

ON THE MARKET

Warm yourself by Hamilton's fire

Who tells your story? That is, who tells his story? The renaissance of Alexander Hamilton is upon us, and with the query about at the heart of the exceedingly popular

ing a vast area of trees and the flowing brook that feeds Kent Falls. An open deck and screened-in porch bolster a surrounding view of Kent Falls State Park's 600 acres of protected land. "This



Perhaps the defining amenity to the cottage is the mantle and brick façade from Alexander Hamilton's razed New York brownstone.

Broadway musical biography "Hamilton," the re-examined legacy of an early American hero has become a contemporary talking point. In Kent, inside a country cottage that's a mere two decades old, located on the expansive Red Gulch Farm Estate, an otherwise commonplace feature recalls the noble immigrant turned sawbuck and first Secretary of the Treasury — it's the original fireplace and mantle from Hamilton's demolished New York City brownstone. Before the home was torn down about 80 years ago, the fireplace

property presents the perfect survivalist camp," said Phillips, "an outdoor enthusiast's paradise." The parcel also has a 900-square-foot guest apartment, a two-story pole barn with stalls, and a small, rustic bunk house. Although it hasn't served as a working farmer's retreat in at least five years, it was traditionally defined by farming. "We had cows, llamas, and goats to keep the growth of the land's brush and fields clean and low," said homeowner Vivian Lee. "We'd often have brunch made with fresh butter and milk from our cows, eggs from the



The cottage of Red Gulch Farm Estate overlooks the babbling brook that feeds the geographic jewel of Kent Falls State Park.

and mantle were rescued and transported, fully intact, from urban Manhattan to the 77-acre parcel in woody Kent. The current cottage was built in 1995, but on the footprint of a razed home built in the 1930s by the property's first owner. "It was in the 1938 iteration of the house, and original owner "Redford" Kohlssaat Johnson's grandson worked for Alexander Hamilton Preservation Society in New York City," said listing agent Jeffrey Phillips. "The piece was preserved, the mantle front facing bricks, and brought from Hamilton's brownstone." The centerpiece is not the home's only desirable feature. There is another fireplace in the combined kitchen and family room, and a third in the sizable master bedroom suite, which

chickens and ducks, syrup from our maple trees, berries and cream sweetened with honey from our beehives." That's Red Gulch Farm's story. Along with a piece of Hamilton's.

— Jack Coraggio

IN THE DETAILS

Listing: William Pitt
Sotheby's International Realty
Price: \$1,299,999
Bedrooms: 2 Baths: 2
Acreage: 77
Year built: 1995
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Watercolor exhibit comes into flower at the Gunn

Botanical watercolors by international award-winning artist

Betsy Rogers-Knox will be shown at Washington's Gunn Memorial Library in an exhibit titled "The Beauty of Botany," which will open with a reception on Saturday May 28, from noon to 2 p.m., and run through July 9. Included will be "Milkweed Through the Seasons," Rogers-Knox's exhibit which won the Silver Gift Award at London's Royal Horticultural Botanical Art Show last February. Rogers-Knox's work has appeared throughout the US; she teaches botanical illustration at conferences and workshops throughout the coun-



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try, as well as giving drawing and watercolor instruction in Bethlehem, where she lives. *Details:* 860-687-5786; gunnlibrary.org; gunncirc@biblio.org.

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