



Hollins Alumna's Home, Formerly a Church, Featured on HGTV

Roanoke, Va. – Mt. Paran, a one-time church in Greene County, Virginia, and now the home of Susan Downie Wheeler BA '84, MALS '91, and her family, will be featured on Home and Garden Television's (HGTV's) "What You Get for the Money," airing Sunday, March 25 at 11:30 p.m. and Monday, March 26 at 3:30 a.m.

The program compares what kind of house can be purchased at various price points in locations across the country. Homes from Arizona, Vermont, Rhode Island, Minnesota and North Carolina will be showcased in this episode along with Mt. Paran.

The former United Methodist Church was renovated in 1991 by Charlottesville architect Bruce Wardell as a family residence; Wheeler and her husband, Josh, purchased the property in 1999. The building provided a unique opportunity to design facilities in spaces that would not normally be created. The church home is primarily a 32-foot wide, 40-foot long, and 16-foot high single space with a tin roof. Within the historic structure, a modern pavilion was designed housing a kitchen and studio.

Mt. Paran was originally built in 1854. A wing was added in 1950 and today serves as the home's sleeping quarters.

Information about HGTV and "What You Get for the Money" can be found at www.hgtv.com. To find out more about Mt. Paran, go to www.brw-architects.com.

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