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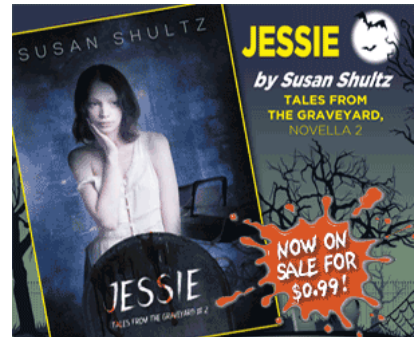
William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty announced today that the firm has listed an antique Colonial estate that was formerly owned by premier Sotheby's New York auctioneer John L. Marion. The home, which is uniquely situated on over 4.5 acres of park-like land Darien, is represented by Darien agent Michelle Donzeiser, and offered at \$4,199,000.

John L. Marion is a renowned American auctioneer and philanthropist, who served as the chairman of the Sotheby's auction house in New York from 1975 to 1994. Throughout his career, which began at Sotheby's in 1960, Marion oversaw the sale of various timeless pieces, some of which include Irises by Vincent van Gogh, Yo Picasso and Au Lapin Agile, both well-known works by Picasso, and countless other precious items. Marion, who retired in 1994, lived in this Darien home from 1977 through 1984.

The residence, which is one of Darien's earliest homes, constructed in the year 1820 when the town was first established, lies on an expanse of sweeping grounds that is rare for its central location in town. The home was originally built on over 14 acres of land, but 10 acres of its initial plot was eventually sold to a builder, comprising what is now Stonewall Lane, a cul de sac off Brookside Road. On its current 4.5-acre property, individuals will find numerous amenities including an in-ground swimming pool and spa, outdoor cabana with a shower and sauna as well as a large, three-bedroom, two-bath guest house complete with two separate entrances.

Many recent improvements grace the 6,246 square-foot, seven-bedroom residence, including a fully renovated kitchen with new, high-end appliances, updated bathrooms, newly added and refinished wood floors, custom built-ins and more. Nine-foot ceilings, French doors and central air features can also be found throughout.

"This extraordinary Darien property offers any future resident a once-in-a-



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lifetime opportunity to live surrounded by great history and untainted beauty," said Donzeiser. "Not only does this stunning home maintain the impeccable grandeur and craftsmanship of its day, but it also offers an ideal location close to town, schools, parks and other popular community spots. It's not difficult to see why one of Sotheby's most famous luxury auctioneers once chose this home to be his own."

For more information on the property, located at 175 Brookside Road, please visit the firm's website

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