

Glorious Augusta

The dramatic character of Greenboro's Augusta gets starring role

■ By Pepper Rodriguez

GREENBORO HOMES HAS never been known to do things by half-measures and their new show home in the Estates of Westmere brings a full-on onslaught of glitz and glamour worthy of an executive estate home, and it sure has been gaining notice since it opened in September.

The sheer elegance of the 2,763-square-foot home is brought to the fore as soon as you enter - the majestic open-to-above dining area, the sleek modern design of the kitchen, the utter spaciousness of the open concept floor plan and the use of wide-plank engineered hardwood flooring all combine to give it a powerful, awe-inspiring aesthetic.

"Visitors are just amazed at the design flow and the spaciousness the Augusta allows, the amazing main floor really just floors them," says area manager Lina Herrera. "This show home is certainly doing its job to wow people and convince them this is the home they want to live in."

The dramatic staircase — with railings stretching through the second floor hallway — gives it a semblance of a balcony where you can survey everything below. The big windows and the skylights over the dining room illuminate the whole interior with natural lighting adding to its stylish, family-friendly ambience.

The Augusta show home is a three-bedroom double attached garage model but it can be easily converted into a 2,942-square-foot four-bedroom home if you opted out of the open-to-above space over the dining >>





area. “But a lot of our buyers fall in love with the open-to-above concept and would rather have the basement developed if they needed the extra room rather than lose this spectacular feature,” she adds.

The classical design of the interior has a lot of Old World elegance in it — the splendid wide-plank hardwood is aided by little decorative touches like the Old West-inspired chandelier hanging above the sumptuous dining room to give this stately appearance.

The well-appointed kitchen boasts quartz counters over the U-shaped layout with a massive, square centre island in the middle. The built-in wall panel array of microwave, oven and fridge give it a contemporary spin — especially with the exquisite travertine stonework backsplash. The over height cabinetry provides

a knockout design appeal, punctuated by a distinctive functional purpose with the tremendous amount of storage space they provide.

“This was one of the design adjustments we did with this show home, we made the kitchen bigger and added more cabinetry, and it has been a big hit, people love the functionality it offers as well as the total design aspect it brings to the home,” she adds.

Greenboro also decided to develop the basement in this show home to take full advantage of the walk-out lot. There are two more bedrooms here and a full bath and still enough space for a home theatre and game room.

Herrera says the great thing with Greenboro is that it’s so easy to design your home with the full-service design gallery they have. “Each buyer gets a seven-hour

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FAST FACTS:

BUILDER: Greenboro Homes

AREA: Estate of Westmere

DEVELOPER: Melcor Developments

STYLE: Two-storey single family home

SIZE: Starts at 2,763 sq. ft.

PRICE: Starts at \$356,000 plus lot and GST

ADDRESS: 129 Aspenmere Drive, Chestermere

DIRECTIONS: East on 17 Avenue S.E. to W. Chestermere Dr. and follow the signs

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session with our in-house designers where they can figure out the best interior designs to fit their home and their lifestyle at our gallery where you can see all the options we offer in one place,” she says.

The base price of the Augusta is \$356,000 plus lot and GST, and the show home itself is at around \$682,000 including lot and GST. “A home similar to this in Calgary would cost about \$40,000 more, and that’s one of the biggest advantages of building here in Chestermere.”

Greenboro is part of the Holmes Approved Homes and Built Green™ programs, which offers not only peace of mind to buyers who get the assurance that they are living in a sturdy and sustainable home, but increases its resale value down the road.

She says the Augusta is attracting a lot of couples and young families — and believe it or not — retirees and empty nesters, as well. “Young families with children think this is the perfect house for them to raise their kids, and retirees look at Augusta as a better option than a bungalow,” Herrera explains.

“Bungalows, especially those on a walk-out lot, will still need plenty of stairs to negotiate, while an Augusta on a standard lot will just have the same amount of stairs and plenty more room for when grandchildren come to visit.” **NL**