

Lakefront home near Moss Park has Orlando's greatest back porch



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Looks can certainly be deceiving. From the outside, a barn-style [home](#) on Lake Mary Jane doesn't look all that special.

Then you walk in the double front doors and find yourself in a swanky and tranquil retreat.

But that's not all.

Continue walking towards the lake, and you'll find yourself in an outdoor oasis and arguably Orlando's greatest back porch.

Listed for \$2.89 million, the 35-year-old home has 3,512 square feet for indoor living and a 4,000-square-foot bug-free, screened-in party porch.

With the sizable porch addition, the home's outdoor living space now exceeds the amount of interior space. (Photo by VTR Image)

"In the outside, I would say, you could easily host 30 people comfortably at that house and even 50 people or more will not even bump into each other," said listing agent Sam Pergerson with [The Pergerson Group-Coldwell Banker Realty](#).

The completely screened-in porch has a large pool, multiple seating areas, a pass-through from the indoor kitchen, televisions, game areas, and much, much more.

The seller purchased the house in 2020 for just under \$1 million and has spent more than that amount on updates.

"I think when she bought it, it was a total fixer-upper, so she had to gut everything out and redo it," Pergerson told GrowthSpotter. "Like the fireplace. It used to be stones and she spent almost \$100,000 removing all that and put up quartz on the fireplace."

The modest, barn-style front elevation blends with the rustic surroundings. (Photo by VTR Image)

The old interior ceiling of cypress wood was recycled and used in the expanded outdoor space.

"When she bought it, when you walked out the kitchen, you had a little outdoor living with the pool, and that's it," Pergerson explained. "She added the roof and extended another 2,000-square-foot deck and you have a fireplace, outdoor furniture, and outdoor kitchen."

Screens protect everything from bugs while still providing a view of the 500 feet of lakefront, the large covered dock, and four acres of land.

Located just north of Orlando's Moss Park, it has the sense of a country getaway.

"I feel like it's very serene and quiet and green but it's not that far," she said. "If you drive out from the house about 10 minutes, there'll be new subdivisions, supermarkets, restaurants, and stuff like that."

The gated estate is on Lake Mary Jane Road, north of Moss Park, and has 500 feet of lake frontage on the north shore of the lake. (Photo by VTR Image)

Pergerson said the seller loves plants and exotic fruit trees like sugar apple and dragon fruit.

"She spent a lot of money on landscaping. You see orchids wrapped around the trees. There are a lot of orchids around the property."

The natural elements like wood and stone are present throughout the four-bedroom, three-bathroom house, including walls adorned with faux moss, ferns and bamboo.

"It really makes you feel like it's like a spa when you go in there."

The bedrooms are separated on different sides of the house with the public living areas in between. Everything leads to the outdoors.

The primary bedroom closet is huge, but the seller needed more space.



The primary closet has ample storage for clothes, shoes and purses. (Photo by VTR Image)

“She had a lot of clothes. If she wasn’t selling the house, she literally was thinking of expanding one of the bedrooms into her shoe closet,” Pergerson said with a laugh.

The outdoor space includes a full commercial-style kitchen, perfect for pungent cooking.

“She loved cooking. She always cooked and you know with Asian food, it has a lot of spices and flavors and smells to be honest,” she said about having the ability to cook outside and keep any strong smells out of the house.

Then there’s the relaxing after a meal.

“I think she enjoys being by the deck having lunch or dinner and overlooking the lake. Then, after dinner, you just sip on some drinks or coffee, and you take a small walk down to the dock and just go to the lake. It’s really nice.”

She said the perfect buyer is probably someone who wants a non-typical Florida house.

“I think a 3,500-square-foot home is big enough but it’s not too big for a family. But when you have land and you get your own privacy, it’s quiet. When you go in there you feel like all your worries are outside that gate.”

