters flank the firebox with scroll brackets over mantel

**Hearth:** limestone

**Windows/Doors:** leaded glass, arched top French doors in center with 2 sets of individual casement French doors on either side, 8'-11" high door with decorative scroll and leaf wrought iron storm doors, arched limestone surround, limestone jamb, casing and detailed plinth

**Interior pocket door to Living Room:** wood dentiled moulding, deep jamb-stacked limestone jamb with inset panel at sides and head, large limestone cove moulding with rosettes and limestone reed pattern above

**Bay windows overlooking side courtyard:** leaded glass, metal casement windows with arch tops, 2 rows of arch top transoms above – fully functioning windows with brass scroll hardware, Limestone surround with reeded pilasters at ends

**West wall:** highly detailed wood carvings and mouldings

**Hidden bar:** roll-up screen walls to access secret bar

Step up to hidden bar floor (2" oak wood planks) mirror walls with glass shelves, wood countertop, dutch door - swings in  
Scotsman ice maker, Scotsman compact refrigerator, Sliding mirror doors at base shelves, Brass Elkay sink with Kohler brass faucet, wine glass rack at ceiling, Recessed downlights

**Bay overlooking west courtyard:** built-in shelving

**Chandelier:** antique crystal and brass, leaf mouldings, 8 candlesticks, crystal tear drips and center crystal ball, crystal leaves, small antique brass rosette at ceiling mount

**2 wall sconces:** antique brass scroll and leaf, 6 candlesticks, crystal tear drops and pyramids, decorative backplate

**2 antique wall sconces from the Ritz Carlton:** antique brass sconces with 3 candlesticks each, crystal tear drops, decorative backplate

## Living Room

Overlooks East Terrace and West Courtyard/fountain

Access to Reception Room and Garden Room

**Floors:** 6" quarter sawn oak floor, excellent condition

**walls:** stained wood panels with raised panel, chair rail, and detailed base, Intricate cove moulding with leaf carvings  
Painted casing to reception room- detailed leaf carving w/ scrolls at top and detailed fruit/nut swag w/ angel face & wings

**Bay windows:** wood angel face & wings carving w/ bows & fruit/flower bouquets-at either end large panel above fireplace

**Ceiling:** 12"-6" high with very detailed plaster work, cove on wall- bead, rosettes, large rope moulding and tulip moulding (creates panels) within panels- leaves, flowers, angel faces and wings, swans, rooster, male figure, female figure with deer body, another large rope with rosettes, in middle section of ceiling: swans or geese with male figure on bird above fireplace and at opposite wall- circle moulding with dancing figure

**Fireplace:** large firebox grey/speckled firebrick, Herringbone pattern at sides and stacked/staggered at back

**hearth:** cream marble with gold and black veining

**surround:** light green marble trim with rosettes, eaves and reeding, flat cream marble (matches hearth) with full height, scrolls (highly detailed with leaves, flowers and fruit) up to moulding (ogee-cove) above moulding- marble carved rosettes with leaves on sides and female face with swags of fruits/flowers, dentiled marble mantel with mouldings- top has beaded edge with carved leaves

**3 bay windows:** triple stacked windows, leaded glass with bronze hardware, operable casements and fixed windows, top row have arched tops, limestone surround, doors on side wall to terrace with arched top transoms (at rear bays only) detailed scroll and leaf storm door, decorative wood radiator cover, detailed mouldings at ceiling- rope and rosettes

**8 wall sconces:** antique brass, aged, scroll arms, tall detailed backplate, 9 candlesticks, crystal teardrops and leaves

## Dining Room

Overlooks east terrace

Access to Kitchen and Reception Room through paneled double acting door

**floor:** 6" quarter sawn oak floors

**walls:** bottom: faux painted wood to look like cream colored marble with grey veining  
4 1/2" high chair rail (marble) with inset panels  
7 1/2" high base moulding

top: faux painted wood panels (cream colored) to look like wood graining  
raised moulding (faux painted and gold painted)  
beveled mirrors, cove moulding with half-ellipses and beads (painted gold)

**ceiling:** 12'-5" high, decorative ceiling trim/smooth rope with large leaf/stalk at four corners, large, highly detailed rosette at chandelier (roses, leaves...)

**fireplace:** large firebox 56"W x 50"H, grey/speckled firebrick- herringbone pattern on sides, stacked pattern at back

**surround:** cream marble with grey and gold veining, smooth rope/bead trim with leaf pattern trim

panels on sides and top- top has diamond shape in center panel, plinth marble base, large marble, very detailed scroll brackets for mantel

**mantel:** marble to match surround, 12 1/2" deep marble scroll and leaf carved pattern

**windows:** 2 sets of triple high 4 across leaded-glass with hand carved limestone surround/sill

top windows are arched, middle four windows operable brass/bronze cremone bolts, limestone panels below windows

**chandelier:** large brass 15 candlestick chandelier with crystal teardrops and rosettes and fluted glass top with etching

**6 wall sconces:** large brass scroll and leaf back plate, brass leaf arms with 8 candlesticks, crystal teardrops

**interior doors:** hidden door to kitchen with small "see thru" window

**glass french doors:** to Morning Room (faux painted marble to match upper walls) deep wood casings (gold and faux painted) decorative swag/wreath/bow moulding above casing

**large french doors:** to Reception Hall - faux painted (wood graining) with raised moulding and beveled mirror large deep wood casing (similar to door above)

**west wall:** arched in plan, hidden locked silver safe in wall- inside carpet floor, wallpaper on walls, shelves

### Morning Room

Overlooks Lake Michigan, East Terrace and lawn

Access to Kitchen and Dining Room

**Floor:** Cream colored marble with green marble square pattern and black decorative design geometric/square pattern

**Walls:** Cream colored marble (gold veining), large horizontal tiles 19" high decorative cut-outs below windows at radiators

**Windows (7):** 2'-6" sill height - 8'-11" high window (above sill)

leaded glass casements with arched top transom and bronze cremone bolts

decorative metal trim piece between window and transom

green marble casings and jambs

**French door (1):** 8'-5" high

leaded glass with arched transom

bronze cremone bolts and hardware, floor bolts

decorative storm door: black cast iron french doors with scroll leaf work

**Ceiling:** Ceiling height: 12'-6"

Octagonal & square pattern plaster with rosettes in center of octagon

ceiling trimwork has hand-carved flowers, leaves and scrolls

Marble faux finish painting

Wood/Plaster crown moulding with cove

Interior French doors to dining room & morning room: 2 Pairs - wood doors, true divided lites, faux painted marble

Original decorative hand wrought brass/bronze door hardware

Limestone cased openings at all windows

### Kitchen

Varied width and color slate tile floors – recently sealed

Blue pearl granite counters, island and backsplash

White oak cabinets with rich dark stain

Six pairs of wall cabinets with leaded glass with amber, rust & white decorative glass cabinet doors

Decorative antique brass hinges

Under cabinet warming lamps are integrated into under cabinet detail

Two cabinets devoted to multiple lined felt drawers for silver storage, which have locks

Wolf 6 burner gas range/griddle/double oven

Wells double grill range, Wells deep fat fryer, Thermador double oven/micro-convection

Amana four-burner electric cook top, Thermador 2 warming drawers with paneled front

Sub Zero refrigerator with wood paneled front, Sub Zero freezer with wood paneled front

Chrysler & Koppin Co. walk-in refrigerator, Sub Zero Ice maker with paneled front

Kitchen Aid trash compactor with paneled front

Two GE dishwashers with wood paneled front, one with stainless steel interior

Blickman Mini-Brew coffee maker, Bunn O Matic large coffee maker, Ronson Food Matic prep center

Modern Maid wall 4-toaster – built-in, Thermador electric can opener – built-in

Three Stainless steel double-bowled sinks, Two Kitchen Aid disposals and one Kenmore disposal

One Instant Hot water dispenser

### Library

Located off of the Entrance Hall and Main Gallery

5" quarter sawn plank oak hardwood floors

Dramatic 12'-5" ceilings with arch top windows set in limestone surrounds

Ornate, intricately hand-carved panels, cabinets and bookcases with linenfold pattern panels

Handsome limestone fireplace, mantel and surround

Coat of arms detailing above built-in bookcases

### **Garden Room**

Honed black & white marble tiled floor  
Plaster cast ornate molded ceiling and intricately carved upper 1/3 of plaster cast walls  
Arched windows over limestone window seats  
Decorative limestone fireplace mantle with brick firebox

### **SECOND FLOOR**

#### **Staircase/ Gallery**

Hardwood treads with walnut finish, paneled stringers, handsome carved wood railings and ballusters  
Cast bronze lantern chandelier

#### **Master Bedroom**

Hardwood floors, 2" wide, refinished  
2 decorative bronze and porcelain wall sconces with painted turquoise details, 2 candlestick lights  
Many windows providing abundant natural light  
Overlooks the east terrace, west terrace with fountain and also includes views to the south  
Dressing room includes 4 closets, 2 additional closets adjoin the sitting room, closet doors include intricate detail  
Intricately carved wood door casing with ionic capitals and fluted columns  
Custom hand carved French Carrera marble fireplace mantle and surround

#### **Master Bath**

Sherle Wagner Shell Counter marble pedestal sink with gold plated faucetry  
Sherle Wagner Scroll & Flourish carved marble water closet casing with gold plated hardware  
Sherle Wagner Scroll & Flourish carved marble bidet casing with gold plated hardware  
Sherle Wagner Imperial Swan tower bar and bath accessories – glass and gold plated  
Crystal chandelier above large Jacuzzi tub with ornate Sherle Wagner gold plated faucetry – Swan design  
Two Marble baths, Whirlpool tub, Sauna, Steam shower  
Marble Flooring, 3x4 marble slabs, 18x18 Marble walls  
Access to balcony that overlooks the east terrace and Lake Michigan and connects to the Sitting Room

#### **Master Sitting Room & Bath**

Pickled oak mantle with a marble surround fireplace  
2 walk-in closets of which one is cedar  
Sherle Wagner Shell Counter marble pedestal sink with gold plated faucetry  
Sherle Wagner Scroll & Flourish carved marble water closet casing with gold plated hardware  
Kohler Tub/Shower with gold plated faucetry

#### **2nd Bedroom**

Hardwood floors, 2" wide, refinished  
Fireplace with decorative wood mantle and marble hearth  
2 decorative sconces with glass shades  
Walk-in closet with pocket door  
Large sun-filled room with Lake views

#### **2ND Bedroom Bath**

Sherle Wagner Classic China Pedestal sink, scalloped with ornate trim and gold plated faucetry  
Polished brass bath accessories  
Kohler tub with gold-plated faucetry  
Kohler water closet with gold-plated hardware  
Travertine marble flooring and walls  
Decorative brass wall sconces and lights

### **3rd Bedroom**

2" wide refinished hardwood floors  
Access to upper east terrace with Lake views  
Walk-in closet with built-in shelving and hang rods

### **3rd Bedroom Bath**

Sherle Wagner Classic China Pedestal sink, scalloped with ornate trim and gold plated faucetry  
Polished brass bath accessories  
Kohler tub with gold-plated faucetry  
Kohler water closet with gold-plated hardware  
Travertine marble flooring and walls  
Decorative brass wall sconces and lights

### **4th Bedroom**

Hardwood floors  
Walk-in closet with built-ins  
Overlooks west terrace and fountain

### **4th Bedroom Bath**

Sherle Wagner Classic China Pedestal sink, scalloped with ornate trim and gold plated faucetry  
Polished brass bath accessories  
Kohler tub with gold-plated faucetry  
Kohler water closet with gold-plated hardware  
White marble flooring and walls  
Decorative brass wall sconces and lights

### **5th Bedroom**

Hardwood floors  
Fireplace with wood mantle  
2 sconces  
Bay window with lovely stone window seat  
Overlook west terrace and fountain  
2 closets: 1 in bedroom, 1 in bathroom  
Ensuite bath plus Jack & Jill bath with 4th bedroom

### **5th Bedroom Bath**

Sherle Wagner Classic China Pedestal sink, scalloped with ornate trim and gold plated faucetry  
Polished brass bath accessories  
Kohler tub with gold-plated faucetry  
Kohler water closet with gold-plated hardware  
Travertine marble flooring and walls  
Decorative brass wall sconces and lights

### **6th Bedroom**

2" refinished hardwood floors  
Fireplace with two-tone intricately carved marble mantle, jade and white statuary marble, details of cherubs and lions  
2 decorative bronze and porcelain wall sconces with painted turquoise details, 2 candlestick lights  
Overlooks west terrace and fountain, bay window sitting area, many windows provide abundant natural light  
Dressing room includes 4 closets, 1 additional closet in the bedroom, closet doors are similar in design to the master suite  
Intricately carved wood door casing with ionic capitals and fluted columns  
Used as guest bedroom – this is the room where foreign dignitaries once stayed

### **6<sup>th</sup> Bedroom Bath**

Sherle Wagner Classic China Pedestal sink, scalloped with ornate trim and gold plated faucetry  
Polished brass bath accessories  
Kohler tub with gold-plated faucetry  
Kohler water closet with gold-plated hardware  
Statuary marble flooring and walls  
Decorative brass wall sconces and lights

### **Linen Room/Laundry Room**

Located above the kitchen with access to the main and back staircase  
Original restored custom cabinetry with stained glass paneled door fronts, pull-out shelves for folding and closets  
Large room with abundant natural light  
Overlooks the main entrance and fountain  
Washer and Dryer hook-ups  
Built-in cabinetry with sink, base and wall cabinets and area for microwave oven  
Dumb waiter services this space  
Surface mounted fluorescent lighting  
Built-in ironing board, several closets with hang rods and shelving

### **7<sup>th</sup> Bedroom/Office**

2" refinished hardwood floors  
Located adjacent to the exercise room  
Closet with paneled doors, built-in shelf and hang rod  
Overlooks main entrance and fountain  
Bathroom next to bedroom  
Brass ceiling mounted light fixture, 3 lights per fixture with etched glass globes

### **Exercise Room**

Located above the kitchen with access to the back staircase  
Large room with abundant natural light  
This area was previously 4 staff bedrooms, the dividing walls were removed to allow for a large room  
Overlooks the main entrance and fountain and includes northern and eastern views  
Mirrored walls with wood trim  
Adjacent to bathroom, bedroom and linen room  
5 ceiling mounted brass light fixtures, 3 lights per fixture with etched glass globes  
Dumb waiter services this space

## **THIRD FLOOR**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Bedroom**

Hardwood floors, 2" wide, refinished  
Walk-in closet with pocket door  
Large room with Lake views  
Pendant mounted ceiling fixture

### **8<sup>th</sup> Bedroom Bath**

Sherle Wagner Classic China Pedestal sink, scalloped with ornate trim and gold plated faucetry  
Polished brass bath accessories  
Kohler tub with gold-plated faucetry  
Kohler water closet with gold-plated hardware  
Travertine marble flooring and walls  
Decorative brass wall sconces and lights

### **Grand Ballroom with elevator access**

Large room with high ceilings and access to 2 balconies with views to the north and west

Two large coat closets with built-in shelving, brass hang rods and jamb lighting controls adjacent to the room

Hand textured wall finish

Hardwood floors, 3" wide, refinished

### **Powder Room**

Sherle Wagner Classic China Pedestal sink, scalloped with ornate trim and gold plated faucetry

Polished brass bath accessories

Kohler tub with gold-plated faucetry

Kohler water closet with gold-plated hardware

Travertine marble flooring and walls

Decorative brass wall sconces and lights

### **4 Additional Bedrooms with 3 Additional Bathrooms**

Hardwood floors, 2" wide, refinished

2 Bathrooms are roughed-in and need to be completed

2 Bedrooms have balconies that overlook the Lake

1 Bedroom is part of a Staff Apartment that includes a Kitchen, Breakfast area, Living Room and full bathroom