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DESIGNED WITH NATURE IN MIND

BROOKLYN-BASED ARCHITECT LYNN GAFFNEY CALLS THE SHARON RETREAT SHE designed for herself and her family “the Bog House”—a moniker that downplays the home’s lovely and blissfully private natural setting. Featured in this magazine 10 years ago, Gaffney’s vision was to echo the lines of the iconic agrarian shed while making sustainable construction choices, including bamboo flooring, radiant heating and pre-fab construction panels. The result: stunningly simple interiors that center on a great room with 18-foot ceilings and feature glass window walls with views over the wooded, eight-acre property. Gaffney chose to keep most of the acreage wild, except for the green courtyard-like lawn between the property’s two structures, which she landscaped with plants selected to require no irrigation. The Bog House lists for \$650,000 with Ira Goldspiel and Howard Schissler, both of William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty.

Another architect-designed home is in nearby Cornwall Bridge, built by AIA-award-winning Alexander Gorlin in 2000. The house is configured around an elegant courtyard with espaliered trees and a long pergola and takes advantage of views over seven private acres and the river below. The elegance continues indoors, kicking off with an entry hall with a fireplace. There’s a second fireplace in the great room, designed with soaring beamed ceilings, and yet another in the master suite, which also offers a soaking tub and a private balcony. In all, the nearly 2,600-square-foot interiors have three bedrooms and four bathrooms. Ira Goldspiel and Howard Schissler of William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty share the \$1,375,000 listing.



Beautiful In And Out

Architect Alexander Gorlin designed this Cornwall Bridge house, which lists for \$1,375,000 with Ira Goldspiel and Howard Schissler, both of William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty in Kent. 917-626-3481 and 917-304-0871.

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Score! A former New York Knicks president is selling a New Canaan spread that includes a sport court, pool and terrace. It lists for \$5,595,000 with Rita Kirby of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in New Canaan. 203-984-7665.

PLACES FOR PLAY & SPORT

IT WILL COME AS NO SHOCK THAT THE HOME OWNED BY FORMER MADISON SQUARE Garden CEO and New York Knicks President Dave Checketts would be well stocked for the sporting life. The four-acre New Canaan property, just listed for \$5,595,000, features a sport court, as well as a pool and spa. Checketts and his wife have raised six children in the 10,366-square-foot Colonial—which offers plenty of places for indoor play as well, including a top-floor recreation room and a family room with a beverage center. And with all those mouths to feed, the kitchen is furnished with two islands, a breakfast room and new Wolf, Subzero, Miele and Bosch appliances. The circa-1994 home has six bedrooms and 10 bathrooms, including a master suite with a fireplace. Rita Kirby of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty has the listing.