

# Castle offers dramatic dining for guest's of lord and lady

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One of the most dramatic scenes of decor in the 13 room Nobleton castle mansion tour is provided by the dining room. Designers Wally Shaw and Nick Pezzo, of Shaw-Pezzo Associates Inc., Toronto, have created a dining atmosphere to delight the guest's of the lord and lady of the castle. Although this is the only display room to be

roped off, due to the fragile Aubusson carpet, visitors are permitted an excellent view from the grand entrance, kitchen and the second floor.

The Designer Showcase, open to the public until December 11, is a fundraising project of the Canadian Cancer Society. The empty mansion was transformed by 14 design firms into an elegant showcase.

The precise placement of flowers, artwork, china, crystal, artifacts, antiques, drapery, carpet, screen and furnishings make the dining room a visual paradise. Crystal and china are on loan from William Ashley China. Hand painted walls, silk drapery, ornate mirrors and accents add atmosphere to the well-appointed table.

The room features a dramatic coromandel screen, a carved 18th century French bibliotèque to house precious artifacts. Also on display are six hand painted chinoiserie dining chairs, a pair of antique painted Blackmoors and Venetian chandelier.

The castle is for sale for \$1.3M by Margaret Miller Realty Ltd., King City. When the Showcase ends on December 11 the designers will remove all furnishings and accessories.

Admission to the Showcase is \$10 a person; no children under 12. Admission includes tea room. Tickets are available from Sherrin Palmateer (905) 880-0595 or at the door. Raffle tickets can be purchased with your choice of nine different donated prizes. The castle is not wheelchair accessible. It is located north of Nobleton, off Highway 27 at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club on Loche Erne Road. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday 5-9, and Sunday noon-4 p.m.

