

In Darien, there's a for-sale modern that's as smart as it is beautiful. Built in 2006 in the style of Philip Johnson's mideentury masterpieces, the 7,500-square-foot home offers eco-friendly features such as solar panels, a high-efficiency heating system that burns biofuel, and an underground cistern for recycling rainwater. That's the brainy part. As for its beauty, the structure is composed of a series of mahogany-clad boxes that cantilever over the 2.4-acre property, positioned on one of Darien's highest points to take in dramatic vistas over Long Island Sound, Water views are abundant inside as well—through nine-foot-high glass walls—and are especially fine from the master suite, which also features a private balcony, a fireplace and a sexy and spacious bathroom. It lists for \$5,499,000 with Charlett Stevenson and Sara Franzese of Houlihan Lawrence,

Another modern home is listed in Kent, asking \$4,950,000. Socked away on 17 private acres, the cleanlined barn-style dwelling was designed to accommodate every comfort and convenience. On the outside there's a lap pool and terrace, a two-bedroom guesthouse with a stone fireplace, and a four-bay barn with automated car lifts, now housing an antique auto collection. Inside, there's a two-story great room featuring a floor-to-ceiling fieldstone fireplace, a first-floor master suite with French doors and a sauna, an office with vaulted ceilings and a gym with a separate massage room. Peter Klemm of Klemm Real Estate in Washington Depot has the listing.



Spa Life This barn-style Kent home on 17 acres offers ample opportunities for rest and relaxation. Peter Klemm of Klemm Real Estate in Washington Depot has the \$4,950,000 listing. 917-864-4940.



LOVE, LOVE

Just in time for the U.S. Opennow kicking off in New York City-is a New Canaan listing that's perfect for tennis enthusiasts. The property's court is in a garden setting flanked by a stone patio that flows to an expansive lap pool. The twoacre spread also features a lovely 4,366-square-foot Colonial, offering six bedrooms and six bathrooms. Susan Blabey and Becky Walsh of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in New Canaan have the \$2,195,000 listing. 203-979-7774 and 203-858-5909.



On Deck In the 1950s, the Deck House Company offered modern homes like this Ridgefield beauty, now listed for \$789,900 with Mary Phelps of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Ridgefield. 203-546-0315.

In the 1950s, the Deck House Company sought to bring a more modern approach to home building in Ridgefield, a town that tended toward stately Colonials and traditional farmhouse-style dwellings. Ridgefield's first Deck House, renovated and expanded over the years, is now for sale, asking \$789,900. The 1.8-acre property offers a whole lot of style for the price. The front door opens onto a glass-walled atrium that flows into an open-plan, double-height living space with tongue-and-groove woodbeamed ceilings and more glass walls. Indeed at night, the 3,167-square-foot dwelling dwelling resembles a lantern, flanked all around by terraces and decks. Mary Phelps of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty has the listing.

FOR ANTIQUE ENTHUSIASTS

DISTINGUISHED BY ITS MANY-COLUMNED FACADE and rooftop widow's walk overlooking the Connecticut River, a Greek Revival manse in Essex is the picture of 19th-century grandeur. Antique features have been restored throughout the 11-room home. There's a cherry-wood-paneled library with a fireplace, a master suite with two fireplaces and a sleeping porch, and a kitchen with its original refrigerator and icebox, both of which have been refurbished. Below these main-floor formal rooms, however, the lower level is ready to party. There's



Picture Perfect
This circa-1880s
Greek Revival
home on Essex's
charming Main
Street lists for
\$2.1 million with
Colette Harron
of William Pitt
Sotheby's
International
Realty in Essex.
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Best On West Ridaefield's West Lane is famed for its grand antiques. Karla Murtaugh of Neumann Real Estate in Ridgefield has the \$2,950,000 listing. 203-

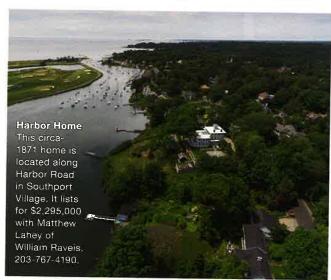
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a screening room with surround-sound acoustics, a massive screen and comfy theater-style seats. There's also a pub room with a coffered ceiling, a fireplace and a pool table. Colette Harron of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty lists the property for \$2.1 million.

Fairhaven, a circa-1910 manse on

Ridgefield's West Lane was once owned by early-20th-century beauty and opera singer Geraldine Farrar. Its 8,500-square-foot interiors have been beautifully updated with a gorgeous new kitchen that flows into a casual dining space and adjoins the formal dining room and living rooms. The master suite is also well appointed with a luxe master bathroom; there are an additional five bedrooms and six bathrooms, as well. And on the 2.11-acre property: a pool and pool terrace and expansive gardens. It lists for \$2,950,000 with Karla Murtaugh of Neumann Real Estate.

And in historic Southport Village directly on the Southport Harbor with views over Long Island Sound, a circa-1871 Colonial is listed for \$2,295,000. In a village almost entirely comprised of antique homes, this one is a classic beauty, with its white clapboard and shingled-roof styling. The 3,167-square-foot interiors also appeal from their wide-plank floorboards to their beamed ceilings—with plenty of beadboard wainscoting and other



custom woodwork in between. But there's also a modern feel to the renovated rooms, especially in the fabulous new kitchen that flows into a family room with a fireplace. The property also features an antique red barn, outfitted with a recreation room, kitchen and full bathroom. Matthew Lahey of William Raveis has the listing.

—Diane di Costanzo