

How Grand This English manor home in Darien just hit the market at \$8.4 million, listed with Molly O'Brien Watkins and Christine V. Straden, both of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Darien. 203-536-3889 and 917-680-4585.

ivy-covered façade is a stately affair with columns, turrets, and a grand courtyard with sculpted hedging. The entrance hall is a true atrium with its inlaid Italian marble floors, double-height ceilings and dramatic spiral staircase that leads to the main bedroom suite above and a capacious wine cellar below. Among the 25 rooms, there is also a sunken, octagon-shaped living room; an adjoining marble bar room; a two-story library with glass shelving manufactured in Germany; and not one, but two offices. Along with the wine room, the lower levels offer a gym, a game room with a fireplace and a crazy-big underground garage that can house 25 cars. The back of the house features an expansive terrace with a pool and access to the pond and tennis court. It's offered by Schuyler M. Morris and Rob Johnson of Brown Harris Stevens.



ENGLISH CLASS

THE ENGLISH MANOR HOME IS MUCH PRIZED IN OUR STATE FOR the way it looks so appropriate on the land—this is New England, after all—as well as for its charm. Douglas VanderHorn Architects has built an especially appealing example in Darien that just hit the market for \$8.4 million. Sited 60 feet above the water, the circa-2018 stone manse was designed to take in panoramic vistas of Scotts Cove and Long Island Sound—views that,

for our money, are particularly lovely when enjoyed from the freestanding slipper tub in the main-bedroom suite's pretty bathroom. Among the most welcoming of spaces is the family room with its stone fireplace and cathedral ceiling, adorned with reclaimed oak trusses. The main floor also offers a guest suite, a walnut-paneled study, an office, a butler's pantry and a wine room, as well as the kitchen and formal dining room. And there's a fun bonus on the third floor: a playroom with built-in bunks. Molly O'Brien Watkins and Christine V. Straden, both of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, share the listing.

An ornate circa-1868 home is one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture on the market, just listed for \$3,095,000. Located along Pequot Avenue in Southport, the Second-Empire style "Vic" was built by architects Lambert & Bunnell and recently updated by David Scott Parker. Called the Pomeroy House, the nearly 6,000-square-foot interiors are arranged according to the classic scheme—including two front parlors with pocket doors and banquet-sized formal dining room and featuring the tall doors, high ceilings, mahogany moldings and carved fireplaces (nine in all!) that are typical of the era. But the renovation also created spaces for the modern family, including an expansive kitchen, four bedrooms and, on the half-acre grounds, a swimming pool and terrace. Amy Curry of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices has the listing.



All Hall The Queen In Southport, this circa-1868 Queen Vic is listed for \$3,095,000 by Amy Curry of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Westport. 203-913-8744.

TOP: DAN MILSTEIN



Star Power This circa-1840 East Haddam Colonial is owned by television star David Tutera. It lists for \$1,450,000 with Zoe Zrakas of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Niantic. 860-625-6617.

COLONIAL & CONTEMPORARY

ALTHOUGH THESE TWO AESTHETICS—COLONIAL AND CONTEMPORARY—ARE far apart in their eras, they share the top spot for our state's most ubiquitous house design. And while there are many, many interpretations of the word "colonial" when it comes to design, a new listing exemplifies the style. Located in East Haddam—a hotbed of Connecticut Colonialism—the circa-1840 home is owned by television star David



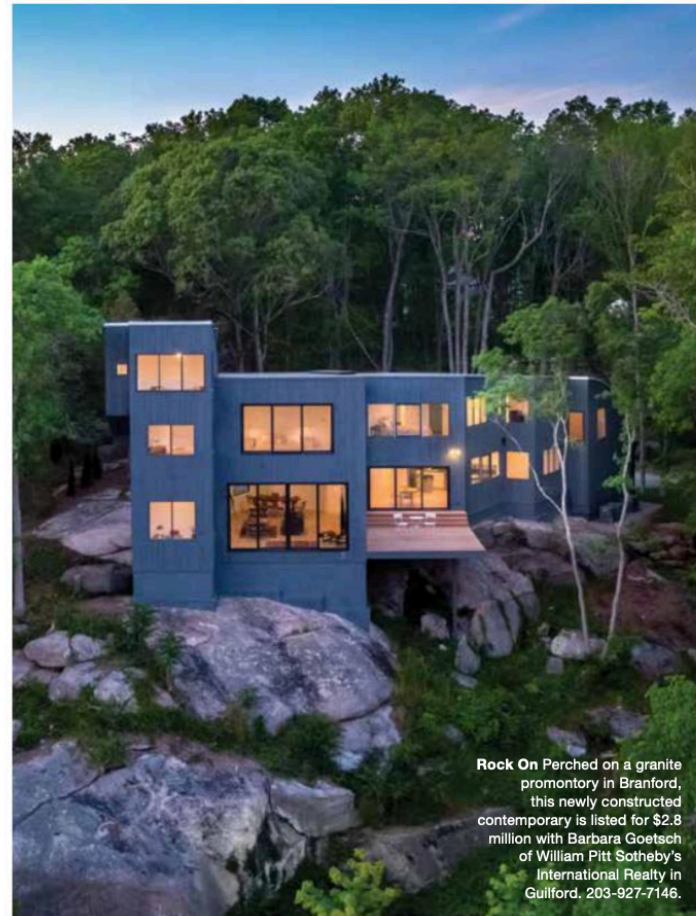
GOT MILK?

Once a dairy barn, this modern dwelling is now a 5,300-square-foot home, sited on 45 acres in Roxbury. One of the coolest spaces is the barrel-roofed addition, which houses a great room with a floor-to-ceiling stone hearth and beamed ceilings. A few steps up is the open-plan kitchen with a pizza oven, along with an adjoining dining area. There are three bedrooms in all and, on the rolling acreage, gardens and an orchard. It lists for \$3,495,000 with Maria Taylor and Claudine McHugh, both of Klemm Real Estate in Washington Depot and Woodbury, respectively. 203-578-0397 and 203-228-7000.

TOP: RISE VISUAL MEDIA

Tutera, host of the long-running reality show "David Tutera's Celebrations," as well as "My Great Big Lifetime Wedding." The event planner, whose client list includes Elton John and Jennifer Lopez, bought the nine-acre spread in 2003, transforming it over the years by expanding the kitchen, adding a movie theater and gym, and constructing a four-bedroom guest house. Not surprisingly, the property has served as the setting for a couple of episodes of his television shows, photo shoots for books, and a wedding. It lists for \$1,450,000 with Zoe Zrakas of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.

Finally in Branford, AIA-award winning architect Peter Kurt Woerner just finished building a striking contemporary, now listed for \$2.8 million. He calls it Osprey House & Studio, a nod to its siting on a high granite promontory with vistas over a wildlife sanctuary and salt marsh filled with geese, ducks, seagulls and, of course, osprey. The 5,500-square-foot home also offers distant views to the Thimble Islands and Long Island Sound. One of the property's standout features is its oversized windows, as well as the cantilevered deck off the living room. There's also a separate studio/guest house that features a two-story great room with fireplace, a kitchenette and sliding glass doors onto a deck. Barbara Goetsch of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty has the listing. — *Diane di Costanzo*



Rock On Perched on a granite promontory in Branford, this newly constructed contemporary is listed for \$2.8 million with Barbara Goetsch of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Guilford. 203-927-7146.

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