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History for Sale

When a house is described as “pre-war” in our state, that very likely means pre-*Civil War*—and sometimes even pre-*Revolutionary War*. To celebrate Connecticut’s heritage homes, we’ve rounded up some of the oldest—and loveliest—listings, from a circa-1740 Litchfield County Colonial to a circa-1926 Westport manse.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1845

IN WASHINGTON, AN 1845 FARMHOUSE IS PART OF WHEATON FARM, built for a priest on 81 acres, which also features a dairy barn that's listed on the State Register of Historic Places. If that doesn't sound like a house party waiting to happen, consider this: The barn now serves as a posh entertaining space with 30-foot ceilings, a marble foundation crafted from stone quarried on site, the original cupola, salvaged-wood walls and a dining table long enough to seat 100 of your favorite people. The party could continue on the wide and welcoming porch that wraps around the Greek Revival main house, then spill into its 4,500-square-foot



Party Plus A Washington farmhouse with a party barn is listed with Mark Madonna and Jeffrey Phillips, both of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Washington Depot, for \$4.4 million. 917-284-8697 and 917-284-8276.

open-plan interiors. There's a gracious living room with a white-marble fireplace and an in-ceiling projector with a recessed seven-foot screen for showing movies. There's another drop-down projection screen in the master bedroom, which also offers a spa-like master bathroom. Modern technology continues in the all-white kitchen, with its Wolf stove, double Sub-Zero refrigerator, two Asko dishwashers and radiant-heated floors. And if you happen to be a real farmer, please don't be put off by all of this fanciness. The spread also features a calf barn, a milk house, a chicken coop, meadows, the original apple orchard, a sheep field, a corn field and two streams. Mark Madonna and Jeffrey Phillips, both of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, share the \$4.4 million listing.



Hot Stuff This circa-1926 Westport home has appealing, 6,255-square-foot interiors but its coolest space is the outdoor lounge area built around a massive granite fireplace. It lists for \$3,395,000 with Brett Lieberman of Riverside Realty in Westport. 203-216-2515.



WHERE OLD IS NEW

ANOTHER OLD-MADE-NEW HOME IS ON RIVER LANE in Westport. It's almost antique—built in 1926—but its handsome, white-clapboard exteriors look every inch the classic Colonial. Inside, the 6,255-square-foot home has a midcentury vibe, with a kitchen that appears to float in a floor-to-ceiling, marble-clad partition facing the family room, which is centered on a handsome hearth. The first-

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floor rooms open onto a stone courtyard with a waterfall and to the exteriors that won an American Society of Landscape Architects residential design honor award. Designed by Wesley Stour Associates, the plan includes a koi pond, a chic pool and terrace and a lounging area with a dramatic outdoor fireplace, constructed of reclaimed granite. Brett Lieberman of Riverside Realty has the \$3,395,000 listing.

In Old Lyme, there's a circa-1820 home that started life as a vine-covered cottage called the Morrison Remick Waite House, after the Supreme Court Justice who lived there. Then, when Queen Victoria's fanciful styling made it across the pond, it was transformed into a Victorian. You'd never guess it now, though, because in 1930, a saltbox roof was appended, followed by more recent modifications, including a kitchen-great-room addition. Somehow, the now-3,350-square-foot home has retained its antique character while offering modern features such as nine-foot ceilings, a master suite with four walk-in closets and three additional bedrooms and bathrooms. All that for the just-reduced price of \$549,000, listed with Allyson Cotton of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.



Saltbox Beauty Just \$549,000 buys this circa-1820 Old Lyme saltbox that's been updated and expanded over the years to 3,350 square feet, with additional living space on the stone patios and terraces. It is listed with Allyson Cotton of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Old Lyme. 860-227-6016.



HOME+STUDIO

New to the Canton market is a home with a spacious, fully equipped studio that's perfect for makers of all sorts—artists, crafters, furniture makers, antique restorers and others. Currently, sculptor Donna Forma uses the studio to craft her organic, enigmatic pieces, many made from natural materials such as twigs, roots, bark, soil and wire, sometimes embellished with glowing mica and gold. The space is as practical as it is inspirational with its cathedral ceilings, skylights, loading dock and attached gallery space. The home on the property she shares with her husband is spectacular as well. At 6,439 square feet, it offers four bedrooms, including a master suite with a spa bathroom. The 12.3-acre property, graced with a massive perennial garden, lists for \$1,225,000 with Pia Giccone of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Farmington. 860-573-4026.