

## Tour Stop #1 – 1151 Narcisse Lane



A hidden gem . . . that is how the Dan & Staci Holmes family describe their home at 1151 Narcisse Lane. When they first heard that it might be on the market in 2005 they weren't sure of their interest level due to the fact that they couldn't even see it from the road. You will notice that the house is cleverly hidden from the road view by a natural thicket of trees. The winding driveway allows the visitor to then experience what unfolds as a beautifully landscaped front yard with what appears to be a modestly sized one story ranch home at the top of a hill.

Your next surprise comes when you open the front door to the home and discover the unexpected. You realize as you look through the huge living room windows that the home is actually perched upon a hilltop and that you are looking into the tree tops. As you walk around the "main" floor you will see the uniquely painted yet sophisticated children's rooms, a well appointed remodeled bathroom, an open floor plan dining and living room, master suite and a completely remodeled kitchen done in a modern but timeless style.

As you walk down the stairs from the main floor visitors are often taken a back by what lies below. You first enter a large second living room complete with a second fireplace. The room is perfect for all seasons, offering a cool space in Summer because of its

mostly underground placement and coziness in the dead of Winter as the glow of the fireplace washes over the room. But the most impressive feature is one that you would never guess that it is cut into a hillside as the large windows and a walkout patio offers loads of natural light. It is also very common to view visitors from nature itself, such as deer and geese walking mere feet from the house. Also on the lower level you will find a 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom (converted to an office) and a third bathroom. Finally it seems that everybody's favorite part of the lower level is the room all kids dream of...a space where they can play all day and still have room for all of their treasures from video games to dolls.

The house, or rather the property, has one more secret to reveal and that is what's behind the house. The home is located on a spring fed 11 acre lake, which offers spectacular views all year round. In fact, the Holmes can't decide which time of year is their favorite in the backyard. Summer with the sun glistening off the water and the long evenings spent on the deck or in the strategically placed hammock are wonderful; however, there may be nothing more beautiful than the view of the frozen lake in the morning after a heavy snow fall.

This is the second home the Holmes's have had on the Charlotte Home Tour and they are thrilled to share it with you. Completely different than their last home they hope you enjoy their "hidden gem" as much as their family does.

