



Tina Trahan, right, says she bought Stone Manor, above, as a summer home for her family, and she has no plans to resell it. (Contributed photo/Regional News)

# Stone Manor buyer pays \$16M for control of historic property

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The granddaddy of all lakefront mansions on Geneva Lake is getting a makeover from a California buyer who has spent millions to acquire the property piece by piece.

Stone Manor, built more than a century ago, is the largest estate on the lake and is arguably the most iconic public image of Lake Geneva opulence.

Over the past 14 months or so, buyer Tina Trahan has completed five separate purchases ranging from

\$1 million to \$6 million to amass nearly the entire three-story property, now a condominium complex.

Trahan, whose husband is president of the Starz cable TV network, said she is restoring and updating the property with plans to use it as a summer vacation spot for her family.

In a telephone interview from her home near Los Angeles, Trahan said she is enamored with Stone Manor and has no plans to resell it. She said she is investing heavily in an interior remodeling that is "bringing the building back to life."

"I'm going deep and getting things done," she said. "When it's done, you have to come see it. It's going to take your breath away."

Located at 880 S. Lake Shore Drive, Stone Manor was built in 1900 and has since undergone several ownership changes and reconfigurations. Since the 1970s, the massive building has been divided into high-priced condominiums with separate individual owners.

Despite a somewhat checkered history, the property is highly regarded in the community as both a historic structure and as a

widely recognized symbol of Lake Geneva grandeur.

As word of Trahan's acquisition spreads, those familiar with Stone Manor are expressing excitement — and a little bit of trepidation.

Local historian Jim Davis, who has written a book about Stone Manor, said the sale has stirred apprehension in some circles, because nobody is certain about Trahan's intentions for the property.

Although the remodeling work so far appears high quality, Davis said, it could

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