

winner **Traditional Architecture:** Greater than 7,000 square feet



At first glance, this waterfront home on Mead Point in Greenwich appears to be historic, as though it could date to the early 1900s when Shingle-style houses took on a more symmetrical appearance. This impression was one of the homeowners' primary goals, says Douglas VanderHorn of VanderHorn Architects. "They really wanted it to look like a home that had been there for many years." His design employs classical features and exceptional materials to achieve this elegant result, built by Significant Homes.

Thanks to the home's fine proportions, you don't immediately notice that the custom windows are quite large, to take advantage of views of the Sound. To create stonework with true patina, the mason purchased an old Connecticut farm wall and used that stone for the house. Thoughtful exterior detailing, such as decorative cedar rafter tails, adds to the charm. Several elements of the original house on the

property were preserved and reused, including leaded glass windows and a marble mantel.

Inside, some detailing hints at the Victorian period with custom millwork, period-appropriate moldings, and six fireplaces. Designer Lee Ann Thornton treated several rooms to different hues of blue; the color graces the walls in the dining room and the striking butler's pantry with lacquered cabinets. "She was the brains behind finishing that room, which is so compelling," says Douglas, who applauds the eye-catching interiors throughout. Behind the scenes are state-of-the-art systems: LED lighting, geothermal heating, spray-foam insulation, and smart-house controls for the building systems, audio-video and lighting. A cogeneration system that runs 24/7 generates electricity for the house and feeds excess back to the grid. The homeowners enjoy the best of classic architecture with the most modern comforts. —MKH

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opposite: In the dining room, designer Lee Ann Thornton brought in antiqued mirror paneling above the fireplace, adding to the light and glamour of the room. **this page:** (clockwise from top right) Large custom windows from Dynamic Windows and Doors emphasize the connection between indoors and out. The butler's pantry is a jewel of a space finished with blue-lacquered walls and cabinetry, and German silver countertops. In the library, cherry wood lends warmth; nautical influence is seen in the bowed ceiling beams and on the fireplace mantel where wood detail resembles the keel of a boat. The home gym has the latest equipment.