



Lindenhall  
607 Longwood Avenue

"Lindenhall", home of Gene and Sally Carter, is decorated by the Moneta Garden Club.

This house, represented in the Virginia Historical Landmarks File as the "Dr. J. I. Smith House" is described as wood, Vernacular style, built in the 1880s.

Today this house features a twelve column front porch, seven coal burning fireplaces, wide center halls flanked by four rooms on each of the two stories, ornate interior woodwork as well as stained glass door trim. The kitchen area of the house appears to have been a separate building originally and later joined to the original house. The previous owners remodeled the back of the structure changing the pitch of the roof, adding skylights and updating the kitchen and bath while keeping much of the early woodwork intact. The Carters have added landscaping at the rear of the house and have done considerable interior

redecorating. Of particular interest is the Music Room, which emphasizes their love of music.

Gene and Sally moved to Bedford and purchased the house in 2008. They previously owned a similar 1880s home. Both are now happily pursuing their interests in art and music – Sally as a potter at the Bower Center for the Arts and Gene at Goose Creek Studios as a maker of jewelry.

Believing that this lovely 19<sup>th</sup> century home needed a distinctive name, they have named it “Lindenhall”, referencing both the wide halls and their joy in discovering a large Linden tree in the front of the house (the only one they have seen in Bedford). A special fondness for Linden trees came from the three 200 year old trees that graced their previous home.