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SPOTLIGHT HOME

## Home showcases African-American art

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Brenda Hubbard's home is more than a century old, but doesn't show its age, with a bathroom remodel finished this year and colorful walls filled with African-American art.

The bathroom redo removed an old porcelain tub and cracked floor, and redesigned the space to accommodate both a clawfoot

tub and larger shower, and a marble double vanity in a niche. For the lighting, she selected a crystal chandelier.

"The bathroom was totally gutted to the ground," she said. "Everything is new."

Hubbard's 1915 Craftsman bungalow, which her research shows originally arrived via train as a kit, will be featured on the Historic West End Tour of Homes on June 23.



### SNAPSHOT

**Residents:** Brenda Hubbard, who is retired

**Location:** Atlanta's West End neighborhood

**Size:** 3,005 square feet, four bedrooms, two full baths and two half-baths

**Year built/bought:** 1915/1979

**Architectural style:** Craftsman bungalow

**Favorite architectural elements:** The lattice windows. "They make the house really stand out," Brenda said.

**Renovations:** The master bathroom was gutted and updated with a standalone tub (from The Tub Connection), tile floors, a marble vanity and a crystal chandelier. The kitchen was originally two rooms, but a wall was removed, and updates include tile floors and a tiled breakfast bar.

**Contractor:** Lenox Renovations

**Design consultant:** R. Stacy Harrell Interiors

**Interior design style:** Transitional

**Favorite interior design elements:** The Victorian-style sofa with a mahogany frame and striped upholstery, which belonged to her late mother. She also has collected African-American art for 25 years, with pieces by Sam D. Burston and Joel Gresham, and has a portrait of Rosa Parks in a guest bedroom. "I love the fact that she was a woman, and she took a stand and she wasn't afraid," Hubbard said. "She took that stand on her own. She was a powerful woman as far as I'm concerned."

**Favorite outdoor feature:** Backyard and patio

**Resources:** Paint by Benjamin Moore. Appliances by Samsung.

**Tip:** Go vibrant by painting a space in a standout color, such as the orange walls and furniture in Hubbard's sitting room or pink walls in her bedroom.



The renovated kitchen now has a tiled breakfast bar and room for a round table. The pair of masks are from Guatemala. "I just love masks," Brenda Hubbard said. "They were colorful, and I really liked them." CHRISTOPHER OQUENDO WWW.OPHOTOGRAPHY.COM PHOTOS



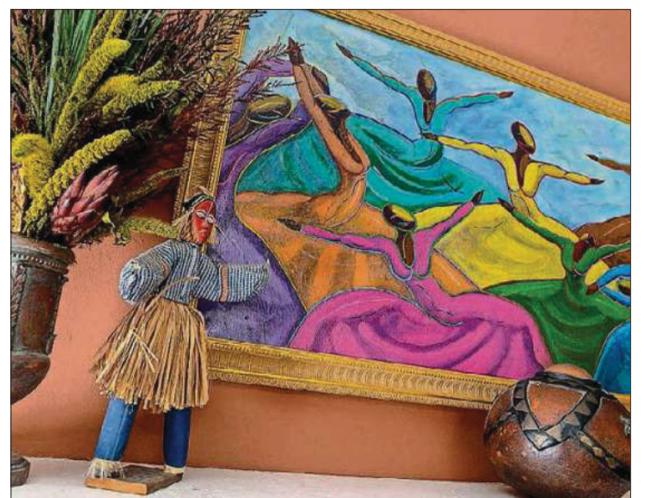
Retiree Brenda Hubbard has lived in her West End home since 1979. The home, built in 1915, will be featured on the Historic West End Tour of Homes on June 23.



Brenda Hubbard's favorite piece is her late mother's striped Victorian-style sofa in the living room. A pair of damask armchairs flank one of the home's four original fireplaces. Glass cabinets and lattice windows bookend the fireplace.



Florals abound in Brenda Hubbard's bedroom, with its pink walls and lattice windows.



A painting by Sam D. Burston infuses the living room of Brenda Hubbard's West End home with color and energy.



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