



Summer Dream

NEW TO MARKET, AN EXCEPTIONALLY DESIGNED CONTEMPORARY SHINGLE-STYLE HOME PAYS HOMAGE TO THE PAST, WHILE GRACIOUSLY INTEGRATING MODERN AMENITIES AND EMBRACING EXTRAORDINARY VIEWS. BY JEAN NAYAR

The legendary historian Vincent Scully once described the classic shingle-style home as “the architecture of the American summer.” And in many ways, the beloved architectural style is synonymous with the Hamptons. Yet, not all shingle-style homes are alike. So it’s pleasantly surprising to see a new dwelling, such as the exceptional 11,000-square-foot home now on the market at 412 Beachcomber Lane in Southampton, that does justice to many of the bona fide hallmarks of the original 19th century style.

Designed by architect Joel Barkley, and built in 2014, the six-bedroom, 7.5-bath home features a profusion of the idiosyncrasies of shingle design, which straddles Queen Anne and Arts and Crafts styles, and commonly characterized the getaway homes of wealthy East Coast summer enclaves when it first emerged in the late 1880s. Among them are asymmetrical volumes, steep flared gables, charming dormers and striking angles, all synthesized into a harmonious composition with a cloak of red-cedar shingles offset with occasional swaths of light-gray Colonial Revival-style siding. The home’s appeal is amplified with an English cottage-inspired front gate, porthole windows, a slim belvedere and a multifaceted roofline punctuated by a pair of striking chimneys.

As attractive as the dwelling’s architecture, however, is its location. “It’s a rare find on a gated drive with private deeded ocean access and incredible views of the ocean, Phillips Pond and farmland,” says the distinctive property’s listing agent, Susan Breitenbach from Corcoran. “You can walk out the back gate and it’s just steps from the ocean.”

Furthermore, its contemporary, open interiors, which stand in cogent contrast to the architecture, seamlessly merge the exceptional dwelling with its context. Nautically inspired woodwork, including bald-cypress shiplap paneling with precisely mitered angles that recall the tapered prow of a ship, provides a nod to the seaside scenery. “It feels like being in a boat,” says Breitenbach, who adds that the fine craftsmanship and use of high-quality materials extend to the private spaces upstairs, where an intricate painted balustrade encircles a mezzanine loft around the double-height master bedroom that tinges the atmosphere with a touch of Arts and Crafts-style flavor.

Virtually all of the light interior spaces are oriented toward the views. Some, such as the expansive gourmet kitchen and sunroom, open onto the grounds, which include a terrace, an oversize pool with an adjacent pergola, and a sunken tennis court. Others, like some of the bedrooms, feature broad terraces overlooking the spectacular natural surroundings, including the nearby farmland and ocean.

By artfully merging enchanting architectural elements of the past with open interiors, the home is a gracious homage to authentic shingle style that not only evokes visions of the retreats of days gone by, but also promises a fresh wave of happy memories in a setting ideally suited to a new century of American summers in the Hamptons. \$17,999 million, contact Susan Breitenbach, 631.875.6000, corcoran.com/hamptons



Clockwise from top left: An example of the home’s contemporary, open interiors; an English cottage-inspired front gate leads guests inside; the open-format gourmet kitchen; the six bedrooms showcase muted white and gray tones complemented by nautic-inspired blues; spend summer evenings at this outdoor oasis featuring a covered seating area, expansive sectional and quartz pool.



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