

DEEDS & DON'TS



**Sky's The Limit** Called Skyfall Manor, this newly renovated circa-1960s Colonial lists for \$2,540,000 with the Madonna & Phillips team of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Washington Depot. 203-598-9011.

Lacanche stove, a distinctive patterned tile floor and lovely built-in banquettes in the breakfast nook. Called Hermitswood, the 6,321-square-foot home also features a two-story family room with a 17th-century French fireplace, one of seven fireplaces throughout the house. In all, there are four bedrooms, including a well-appointed primary suite with a private balcony. And on the eight-acre exterior is a gorgeous pool flanked by multiple terraces and a lily pond. The property lists for \$2,699,000 with Libby McKinney Tritschler of Al Filippone Associates, associated with William Raveis.

In Bridgewater, a once-ordinary, '60s-era Colonial now features cool, open-plan interiors and the much-sought-after downstairs primary suite, fitted with French doors onto a private terrace. Called Skyfall Manor, the home has a new kitchen, built with cathedral ceilings and a wall of windows, which flows into a dazzling formal dining room with glossy charcoal walls. The dining room also offers access to a covered porch and bluestone terrace with an outdoor

kitchen and firepit. And there's a massive family room with reclaimed-hemlock exposed beams and a gas fireplace. Outside, across the 5.5 landscaped acres, there's a pretty pool and pool house. The property lists for \$2,540,000 with the Madonna & Phillips team of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.

THE BEST IN NEW CONSTRUCTION

IN DARIEN, A BRAND NEW, 6,800-SQUARE-FOOT HOME HAS ALL THE features on this year's must-have amenities list. There's the front-to-back foyer with double-height ceilings. There's a no-one-has-ever-used-it kitchen that connects to both an oversized family room and, via butler's pantry, a formal dining room. There's a glass-walled office space with views onto the terrace. And there are six ensuite bedrooms, including one on the lower level suitable for an au pair, and a primary suite with a fireplace and dressing room. Finally, on the one-acre grounds, there's a spa-like pool and terrace. It lists for \$4,995,000 with Bruce Baker of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.



**This Just In** New to the Darien market, this just-built home lists for \$4,995,000 with Bruce Baker of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Darien. 203-912-7061.



WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE

Just in time for President's Day: An antique that hosted George Washington has hit the market for \$1,649,000. Once serving the town of Litchfield as Sheldon's Tavern, the circa-1760 Colonial has retained some of its original features—from ornate fireplaces to wide floorboards—along with six bedrooms and a handsome, two-story covered porch overlooking the back lawns. The 6.55-acre grounds also feature a pool, pool house and an apartment over the detached garage. Clevé Fuessenich of Klemm Real Estate in Litchfield has the listing. 860-567-5060.

TOP LEFT: NEVA GALLFORD; MIDDLE: DAN MILSTEIN

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**Red Hot** Connecticut's classic red barn is the inspiration for this Kent compound on 37 acres, listed for \$4,695,000 with Maria Taylor and Claudine McHugh of Klemm Real Estate in Washington Depot and Woodbury, respectively, 203-578-0397 and 203-228-7000.



THE BEST OF THE UNIQUES

**A BARN WITH A SILO AND AN observatory?** A modern chateau? Unlike like pristine new construction (see: Darien), listings that don't fall into easy categories aren't for everyone. But iconoclastic buyers seeking something unique tend to flock to the fanciful—and in our state, two of the best include a

barn-style home on 37 acres in Kent. At the heart of Cobble Brook Farm, as it's called, is the stunning main house, converted from a barn by architects Haver & Skolnick Architects in 2001. The three-story silo, topped by an observatory offering 360-degree views, is the property's most obvious unique feature. But its 66-foot-long great room with exposed beams and two floor-to-ceiling stone hearths is every bit as dramatic. The drama continues in the first-floor primary suite featuring a private, screened-in porch that's cantilevered over a brook. There are an additional two bedrooms in the main house, three more in the guest house and, in yet another barn-style structure, a home theater and studio/office. It lists for \$4,695,000 with Maria Taylor and Claudine McHugh of Klemm Real Estate in Washington Depot.

**Beau Chateau** This chic chateau-style home on two Greenwich acres lists for \$4,999,000 with Ed Villeda of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Stamford, 203-249-4585.

Finally in Greenwich, a circa-2008 chateau-style home has a distinctly graphic appeal with its white façade trimmed in black, and elegant portico and turret. The elegance continues in the entrance hall, featuring 30-foot ceilings and double staircases, with an easy flow to the back terrace and its pool. As is required these days, there's a handsome home office, this one with an impressive marble hearth and wood paneling. Equally impressive is the lower-level suite of amenities, including a billiards room, theater, gym and yoga room. It lists for \$4,999,000 with Ed Villeda of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty. —*Diane di Costanzo*



BOTTOM RIGHT: CHRIS SHAMFER

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