

MODERN MODE

A SLEEK MIDCENTURY MODERN HOME SEEKS A LOVING, DEVOTED BUYER.

PRICE
\$595,000

ADDRESS
10 WESTWOOD
COUNTRY CLUB
GROUNDS,
ST. LOUIS COUNTY

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Within the gated grounds of Westwood Country Club lies a truly original St. Louis home, built under the close supervision of Modernist architect Isadore Shank for Dr. Jerome Flance and his wife, Rosemary, in 1959. "Every single detail of the house was architecturally scrutinized," notes realtor Marcia Harris—and that aesthetic remains intact today, preserved by a unique turn of events.

"They lived here until Jerry decided he wanted to be closer to his medical practice, and they sold the house and moved into the Central West End in 1978," Ms. Harris recounts. The Flances almost immediately felt the absence of their home, missing the great room's Piet Mondrian-inspired windows (plotted out by Mrs. Flance herself), 18-foot beamed ceiling, and wood-burning fireplace; the cozy library off the foyer; and the leafy, private brick courtyard.

"Fortunately, the next year, the people who bought it were transferred, and [the Flances] bought the house again," says Ms. Harris. Because the home remained in the hands of its initial owners—who lived there until 2009—the majority of Mr. Shank's flourishes are still in place. Mr. Shank's vision shines

through in the stylish utilitarianism of even the smallest details, from parquet and glazed-brick flooring to the steel St. Charles eat-in kitchen and tucked-away, temperature-controlled basement wine cellar and darkroom. This home, like many of the architect's designs, appears low-slung from the curb, but in fact features high ceilings throughout, with a smoothly flowing floor plan.

The four-bedroom, three-bath home's solid wood, brick, metal, and concrete construction gives it an earthy, elemental feel. Windows throughout provide panoramic views of gardens, flowering shrubs, and a variety of deciduous trees, sited across the property's 1.19 acres (with a convenient in-ground sprinkler system to boot)—and doors in the master bedroom and great room offer quick physical access to the courtyard.

In 2007, the house was recognized by the St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission as an "outstanding example worthy of preservation" of midcentury Modern architecture. We concur—and hope the home finds a buyer who will appreciate and preserve its distinctive style. —MARGARET BAUER



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ESTATE SALE

NOTABLE RECENT HOME SALES IN ST. LOUIS

HOUSEHOLD: Robert Camenzind, president of Secure Asset Services, and his wife, Kimberly

HOUSE: 2624 Bopp, Town & Country:

4-bedroom, 6-bath, 4,130 square feet

BOUGHT: September 2006 for \$1.53 million

SOLD: May 2010 for \$1.42 million to Wendy Henry, managing partner of BKD, and her husband, David

HOUSEHOLD: Surendra and Karen Gupta, founders of American Radiolabeled Chemicals

HOUSE: 22 Muirfield Ln., Town & Country:

5-bedroom, 5-bath, 4,011 square feet

SOLD: May 2010 for \$1.125 million to

Christopher Novak LLC

HOUSEHOLD: Shelley Espelien, director of development for St. John's Mercy Foundation, and her husband, Keith, vice president of corporate development and technology at Mississippi Lime Company

HOUSE: 1503 Carman, St. Louis County:

5-bedroom, 6-bath, 4,344 square feet

BOUGHT: April 2010 for \$755,000 from

Albert and Beth Fillenwarth

HOUSEHOLD: Richard Gelber, senior vice president and general manager of Carlos by Carlos Santana at Brown Shoe Company, and his wife, Cindy

HOUSE: 16842 Eagle Bluff, Chesterfield:

4-bedroom, 4.5-bath, 5,309 square feet

BOUGHT: August 2008 for \$925,000

SOLD: April 2010 for \$975,000 to Carleton and Nathalie Reynolds

HOUSEHOLD: Lee Fetter, president of St. Louis Children's Hospital and senior executive officer of BJC HealthCare, and his wife, Barbara

HOUSE: 57 Joy, Webster Groves:

4-bedroom, 1.5-bath, 2,927 square feet

SOLD: April 2010 for \$750,000 to Jeffrey and Sarah Lewis

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