

# A Beautiful WELCOME

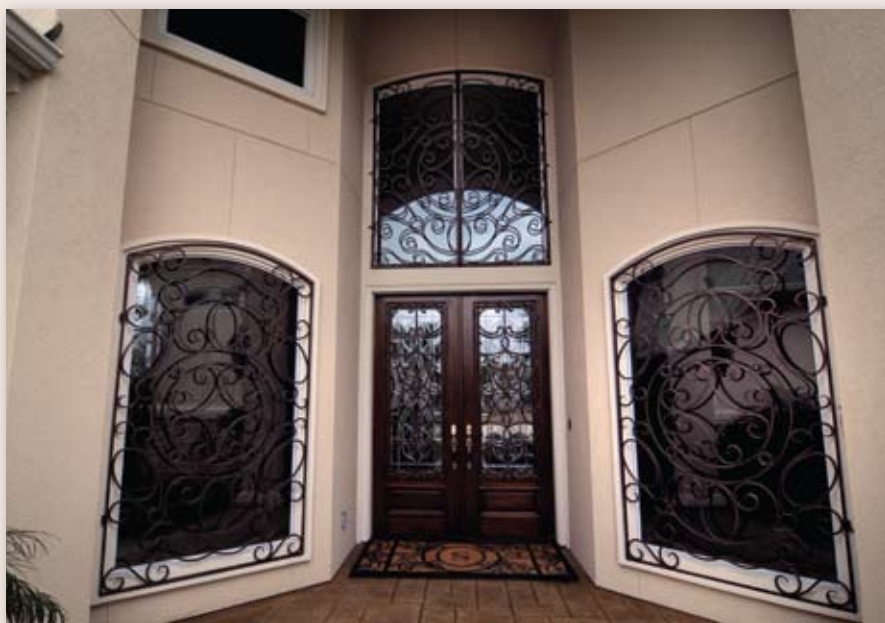
## Stunning Entryways and Stairways to Greet Your Katy Guests in Style

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What is the first impression people get the minute they walk through your front door? If they are welcomed by a pile of mail, a faded rug, and a basket of toys, that tends to set the tone for what they can expect throughout the rest of the house. Many times guests and visitors never get past the entryway and this first impression of your home may be their last.

In Katy and everywhere beautiful neighborhoods abound, homeowners seem to be putting extra time and attention into creating interesting and dazzling entryways, stairways and doorways to welcome visitors and friends in style.





Seven Meadows Entryway

## BEFORE YOU STEP INSIDE

Artistically designed doors, fountains, archways, interesting walkways, pillars, and elaborate stonework can add dramatic flair to the outside of any home.

## DRAMATIC DOORWAYS

Whether it's dramatic and formal or dignified and simple, your front door is the main focal point of your home. Changing your front door to something more elaborate and grand is an excellent and easy way to add a touch of personalization to your home. If you already have a beautiful front door that's starting to look weathered, restaining is a great option where you can even deepen or modify the color a smidge.



The Lowe Family home, Kelliwood Lakeforest in Katy

## GRAND STAIRWAYS CAPTIVATE GUESTS

Some staircases are so grand and stunning they captivate guests from the moment they walk in the door. The hot trend for staircases is wrought iron or iron and wood combinations. Homeowners can choose from intricately decorative to simple and more contemporary. Stairway styles run the gamut, from modern and sleek to traditional or Mediterranean. Homeowners are also choosing exotic types of wood, unusual handrails and balusters for a totally custom look. Double staircases always add drama and elegance. The Lowe family's traditional entryway features a double doorway that lets in light, rugs, furnishings, lighting and accessories.



This Avalon model home captivates guests with its grand two story entry



## MARBLE AND IRON TOUCHES

Many Katy homeowners are combining unique materials such as irons, marbles, and woods to add elegance to entryways. Many homes are designed with breathtaking two story entries for added grandeur.

A hot trend in staircases is the wrought iron or iron and wood combination



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## MEDITERRANEAN FLAVOR

This two-story entryway with its rounded archways, wrought iron balcony, and custom paint treatments has a distinctive Mediterranean flavor. The Kruger's 2nd floor has a decorative iron and wood balcony overlooking the living room.



Kruger's home Kelliwood - Lakeforest

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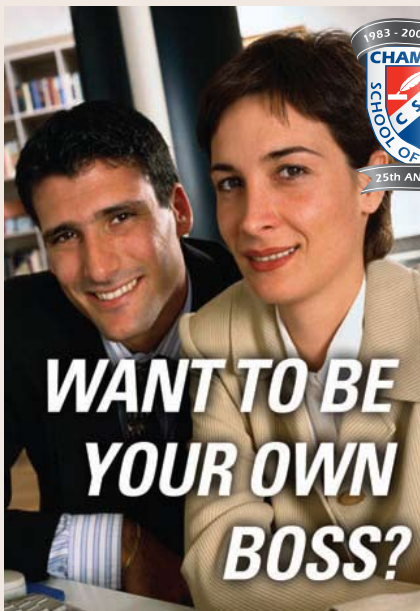
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## A GRAND IMPRESSION

At the Stokes home, visitors are welcomed by beautiful florals, a seating area, and an expansive double staircase. Alex and Matthew stop for a quick photo on the stairs.

Alex and Matthew

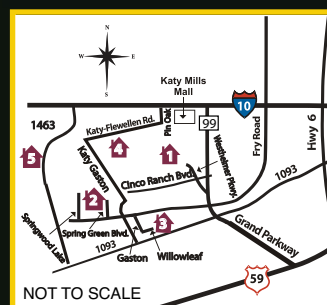


The Stokes family home has a majestic double staircase



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