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FRENCH ACCENT

This French Country manor home in historic St. Mary's by the Sea in Bridgeport was designed by architect David Barbour in 2002 to take advantage of views over the Black Rock Yacht Club and Long Island Sound. For privacy, the property is fronted by a chic auto court and a pristine white-stucco façade, accented by tall windows with oversized shutters, painted aqua. The home's nearly 5,000-square-foot interiors offer a stylish, first floor master bedroom with a fireplace and sitting room; there's also a separate guest apartment with a living area, fireplace and full bath with a steam shower. John Kieps of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Southport has the \$1,795,000 listing. 203-258-8733.



From *The Ashes* Designer Linda Ruderman built this family-friendly Greenwich Colonial from scratch after a fire. It's listed for \$8,995,000 with Joanne Mancuso of Houlihan Lawrence in Greenwich. 203-667-3887.

Stylin' SEPTEMBER

From the newsstands' phonebook-thick magazines to Fashion Week's runway shows at Lincoln Center, September is easily the most stylish month of the year. To celebrate, we curated the market's most fashionable listings, including homes that are owned by interior designers, built by famous architects and otherwise exude irresistible curb (and interior) appeal. The good news for shoppers is that you don't need an impossible-to-get ticket to get a peek at them. Simply call your Realtor—and enjoy the show!

THAT'S SO GREENWICH

ON TOP OF ROUND HILL IN GREENWICH, INTERIOR designer Linda Ruderman is selling the home she literally raised from the ashes. Story goes that the family of

seven—including five boys—bought the property in 2003 but before they could move in, the house burned down. Ruderman, who has designed interiors for the Steinway Building, the Sherry Netherland Hotel and the Kellogg mansion in New York City, scrapped her plans for the renovation of the circa-1735 "Hansel and Gretel" style dwelling she had fallen in love with. After "crying her heart out," she designed what she now calls her dream home—commodious enough, at 13,390 square feet, to accommodate even the largest family but built with cozy spaces for play, entertaining and privacy. The stately center-hall Colonial features seven bedrooms, including a master suite with a sitting room and two bathrooms and dressing rooms. It sits on four acres in Greenwich, with views over Long Island Sound. The grounds also offer an outdoor kitchen on a terrace overlooking the pool and



Mod Squad Philip Johnson designed this home listed for \$14 million with Inger Stringfellow and John Hersam, both of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in New Canaan. 203-321-9361, 203-417-5198.



IN A MODERN MOOD

A COOL \$14 MILLION BUYS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF NEW Canaan's mid-century modern legacy: the Wiley House, which was built by Philip Johnson in 1953 and restored and expanded by Roger Ferris + Partners in the 1990s. Johnson's "glass house" aesthetic is transparent here—literally—with the home's double-height glass pavilion, the siting for the spectacular living/dining space. There's also a vintage swimming pool with its original diving pad, a sister to the circular pool at the Glass House. But the pool house is new—and fabulous—built adjacent to a reconstructed barn, now serving as a gallery for the owner's modern art collection. The towering hickories were also retained, and they create a cathedral around the main home, visible from the glass pavilion. At the risk of sounding bonkers, even the garage on the property is breathtaking, a low-slung pod, slotted into a little hill with sleek wooden doors. The 6.33-acre property is listed with Inger Stringfellow and John Hersam, both of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.

Beachside Avenue in Westport is an especially golden stretch along our state's Gold Coast. And one of its most striking for-sale homes looks like a classic shingle-and-stone manse from the outside, but is stunningly modern inside. Thanks to designer Alice Black, the 12,309-square-foot interiors dazzle with lofty open spaces, expansive walls of windows and sculptural architectural elements and lighting fixtures. On the two-acre grounds: a rounded pergola shading a stone terrace, a dramatic pool and spa and a tennis court with an additional viewing terrace—all within a quick bike ride to the beach. Michelle Genovese of Michelle and Company, affiliated with William Raveis, has the \$7,995,000 listing.

—Diane di Costanzo

Go For The Gold
Along Westport's Gold Coast, this home has Alice Black-designed interiors and lists for \$7,995,000 with Michelle Genovese of Michelle and Company, affiliated with William Raveis in Westport. 203-454-4663.

