

## GOOD POINT

Upon entering the front door of this beguiling French Country-style home, built in 2006 on Butler's Island, Darien, you immediately experience the wow factor. Columns in the entry foyer frame the thirty-two-by-thirty-six-foot living room/dining room—the core of the house, which opens to a large terrace and straight on to one-of-a-kind views of both the Five Mile River and Long Island Sound. If you're left speechless, it's OK; you won't be the first. This three-story home is located strategically on a rocky bluff and hides away a finished room on the fourth floor. The foyer, with a dramatically curved staircase, leads to a handsomely paneled library on the left and a home office, or command center, to the right. The adjoining gourmet kitchen, with a stone



The Cedars is listed at \$13,200,000 with Halstead Property.

fireplace, connects to a family room. The lower level has game and exercise rooms and a full bath and opens onto an inviting seaside terrace with outdoor fireplace and pool, plus a sandy beach and dock.

## REJUVENATED LANDMARK



The price was renovated too—down to \$7,995,000, with William Pitt Sotheby's.

Wisteria Hill is a 1910 landmark estate on 8.6 acres atop New Canaan's highest ridge. This beautiful house was recently renovated, both expanding and updating it, inside and out. Designer Louise Brooks worked with the owner to preserve the classic symmetry and elegant architectural features, including balconies, arched doorways, twelve-foot ceilings, and exquisite millwork. House design aficionados marvel at the home's luxury, including a grand entrance hall, antique spruce wide-plank floors, a living room with poured Venetian plaster molding and a hand-carved Adams mantel, and a cook's dream kitchen that boasts a two-story vaulted beamed ceiling, hand-crafted cabinets, and a cozy sitting area. What else? The master suite has his-and-her sitting rooms and three fireplaces. This paradise tops it all off with a pool and lovely formal gardens plus a two-bedroom guest cottage.

## TOMORROW'S TUDOR

What's going up on Ring's End Road in Darien? The gracious English Tudor style is being reinvented for modern lifestyles, with light, airy rooms, family-friendly floor plans, and energy efficiency. This thanks to architect James Schettino and his son Jim, who joined his father's New Canaan firm in 2009; the Tudor, which James describes as "a 1929 English Revival style" was inspired by American architects Dwight James Baum of Fieldstone in Riverdale and Charles Lewis Bowman, designer of many Tudor homes in Bronxville. With multiple gables, massive chimneys, and four fireplaces, the new house is clad in materials



Rendering by James Schettino Architects

typical of the style—including fieldstone, brick, stucco, half-timbering, a slate roof, and leaded antique-glass windows. Modern amenities include a two-story entry foyer with fireplace, his-and-her offices, and a large mudroom with bath and shower, offering convenient access to the exercise room and the pool.

## Psst...

We hear that three established restaurateurs, quite successful in NYC, are charmed by the former River Cat Grill in Rowayton. Interior renovations are already underway, with the opening scheduled for late September or early October. »