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Dining rooms take center stage for the holiday season



This dining room at 1227 Pequot Ave., Southport, is shaped in a perfect oval.

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With Thanksgiving kicking off the season of holiday dinners, cocktail parties and gatherings of friends and family, this is the time of year where dining rooms are meant to shine, giving what is often one of the lesser-used rooms in the home, a place in the spotlight.

While trends are leaning towards more open, casual dining spaces, traditional, formal dining rooms are still a staple in the luxury real estate market, with built-ins being a desired feature among buyers.

At the heart of 1227 Pequot Ave. in Southport, the dining room is an architectural masterpiece.

“Shaped in a perfect oval ellipse, the warm cherry paneled dining room was designed to provide optimal acoustics for dinner time conversation,” says listing agent Victoria Fingelly. Exquisite cabinetry with generous display niches, an opalescent Venetian plaster ceiling, a 1950’s Italian mermaid mirror, gas fireplace, and curved picture window with stunning water views all combine to create an atmospheric ambience for dinner parties accommodating up to 18 guests that can comfortably be seated around the custom oval dining table.

The spectacular waterfront estate is graced with a private beach, terrace with heated pool and spa, and stone-and-shingle style Carriage House. While



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retaining circa 1908 architectural elements, the 8,880 square-foot American Shingle Style

home has been beautifully expanded to include nine bedrooms, eight full and one partial

bath and seven fireplaces. It is offered at \$11,000,000.

Crisp, modern design embraces the series of neutrals in the inviting dining room found at 15 Yankee Hill in Westport’s Compo Beach. Accented with a tray ceiling and raised panel trim, the dining room is serviced by both a bar and a butler’s pantry making dinner and pre-dinner preparations a breeze.

“The natural light gives so much life to the space,” says interior designer Amy Coe. “I adore the wall installation that showcases texture and adds sophistication to the calming palette.” Coe added that home buyers want confident, timeless spaces that are tailored, yet contemporary.

Built in 2013 by Bluewater Home Builders, the 10,000 square-foot Nantucket shingle style colonial has modern finishes and traditional design offering seven bedrooms, eight full and one partial bath. Amenities of this beach home include a gourmet kitchen, wine cellar, media room, exercise room, recreation room, Gunite

pool and spa and outdoor kitchen. It is offered at \$5,500,000 through Leslie Clarke Homes of William Raveis Real Estate.

In Westport’s prestigious Old Hill neighborhood, the dining room located at 73 Partrick Road is well-suited to hosting holiday gatherings. A wall of sleek built-in cabinets and drawers offers an abundance of storage to keep favorite serving pieces close at hand, while another wall of glass opens to a multi-level stone terrace for al fresco dining and a hub of outdoor recreation and enjoyment afforded by the pool and spa.

The 5,759 square-foot Contemporary blends a classic storybook exterior with sophisticated, transitional modern interiors and incredible entertaining spaces inside and out. Features of the five-bedroom home include a dramatic two-story living room, new chef’s kitchen, media room, recreation room, family room and more, all in a resort-like 1.33 acre-setting. It is offered at \$1,599,000 through Michelle and Company of William Raveis Real Estate.



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