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Exceptional Early Eclectic

39 Dunning Avenue, Village of Webster

Every now and again among the countless great historic homes in our area, a truly special opportunity becomes available. Nestled on a side street in the Village of Webster among many stately turn of the last century edifices, the George G. Mason House at 39 Dunning Avenue stands out. Mr. Mason was an entrepreneur, former postmaster, co-founder of the village's first bank, and general man about town. In 1909 his former home was moved to make way for the grand brick and wood shingled, tile-roofed Queen Anne and Colonial Revival style home now there.

A grand full width front porch greets you from the street and leads to the equally grand entry. A tiled vestibule with quarter-sawn oak paneling leads to the show-stopping foyer. A waterfall staircase of quarter-sawn oak paneling, gleaming Art Nouveau stained glass, carved column capitals, and intricate inlaid wood floors set the tone for the first floor.

Through a broad wood colonnade, the large living room spans the front of the house with a substantial brick fireplace, oversized windows, and more inlaid floors. One of the many quarter-sawn two-panel oak doors reveals a cozy office to the side of the foyer with its own fireplace and floor inlay design. The grand dining room is fit for entertaining with its original carved glass chandelier, plate rail and Anaglypta paneled walls, stained glass windows and direct access to the butler's pantry with first floor laundry.

Passing beneath a leaded glass transom, the pantry opens to the spacious and well-

designed kitchen. The kitchen fools the eye with replica cabinetry and appliances that are up to modern standards. A rear porch off the kitchen was enlarged and converted to a Craftsman style family room with a 180 degree view of the backyard. A service hall with access to the tall, dry and expansive basement, maid's stair, and powder room completes the loop back to the waterfall stair.

Proceeding past the elaborate stained glass window that lights the landing, the stair leads to the second floor which hosts four large, well-lit bedrooms and two large, original bathrooms. The bathrooms are complete with tile floors and walls, built-in shower and tubs, built-in linen closets, and original toilets all in perfect working order. A former sleeping porch has been converted to a generous office.

The attic contains the original maid's quarters and additional storage areas. The original carriage house has room for four cars. From the floors, to the refinished woodwork, to the windows, the current owners have meticulously restored this 3,838 square foot village gem. Contact RE/MAX agent Linda Cullen at 585-503-6460 or visit the open house on January 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., and make this National Registered historic home yours for \$239,900.

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