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On the market: Elegant mansion overlooks Southport Harbor

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The estate at 402 Sasco Hill Road is on the market for \$7,995,000. The 7,165-square-foot house has views of Southport Harbor from many of its 14 rooms.

Enjoy a regally elegant lifestyle in the Regency-style Colonial white brick residence at 402 Sasco Hill Road in the Southport section of Fairfield.

Designed by locally noted architect **Cameron Clark** and built in 1934, the 7,165-square-foot house has views of Southport Harbor from many of its 14 rooms. On the main living level there is an octagonal library with French doors to a large covered, semi-circular balcony that looks on the botanical park-like grounds, in-ground heated Grecian-style swimming pool and the harbor, as well as Southport Village beyond it.

The house and 3.15-acre grounds are like works of art. The white brick house with black shutters has a decorative front entrance that sets it apart from most Colonials — indeed, most houses. This particular design element is repeated on some windows. The landscaping on the property was designed by landscape architect **Agnes Selkirk Clark**, Cameron's wife, who included specimen plantings, arborvitae and perennial gardens. The grounds have been meticulously restored to Agnes Clark's original vision.

More Information

She also designed the circular, whimsical pagoda-style

ABOUT THIS HOUSE

TYPE OF HOUSE: Regency-style Colonial

ADDRESS: 402 Sasco Hill Road

PRICE: \$7,995,000

NUMBER OF ROOMS: 14

AMENITIES: water frontage and views of Southport Harbor, guest house, heated in-ground swimming pool, cabana, 3.13-acre level and sloped gated property, botanical park-like grounds, specimen plantings, two generators, elevator, multiple balconies, slate terrace, red brick patio, sound system, front and rear staircases, dumbwaiter, staff quarters, gourmet kitchen and second service kitchen, laundry room with rubber flooring, climate-controlled wine cellar, three fireplaces, two cedar closets, natural gas heat, two-car attached heated garage, storm doors and windows, six bedrooms, six full and two half baths

SCHOOLS: Mill Hill Elementary, Roger Ludlowe Middle, Fairfield Ludlowe High

ASSESSMENT: \$6,747,580

TAX RATE: 24.79 mills

TAXES: \$167,273

cabana, which has tile flooring, transoms, dressing room and full bath with a shower.

Inside, each room of the mansion offers architectural design elements that are Cameron Clark signatures. The formal front entrance is flanked by elliptical windows and the foyer staircase features a decorative wrought iron and brass railing. Looking down the staircase from the foyer to the lower level loggia creates an optical illusion. It appears that the ceiling is slightly arched, but it is actually completely straight.

The formal living room has a fireplace with a black marble surround and hearth, and a decorative mantel. Shelving and a mirrored dry bar are concealed behind the paneled walls. The formal, banquet-sized dining room also has a black marble fireplace as well as elaborate dentil molding, a dumbwaiter, built-in china cabinet and display shelving. Both rooms have doors to the balcony.

This house has two kitchens — actually, three if the kitchenette in the 1,092-square-foot guest house is counted, although that one does not have a stove. The main kitchen is spacious and features English limestone flooring, two farm sinks, coffered ceiling, center island casual dining area, marble and wooden counter tops and high-end appliances.

On the lower or garden level, the service kitchen has a dumbwaiter, English limestone floor, ice machine and dishwasher. Off this kitchen are staff quarters with a private entry. Also found on this level are the climate-controlled wine cellar and family or great room. It has black marble fireplace, built-in bookcases and French doors to the slate terrace.

The semi-circular loggia, which sits directly under the main level balcony, has three sets of French doors to the

red brick patio and gardens, which lead to the red brick and slate staircases and terraces down to the pool and harbor.

The second floor has five of the home's seven bedrooms. The other two are in the staff quarters and the guesthouse. The master suite has built-in bookshelves, custom walk-in closet and a door to a private balcony. Its bath has English limestone flooring, a steam shower, jetted tub and double vanity. Two other bedrooms have private balconies.

The finished walk-up attic was transformed into a large dressing room with a skylights and eight closets, including two cedar closets and four double mirrored-door closets.

In the guest house there is a great room, kitchenette, bedroom, full bath, and exercise area. The great room and bedroom have deep tray ceilings with cove lighting.

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