



See 'before' at Decorator's Show House this weekend

Work is under way at The Junior League of Buffalo's 2009 Decorators' Show House, 697 LeBrun Rd. in Eggertsville. The house was designed and built by E.B. Green in 1929 for Buffalo civic leader David Wallace. It is the first to be located outside the City of Buffalo.

The three-story mansion will be completely transformed by the Junior League of Buffalo and local designers, contractors and suppliers.

Several of the participating contractors have begun the prep work that will lead the way to the complete restoration and redecorating of the 8,000-square-foot space.

One of the many notable features of the home is the beautiful hardwood flooring — some with decorative inlay — that span many of the rooms and on all three levels.

Among those transforming the house is Mike Carroll, owner of M. P. Carroll Hardwood Flooring located in Cheektowaga. Carroll has been contracted to sand and refinish all of the existing hardwood flooring, the main staircase and install new hardwood flooring in

designated areas.

"We've begun removing the old carpet in preparation for our refinishing project. The carpet has been down for a very long time and has actually provided protection for the floors. They're in great shape. I expect them to look like new again. That's the good thing about wood, we can always make it come back to life," Carroll said.

Other interesting features of the house include colorful mosaic tiled floors and walls, unique marble fireplace mantels and painted designs on tiled walls in the bathrooms.

A sneak peek preview of the house before the redecorating begins is open to the public to from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.