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**Old World
Tuscan Elegance**

Schroeder Homes

creates a Woodside Manor
at Ember Oaks



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Woodside Manor is the current model home in the Schroeder homes neighborhood of Ember Oaks in Okemos. Like many other homes in Ember Oaks, it sits on a large lot that backs up to a wide wooded common area, giving the home a very private feel. The exterior of the home has an old world Tuscan elegance with its beautiful combination of brick and stone. The light contrasting stone is called "Southern LedgeStone," and it is accented with limestone trim. The roof has steep pitches with several hips, gables and seven seamed copper roof sections. The oversized three-car garage is angled toward the rear of the property for street appeal and privacy.



When you enter the grand, two-story foyer, you will immediately sense the old-world elegance in the very open floor plan. The dramatic expanse of golden-amber tile floor continues from the foyer into the open dining room and halls leading to the master suite and den, while flowing to the kitchen and rear entrance. Take the hall to the right and enter the wing that includes the master suite and den. You enter the den from double French doors with transom that share light from the large bay window overlooking the front yard to the interior spaces. Also in this room, you will find 10-foot ceilings, gorgeous faux painted walls in chocolate with metallic glaze, as well as built-in bookcases. The effect is both masculine and warm.

Double doors lead to the master suite, where you will first notice the angled tray ceiling and beautiful bay window view of the rear yard that backs up to Cabaret Commons, a forest of old hardwood trees. Here, you'll also find a massive walk-in closet and an inviting master bath with a platform whirlpool tub under a large window. Custom cabinets and granite counters show off two beautifully framed mirrors over each sink. The floor and shower walls are clad in ceramic tile with metallic-glazed accents.

Return to the foyer and pause to appreciate the fantastic wide stairway with hand-rubbed iron balusters that lead up to a hand-painted mural on the curved wall of the landing.

Before going up, however, notice the grand open space that makes up the dining and great room. Three detailed, box-shaped columns provide visual dividers to the space, with one marking the outer corner of the dining room and the other two flanking the great room.

A multi-level tray ceiling also sets apart the generous dining space with buffet and tall transom windows. Now let's step into the great room, where you'll be amazed at the 19-foot tall ceilings and crown moldings. A Triple-stacked arched window looks out to the back yard and a breathtaking view of Cabaret Commons.

The well-planned space of the rear entry leads into the house from the garage. It includes a large, lighted coat closet and storage bench with coat hooks above. This wall also features a hand-painted mural with the same artist and theme as the one featured in the upstairs landing.

The adjacent laundry room boasts plentiful counter and cabinet space with a laundry sink and fold-away ironing board. The guest bath opposite the laundry room is nicely appointed with custom cabinets matching those in the kitchen, and set off by a custom-framed mirror.



This kitchen offers a designer's dream of custom cabinets, commercial grade appliances and a walk-in pantry. Two cabinet styles add beauty and contrast. Some are black-glazed stained wood and the others are maple with a hand painted oyster color, glazed with amaretto for a warm amber charm. Tumbled marble tile with glass accents make up the back splash over the granite countertops. The beautiful stained wood floor of wide-planked maple is both rustic and elegant.

There are two islands. One free standing with a butcher block top. The second houses the sink and the dishwasher that has been raised for convenient loading and unloading, along with a large snack bar that seats eight. The kitchen also boasts exceptional lighting: under cabinet, indirect above cabinet, interior cabinet and multiple recess lights throughout the ceiling. Did I mention that the stainless sink has a faucet with hands-free water activation?

In the wonderful breakfast nook, three french doors with transoms open to a large deck. The light pours in, and the 10-foot ceilings offer a great sense of space.

The hearth room features a 12-foot ceiling with beautiful beam and bracket details as well as a built-in entertainment center. Arched walls of southern ledge-stone provide a dramatic separation to the kitchen and surround the corner fireplace.



On the second floor, a bridge looks down into the foyer and great room. It leads into three bedrooms, each with its own bath, walk-in closet and custom-built storage systems. Each bath has decorative accents in the ceramic tile and solid surface counters with integral sinks.

The finished lower level takes full advantage of the rear sloping lot with a generous use of glass and finished ceiling heights of almost 10 feet.

From the lower-level foyer, you can enter the large open recreation room, or turn and enter a private area with a guest suite and bath, as well as a spacious exercise room with a mirrored wall. The recreation room and guest room offer a view of Cabaret Commons.

Three sets of French doors, mirroring the bay-shaped space in the breakfast nook above, lead out to a covered stamped concrete patio. The recreation room also features a wet bar of stained alder wood, lighted wall cabinets with seeded glass doors, granite countertops and a raised snack bar. From there you can





easily saunter over to the fully-equipped billiard area, or find a seat by the gas fireplace.

Through the recreation room you walk under the marquee and enter the home theater. You should find the leather stadium seating and theater lighting to your satisfaction. In fact, it should provide the ultimate in private theater experience.

The home is also equipped to handle today's technology and includes a sound system with speakers and controllers conveniently located throughout the house.

The landscaping around the house is incredible, with timber and stone retaining walls and plantings carefully chosen for their changing colors

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Keith Schroeder developed a dedication to hard work at a young age, working on the farm and then in the family carpentry business. It is this dedication that fostered the foundation upon which Schroeder Homes was built.

Building new homes in the Greater Lansing area since 1951, Keith was joined by his son Duff in 1975, and together they have designed and built a legacy of fine home with an unrelenting commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. Throughout the years the company has moved steadily forward, focusing on satisfying its customers ever changing needs.

"First we listen then we build" said Duff Schroeder. "Our goal is to make our customers happy, providing them with great service, high quality and amazing attention to detail, all while keeping the customers' needs in mind and staying within their budget. We take great pride in that and have built a solid reputation and successful business around that."

Keith Schroeder added, "Having our name associated with quality, experience and value – that's very important to me."

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