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The Art of ASHEVILLE

A \$1.5 MILLION RENOVATION BRINGS THIS HISTORIC LUXURY BED-AND-BREAKFAST IN THE MONTFORD AREA HISTORIC DISTRICT BACK TO LIFE.

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Planning a visit to Asheville is like planning a trip to a large, urban city. Hotels, inns, and bed-and-breakfasts are plentiful, so narrowing down your choice to one accommodation can be overwhelming. But for the art and foodie lover, the newly renovated Applewood Manor cannot be missed.

Owners Stephen and Robin Collins have filled their circa-1912 New England-style Colonial Revival home in the Montford



Area Historic District with an array of artwork and sculptures from their personal collection. The couple's contemporary art blends seamlessly with the traditional architectural details of the home, and the interior design of this bed-and-breakfast was inspired by boutique hotels like Soho House.

Each of the six rooms is elegantly appointed with antiques and modern finishes and touches, such as king-sized Duxiana beds, antiques, and carefully curated art selections. The entire property is a gem, so be sure to enjoy it all. Pick up a charcuterie board and a bottle of wine from nearby South Slope Cheese Co. and enjoy them on the back patio before heading to dinner. The next day, savor a gourmet breakfast made by Robin Collins, whose exceptional baking skills are on display with freshly baked artisan breads served at every meal. applewoodmanor.com



Asheville PROPER

One of Asheville's newest and most notable culinary additions is Asheville Proper, which opened in downtown's Grove Arcade last summer. Live fire is the highlight here, where an array of various cuts of meats, fish, vegetables, and other side dishes are cooked on a custom wood-burning grill. A steakhouse, yes, but the menu goes beyond your average ribeye and potatoes with must-have starters like the handmade smoked malt gnocchi in a popcorn bisque and grilled bone marrow. With so many notable dishes on the menu, you might opt for several small plates to create your own tasting menu. Either way, you won't be disappointed. ashevilleproper.com

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