

New Canaan Home Of Olympians On Oenoke Ridge Hits Market

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The house at 589 Oenoke Ridge was the home of Frank B. Jewett Jr., a sailor in the 1936 Olympics. Photo Credit: *Contributed*

NEW CANAAN, Conn. -- A renovated colonial estate on Oenoke Ridge in New Canaan with a history of notable residents was listed for sale Monday by William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.

The house at 589 Oenoke Ridge was the home of Frank B. Jewett Jr., a sailor in the 1936 Olympics and the winner of the coveted yachting Prince of Wales Trophy in 1934.

Jewett was the founder and president of technological analysis services company Technical Audit Associates and owned the property for several years. NHL hockey player Max Pacioretty, who also played in the Olympics, grew up in the house. Pacioretty now plays for the Montreal Canadiens.

Today, the Pacioretty family is listing the property for sale for \$3.65 million with New Canaan agents Christine Williams and Rita Kirby.

"This is a perfect estate for all seasons, whether its future owner is seeking a full-time residence, a weekend New York City escape or even just a place to bring all of the family together," Williams said. "I am excited for the opportunity to market such a significant and important Oenoke Ridge estate."

The home features a Southern style unique to New Canaan, with long outdoor verandas well suited for grand entertaining and living spaces designed for cross ventilation between the back and front of the home. The rooms, oriented so the sun illuminates them at all times of day, were created to emphasize the views of the property's carefully landscaped 2.62 acres.

While the home dates to the 1920s, numerous improvements and updates in recent years have brought it fully into the 21st century while retaining the character and detail of a historic residence.

These include a renovated kitchen with new Carrara marble counters, cabinetry and new appliances; refinished wood floors; modern systems that can be operated by a mobile device; exterior upgrades such as new windows, siding, roofing and plantation shutters; and new mechanical components including a new water heater, oil burner, plumbing, sump pump and 400-amp electrical service.

Historic features include a unique miller's wheel on the front door, large room sizes and high ceilings that were rare for the time period, original woodwork and coffered ceilings in the living room, and well-laid brick walling hidden behind the walls of the dining room.

The main residence has five bedrooms, with one second-floor bedroom opening to an outdoor deck, and other bedrooms expanded through modifications to the upstairs floor plan.

With the main house, renovated guest house and renovated entertaining guest barn, the property has a total of seven bedrooms and five-and-a-half baths. The grounds also offer a heated pool and spa, stone walls, English boxwood gardens and a new outdoor shower.

"This impressive offering combines historic character with modern living in the best way," said Kirby. "The exquisite expansion and gorgeous renovation retains the elegance of the past, and the surrounding park-like property is nothing short of spectacular. This property presents an exceptional opportunity for the discerning purchaser."

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