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Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty Lists Historic Mediterranean Village Estate

Bronxville home constructed by renowned architect Charles Lewis Bowman, best known for his design of "Old Mill Farm," for sale

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Bronxville, N.Y. – March 2, 2015 – Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty (<http://www.juliabfee.com/eng>) announced today that the firm has listed a historic, Mediterranean-style estate located in the village of Bronxville, N.Y. The residence, constructed by renowned architect Charles Lewis Bowman, is represented by Bronxville agent Kathleen Collins, and offered at \$5,595,000.

The estate, perched on the hillside of a private village road, was built in 1926 by the award-winning architect during a thriving time in Bronxville's history. Bowman is most known for his design of "Old Mill Farm," a stone manor Greenwich, Conn. estate that was previously owned by actor Mel Gibson, and marketed and sold by Sotheby's International Realty.

The residence was originally built for William J. Morden, an internationally renowned explorer and naturalist who contributed to the collection of the American Natural History Museum in New York. The home was purchased by the current owners in 2001 and has undergone an extensive restoration. Sensitive to the original details, the owners retained all the unique and historic features while bringing the house up to date in terms of convenience and comfort. New York City architect Michael Davis aided the owners in the restoration.

The home was selected by The Bronxville Historical Conservancy (<http://bronxvillehistoricalconservancy.org/>), which annually highlights one of the village's historic homes with a tour for community members.

The home has a total of 13 rooms, each with distinct Mediterranean features and style. The living room, which boasts many of Bowman's original design details, contains a vaulted beamed ceiling, grand fireplace, herringbone floors, original capiz shell sconces and leaded glass French doors. Original features are replete throughout the first-floor library, dining room and solarium, which affords enjoyment of the surrounding outdoor beauty from a protective, interior space. Noted landscape architect Renee Byers helped the owners transform the original grounds, adding an expansive terrace that is easily accessible from all the main first-floor living spaces and provides views of the beautifully landscaped garden. Additionally, the kitchen has been completely renovated, embracing the home's past while strategically updating it for today's lifestyle.

Upstairs, the owners added a raised ceiling, meticulously detailed closet space and spa-like bathroom to the original master bedroom. Adjacent to the master suite is the original lady's boudoir, which was repurposed as an in-home office with en-suite bathroom. Further down the hallway are two more bedrooms, each with an en-suite bath. A guest apartment with a living room, bedroom and bathroom completes the second floor.

"This gracious, beautifully restored home is an exquisite residential landmark in the charming village of Bronxville," said Collins. "The property represents a rare opportunity to own an extraordinary estate rich in history and only a short distance from Manhattan. I am thrilled to be representing such a magnificent property."

For more information on the property, located at 279 Pondfield Road, visit the firm's website here (<http://www.juliabfee.com/eng/sales/detail/228-l-754-zswvv6/beautiful-mediterranean-village-estate-bronxville-ny-10708>).

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