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A Connecticut firm specializes in re-creating the grand residences of the 19th and 20th centuries. By Dan Cooper



aging through Wadia Associates' portfolio, one is struck by the grandeur and obvious love of historicism present in all of the firm's work. Renowned for sensitive additions, restorations and new homes built in traditional styles, Wadia Associates designs and builds mainly in the tony coastal areas of Greenwich, New Canaan and Westport, CT, as well as in Long Island and the New York envi-

rons. The firm's projects immediately conjure up images of Gatsby-esque mansions in both their scale and opulence. Surprisingly, architectural historicism was not the passion of Dinyar

Surprisingly, architectural historicism was not the passion of Diffyal Wadia, the firm's founder, when he emigrated from India and graduated from Columbia in 1969; he was bound and determined to be a Modernist. He had begun his own practice, setting his sights on New Canaan, the location of several iconic Modernist houses. In 1975, he approached a banker friend, Peter Raymond, for financing. "I told him that I wanted to build a Modernist house like Philip Johnson," Wadia laughs. "Raymond's office was on the second floor, and he opened the window and told me to jump out, telling me that the result would be far less painful! He then informed me that Modernism was not selling in town, and that he had houses designed by Philip Johnson, Marcel Breuer and others that were just sitting on the market with no interest in them. He said, 'If you want to sell houses in New Canaan, build Colonials!' so I went down and looked at this house that was for sale. It was the ugliest Colonial I had ever seen, but I decided I could improve upon it, and I worked on the roof pitch and other exterior details. But inside, I made it functionally modern."

#### **Forsaking Modernism**

The house sold, and Wadia's career progressed. Although it was pragmatism that caused him to accommodate the market's demands, he developed an abiding respect and passion for historicism. "I had a falling out with Modernism," he says. "I went to see a Mies van der Rohe house and I was disillusioned, for the quality and the finish failed to live up to what I thought I'd seen in its design. I went to Boston and saw the Old City Hall [a massive, ornate Second Empire edifice] and was enchanted with it. This, along with other great 19th-century buildings, reinforced my love of historic structures." Wadia's stock-in-trade mirrors the fashions of the gilded age of the late-19th and early-20th centuries. He is often called upon to enlarge or re-create the grand homes found on the Connecticut and Long Island shores, and specializes in replicating the existing construction when additions are called for to enlarge a pre-existing structure. The firm is equally adept at designing new dwellings, and ensuring that they are indistinguishable from the homes of decades past.

Dinyar Wadia founded Wadia Associates in New Canaan, CT, in the mid-1970s. In the decades since, the firm has become renowned for its historically sensitive additions and traditionally styled new designs, such as a Georgian Revival mansion (top) in Greenwich, CT. While the front elevation is more restrained, the rear of the house displays the lavish ornamentation consistent with the more private elevations of this style. *All photos: Jonathan Wallen* 

#### Traditional Transformations

In Greenwich stands a Wadia project that originated with a late-19th-century Queen Anne home on a peninsula graced with spectacular views of Long Island sound. Wadia greatly expanded the entire footprint of the

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The dining room of the Georgian Revival displays the detail and trappings of the Adam style. Great care was taken to create the decorative plasterwork on the walls and ceiling.

home in a spectacular, yet remarkably sensitive manner. While the façade retains only its living room and porch, all of the elevations are a Turn of the Century fantasy, replete with turrets, porches and towers. To take advantage of the ocean view, the firm chose to use sheets of glass instead of traditional windows on the rear elevation. The master bedroom, inspired by the Doge's Palace in Venice, features a grand sleeping porch with sliding glass pocket doors to protect the main chamber from the elements. The vast entry hall and stairwell are decidedly Colonial Revival, and feature a beamed ceiling and portico with a fanlight that overlooks the waterside loggia.

In Watch Hill, RI, Wadia created sensitive additions to a sprawling Tudor Revival house originally designed by John Russell Pope. The first story and the crenulated tower are composed of hewn stone, while the second story and gables are half timbered with brick nogging. The house had fallen into disrepair, and the gallery that spanned most of the rear elevation was decrepit. Wadia replaced the wood posts that supported this gallery with stone piers, and then designed three additions to the house, using carefully selected materials that matched the original. The additions

included a kitchen/master suite, a family room that overlooks the swimming pool and a garage wing that connects the main house to the guest house. The transition from old to new construction is imperceptible, and Wadia considers the observer's inability to discern one from the other a great compliment.

By judiciously studying not only the materials, but also the scale and proportion, Wadia and his firm have created additions that are in keeping with the spirit and the architecture of the original structure. In Greenwich, a 1902 Tudor now displays a new half-timbered wing with a façade that matches the older section of the house. In New Canaan, the firm recently designed a new wing on a 1929 Gothic mansion. Although the wing is out of the sightlines of the front elevation, the architects still went to great lengths to create a seamless transition, and the Indiana limestone selected was power-ground to match the texture and patina of the original. The addition features a great room with an interior inspired by Castle Duart, and the exposed trusses and arches shelter a library and billiard room. Continuing the Gothic theme, a connecting hallway with ironsash windows leads to the main house.

Wadia Associates is equally adept at reproducing Georgian architecture in a most convincing way, as evidenced by a massive new Georgian Revival home in Greenwich. In keeping with the tenets of the style, the front elevation is more restrained, while the rear is an ornate creation with formal bedded gardens leading down to the main grounds. A matching, treble-arched pavilion overlooks the swimming pool and gardens as well.

In the firm's New Canaan offices, much care has been spent on every detail, great and small, such as metal balustrades in the shape of calla lilies, each formed in a slightly different shape, and the second floor gallery with handshaped wooden columns that mimic the peristyle of a Greek temple. "I spend more time here than I do at home," says Wadia, a self-professed workaholic, "so I wanted to make my office look as nice as possible. I've had clients call on a Saturday and be surprised when I answer the telephone."





Wadia reconstructed the massive rear gallery of a John Russell Pope-designed house in Watch Hill, RI, replacing the wooden structure with stone piers. The firm supervised the restoration of the exterior and designed three new wings, including this one (right), to match the late-19th-century Tudor Revival house.



Originally a mid-sized Queen Anne house built on a peninsula overlooking Long Island sound, Wadia greatly enlarged the original footprint of this structure while honoring the architecture of the original section.

Even though the majority of Wadia's clients are in a rarified economic stratum, the firm employs a pragmatic approach to construction and design expenses. "Clients hate surprises," says Wadia. "To avoid sticker shock, we've come up with a process that gives them a realistic cost estimate before they or we have spent a lot of time in preparation."

At most architectural firms, the typical design process entails a prospective client relating how their dream house would appear. The architect then renders mockups and a proposal and presents these to the client, who is invariably surprised at the expense. This process typically results in a scaling back in both their desires and budget. "This wastes a phenomenal amount of time and money for both the client and the architect," says Wadia. "Instead, we teach them to manage their expectations and offer options upfront. We give them a spreadsheet to take home and tell them to list the rooms they want, and then we add the spaces, such as laundries, hallways and additional bathrooms. We then plug in the average cost per square foot. Then we'll have a meeting and can tell them what their house would cost. They might be happy with this, or they'll say 'Oh my!' and cut their 10,000-sq.ft. house down to 6,000 sq.ft. Up to that point, the process only takes two or three hours of everyone's time."

Another advantage that the firm possesses is its intimate knowledge of the zoning in the communities where it frequently works. "We know the rules through and through," says Wadia, "so we're realistic about what variances a client might obtain in Westport, Greenwich and New Canaan. We know that they won't be able to build a 60-ft.-tall chimney, and what

> they can get away with as far as square footage or changing the setback. If you, as a builder or architect, aren't familiar with the rules and regulations indigenous to these towns, you can lose a huge amount of time in meetings and inspections."

#### The New Necessities

When asked what clients who are used to top-of-the-line comforts are currently asking for in their new homes, Wadia says that while kitchens were the big thing a decade ago, the focus has now moved on to additional rooms, such as the lowly mudroom. "What used to be a few coat hooks in the garage has been transformed into a critical part of the family's lifestyle," he says. "It must have at least a halfbath, cubbies for shoes and a closet for sports equipment. Often the laundry is located there, too."

The firm is also frequently asked to design recycling rooms. "These are situated on the kitchen level, but all the recyclables then slide down to the grade of the driveway, so



The master bedroom suite of the Queen Anne features a sleeping porch that is partitioned off from the elements by sliding glass doors. The furnishings were inspired by the Doge's Palace in Venice.

that the recycling truck driver can simply stop by and empty the bins," says Wadia. "These rooms are typically tile floored, and have drains so that they can be hosed down for cleaning."

Master closets are also on the must-have list. "They should have a three-way mirror with superior lighting, a jewelry safe and a fold-down ironing board," says Wadia. "There is often a washer and dryer in this area as well. In fact, the two separate laundries are very popular now, with one located on the ground floor and the other in or near the master suite." Audio-visual rooms are also specified, even if the clients themselves are not technophiles. "It's become one of those standards for resale value," adds Wadia.

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This newly constructed great room, which was added to a 1929 house in New Canaan, CT, houses a billiards room and library. The connecting hallway, also new, features iron-framed sash.

Wadia also insists on custom-made mahogany windows. "They don't rot, unlike many of the production windows currently available, and our clientele wants an authentic appearance," he says. "They don't want to see the screens, either, so we now incorporate pull-down screens that retract into the header of the window; it gives a very clean and historic look."

Lightning control systems are also typical of a Wadia design. "These used to be thought of as a luxury, but if you've got a 10,000-sq.ft. house, it's a pretty big target, and should it be struck by lightning, think of all the wires that have to be replaced and the walls that have to be opened up to get to them."

Wadia has striven to address all facets of the building process, and along with his architectural team – which is responsible for the conceptualization of projects – the firm will also act as a general contractor and provide construction crews. Wadia Associates' holistic approach also extends to interior and landscape design; in 2008, Wadia's landscape design for his own house was recognized with a Palladio Award.

The firm will also work with other architects and build to their specifications or sub out their designs to other crews in an effort to remain flexible and serve the market to its fullest. "I insist that when you're considering designing and building in our market, you must give us a call before you look elsewhere, and you will be impressed by the quality of our work," says Wadia. "Then we have done our job."







In the 1929 house, Wadia created a vast kitchen that is flooded with natural light from above. The firm incorporated the heavily beamed ceilings and fireplace from the house's original architecture.

Wadia Associates won a 2008 Palladio Award for the Gardens at Gitanjali, Wadia's own residence in New Canaan, CT.

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#### FEATURE

# Intelligent Design

The New Urban Guild's SmartDwelling initiative proposes smaller and smarter housing types. By Stephen A. Mouzon, AIA CNU LEED

ew American homes are brewing. A number of architects are using the slack time of the downturn to propose new types of American homes. Russell Versaci's Pennywise Homes will be built in modular fashion by Haven Homes. Marianne Cusato's New Economy Home is a 1,676-sq.ft., four-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath house that "addresses the impact that the current economy is having on how we build for today and in the future." Others certainly are working on their own designs, both within the New Urbanism and elsewhere.

None, however, hope to have a more ambitious scope than the New Urban Guild's SmartDwelling project. The guild is a group of 65 (at this time) architects from around the U.S. and abroad who are well known for their New Urbanist work. The most prolific New Urbanist home-plan designers - Bill Allison, Cooter Ramsey, Eric Moser, Jim Strickland, Donald Powers, John Reagan and Bud Lawrence - are included, as are stalwarts of New Urbanist custom design like Julie Sanford, Gary Justiss and Eric Watson and noted towncenter architects Maricé Chael, David Day and Eric Brown. In good New Urbanist fashion, all of these designers do a bit of everything, not just what they're noted for. Some are more noted for their New Urbanist planning work, such as Bill Dennis, Mike Watkins, Tom Low, Marina Khoury, Chris Ritter, Keith Covington and Susan Henderson. Many are noted New Urbanist town architects, including Mike Watkins, Frank Greene, Erik Vogt, Marieanne Khoury-Vogt and Leo Casas.

Leading Classicists in the guild include Alvin Holm, Anne Fairfax, Richard Sammons, Milton Grenfell, John Massengale, Steve Semes, Victor Deupi, Dino Marcantonio and Christine Franck. The works of many, including Mike Waller, Derrick Smith and Ken Pursley, span the Classical/vernacular spectrum. Walter Chatham is a noted Modernist; others like Randall Imai, Jeff Dungan, Louis Nequette, Frank Martinez and Joel Barkley have portfolios that range from the Classical to the Modernist. Robert Orr, Pat Pinnell, Milosav Cekic, Lew Oliver, Steve Oubre, Dan Parolek, Kevin Klinkenberg and Brian Hendrickson exemplify those who are equally notable for numerous things. Several are noted authors, including Russell Versaci.

And they're a highly decorated crowd, too. Michael Imber, for example, is the first architect, to my knowledge, to win an Arthur Ross Award at less than 50 years of age. He is joined by several winners of Palladio Awards, CNU Charter Awards and other national honors. Their record of service is exemplary. Michael Barranco was responsible for beginning the massive New Urbanist Katrina recovery effort; Bruce Tolar is the epicenter of its continuation at Cottage Square. Many have taught, including Michael Mehaffy, Andrew von Maur, David Mayernik and Matt Lister. International guild members include Doug Luke and Andrew Martschenko.



The New Urban Guild's SmartDwelling initiative offers a range of techniques for maximizing space and building smaller homes, as well as promoting sustainability. A curtained bed alcove, for instance, can capture body heat, potentially lessening heating demand. *All photos: courtesy of Stephen A. Mouzon* 



#### New American Homes

Why do we need new American homes? Let's follow the evolution of the American home since 1945. A typical household in the U.S. at that time comprised about four-and-a-half people; now it's down to around two and a half. Yet our homes have swelled from around 1,100 sq.ft. at the end of World War II to

Why waste space inside walls? Shelves can provide useful storage space.

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Above and right: Boarded walls allow shelves, pegs, appliances, cabinets and other storage devices to be installed at any point along a wall.

around 2,400 sq.ft. today. So we have about half as many people living in over double the space. One might think, with four times as much area per person, that our homes might look like the homes in the Modernist magazines: great expanses of space with very little furniture. The truth, as we know, is quite the opposite; even with half the people in double the space, we have so much extra stuff that won't fit into our homes that in 2005, according to Daniel Pink, we had propelled self-storage into a \$17-billiona-year industry.

So our homes have been ballooning, our possessions have been ballooning, and if that weren't enough, even our bodies have been ballooning as we've consumed more and more. And while it was fun for a while, it's been terrifically unhealthy. The news is full of the consequences of our obesity epidemic, and the financial burdens we've taken on to finance our ballooning homes and possessions that allowed the meltdown to occur. These burdens have all become too great for America to bear.

How can SmartDwellings help? Architecture can't solve everything, to be sure, and the solution the guild is proposing doesn't even start with architecture. It starts with neighborhoods. Specifically, the SmartDwellings are calibrated to neighborhoods that are compact, walkable and contain a mix of uses so that you might walk to work, walk to school, walk to the grocery store, walk to the park or walk to any of the other essentials of everyday life. I can personally attest to the benefits of walking, as I lost 60 pounds after moving several years ago from a completely unwalkable place that was 95% suburban to South Beach, where I crank the car only a couple of times a week.

After calibrating to compact, mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods, the SmartDwelling project will put the American home on a diet. But belttightening only goes so far; you can't just cram the same stuff into a smaller box; most Americans aren't into overly-tight belts or any other forms of suffering anymore. And being smaller and cuter might work for a guest, but the cuteness quickly wears off for those who live there each day if the basics of the home aren't working for them. So how can we do this?

The SmartDwelling project doesn't just make homes smaller; it also makes them smarter. It does so by a variety of means. Take, for example,



the dining room. Go to a restaurant and you'll notice that people strongly prefer booths to tables, and by a large margin. Six people can sit comfortably in a 36-sq.ft. booth, whereas a comfortable dining room for six people is closer to 180 sq.ft. – five times as large. Why not give people what they'd rather have anyway, and do it in one-fifth the space? Booths won't replace dining rooms in every SmartDwelling, of course – none of the items mentioned here will occur in every plan. SmartDwellings will encompass a number of plan types and sizes, but the average size will be about half of last year's bloated American house.

Saving 50% of the size means saving about 40% of the cost, we believe, because SmartDwellings will cost more per square foot than bloated houses. It is important that the savings be significant, not just incremental. During the Great Depression, banks had no money. Today, they have money, but they have no confidence. But if the same customers want to borrow 40% less money than they would need for a bloated house, a significant number of those deals will be approved. The guild believes this approach can be instrumental in restarting construction in compact, mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods.

#### **Tools and Techniques**

To build smaller and smarter, the guild is loading its toolbox with numerous techniques. Double- and triple-duty (or more) elements, for instance, are highly helpful when building smaller and smarter. "If a home has a garage, why must it be the same old dumb prosthesis it has always been, stuck onto the front (or back) of the house?" asks Geoffrey Mouen. "Why not build a livable garage, where cars can stay when you're sleeping, but then pull out so that it can be an art studio, potting shed, workshop, cabana or rainy-day play space for the kids?" People occasionally do some of these things in their garages already, but if they were designed intelligently, they could do them easily and regularly.

David Rau advocates for sofa dining. "It can be very practical to dine in the living room with a 30-in.-high drop-leaf table in front of the sofa, with

small chairs around the outside," he says. "In fact, this is my favorite way to eat with my family – we stay put for hours." David and several others also use bookshelves instead of walls to divide many rooms because they provide storage and create character.

An easy and obvious expansion path is also a useful feature, because many people will buy smaller homes if it's clear how they can easily expand them as their family grows. Grow zones are areas in a floor plan from which additions can sprout through windows that turn into doors. Grow zones might contain furniture that can be moved, but never cabinets, closets or bathrooms, because these things move only with great expense. How about guest rooms that sit empty almost all the time? SmartDwellings don't have space to waste on things that are almost never used. Michael Imber and Robert Orr are both well known for tucking bed and bunk alcoves into their plans for the children of guests. If you're really looking to save space, then you could let your kids "camp out" in the bed alcoves and let your guests use your kids' rooms. Giving the guests the kids' rooms was once common practice in America, so this



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isn't something we've never done before. And Thomas Jefferson slept in a bed alcove at Monticello, so why can't we?

How about having a kids' realm, where one big room is surrounded by bed alcoves? Each alcove should be curtained, so going to bed each night would be a lot like closing a tent door a perpetual camping trip. (Marieanne Khoury-Vogt and Erik Vogt use curtains rather than doors in many other places, too, saving both space and money.) For mid-teen years just before they leave home, a garçonnière is a tiny cottage in the yard that's not much more than a bedroom and bath that offers the privacy that soon-to-be adults crave. Later, the garçonnière can become a home office, studio, workshop or granny cottage.

Alex Latham is one of many guild architects who advocate tucking bedrooms and baths into an attic rather than building another full floor – not like most do now, where the lowest walls are five or six feet high, but rather the way we once did them, where you use space all the way down to where the walls are only 30 inches tall or less. David Rau



A laundry eave on the back of a house shelters clothes hung on a pulley in the event of a rain shower.

is one of the architects that has rediscovered the frieze window of 190 years ago that cross-ventilates these rooms beautifully. Half-story designs not only save tens of thousands of dollars in construction costs, but also tend to be more charming, and subsequently more lovable. If a building cannot be loved, it will not last, and is therefore not sustainable – so SmartDwellings focus strongly on patterns that are lovable to non-architects.

#### Smart and Sustainable

Sustainability is the other half of the SmartDwelling equation. The guild is proposing a series of regional design charrettes that will calibrate SmartDwelling plans to the most sustainable architecture of each region. American architects have, almost since the founding of our republic, been looking for a decidedly American architecture. Greek Revival architecture was the first foray, tying the fledgling American democracy to the world's first democracy in Athens. Other excursions, such as Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style, have been regional in nature. Others, such as the Spanish Colonial architecture of San Diego, the Pueblo Revival architecture of



Santa Fe and the Mediterranean Revival architecture of Coral Gables, were more local. Occasionally, this search for an appropriate architecture was high-minded; in other cases, it was not much more than a real estate marketing scheme.

The SmartDwelling project continues this search for a truly American architecture. Our touchstone is sustainability. What makes more sense today than an architecture attuned to the conditions, climate and culture of a region? An architecture of this people, and of this place? So the American architecture of the SmartDwelling project is actually a collection of regional languages of architecture.

One of the most important SmartDwelling sustainability features isn't in the house at all. Rather, it's the design of the landscaping into something that isn't just landscaping anymore. If, instead, every available foot of exterior space is properly designed into a series of garden rooms, then people are enticed outdoors during all but the most extreme weather conditions. If you're regularly enticed outdoors by beautiful outdoor rooms, then you become acclimated to the local environment and need less full-body refrigeration (or heating) once you return indoors. This accomplishes several good things. First, it expands the usability of outdoor rooms to more months of the year. This means that you can actually build a smaller house because you're living outdoors and indoors. So you're saving on construction costs - probably more than enough to build and furnish the outdoor rooms because they can be built for one-sixth to one-eighth the cost of conditioned interior spaces. And you're saving energy every month because the house you're heating and cooling is smaller. Marieanne Khoury-Vogt and Erik Vogt's work at Alys Beach exemplifies these principles. Julie Sanford is one of many guild masters of the reclaimed porch in its many forms, from the screened sleeping porch to the freestanding screened dining room.

Leo Casas is one of many guild members advocating the use of the landscaping of outdoor rooms for another purpose: making it edible. Local food is far more sustainable than food that needs a passport to get to your table. Food cannot be any more local than that which you grow in your outdoor garden rooms. Whether or not you currently have a green thumb, many of the SmartDwellings will set the stage so you can try your hand in the future.

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Cross-ventilation is most effective when placed across task areas where people spend a lot of time.

#### The list of cool SmartDwelling patterns is long and growing.

If you think this sounds like an ambitious agenda, then we agree with you. But it's a necessary agenda. Attempting less is unlikely to generate the sort of critical mass necessary to change the way America builds. SmartDwellings must be rational enough, compelling enough and inspiring enough that appraisers, bankers, builders and homeowners make substantive changes in what has heretofore been business as usual. Because business as usual is now out of business. It's time for something better.

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The flat-roofed wing of offices (shown still under construction this spring) extends 100 ft. from the octagonal brick body of Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest in Forest, VA. Photo: Les Schofer

# A Wing Aloft Again

The long-lost wing of offices is reconstructed at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest.

#### PROJECT: POPLAR FOREST OFFICE WING, FOREST, VA

ARCHITECT: MESICK, COHEN, WILSON, BAKER ARCHITECTS, LLP, ALBANY, NY; JOHN MESICK, PRINCIPAL

**OWNER:** THE CORPORATION FOR JEFFERSON'S POPLAR FOREST, FOREST, VA; TRAVIS C. MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL RESTORATION

Here turies do not typically put up conjectural replacements. That is, curators do not rebuild what they cannot prove was once there, based on photos or other incontestable evidence. But for the staff at Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's 1810s country retreat near Lynchburg,

VA, no conjecture has been required about how Jefferson liked to design and build, despite a dearth of surviving photos. Throughout his career, he followed Palladian strictures. He never wavered in his commitment to Palladio's recommended measurements and molding profiles and hired only craftspeople who could meet Palladian standards.

"We've become conversant with his battery of architectural elements – the way he proportioned everything, from the windowsills to the entablatures and the kinds of tools his workmen carried from house to house," explains John Mesick of Mesick, Cohen, Wilson, Baker Architects (MCWB), the Albany, NY, firm that has been restoring Poplar Forest for two decades. "The system all locks in, and it's backed up in the archaeological record and Jefferson's letters. We've actually had to guess very little." The firm just finished rebuilding Poplar Forest's long-lost wing of offices. Extending 100 ft. from the brick house's octagonal body, the wing originally contained a kitchen, laundry room, smokehouse and storage space. Its flat roof deck, which Jefferson called a "terras" (terrace), served as the family's favorite spot

for communing with nature. "About twilight of the evening," he wrote to his daughter Martha in 1817, "we sally out with the owls and bats and take our evening exercise on the terras."

MCWB staffers and Poplar Forest's in-house artisans have brought back the wing's innovative 1810s technology – including haute-cuisine cooking equipment and exactly 82 gutter spouts – while adhering to construction practices and materials that Jefferson would have recognized from his two decades (1806-26) of construction onsite. The current project craftspeople have been digging up fieldstone for foundation masonry, kilning limestone into mortar, and hand-planing slabs of pine and poplar. A few invisible stainless-steel fasteners and a waterproof roof membrane "are practically all we've added here that's not strictly traditional," says Travis McDonald, who has served as the museum's architectural restoration director since 1989.



After a fire devastated the estate in 1845, the flat-roofed office wing was truncated and reconfigured into two pitched-roof outbuildings (right). Archaeologists gradually determined what connected these structures to the octagonal main house. Photo: courtesy of the Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest



Archaeologists scrutinized surviving brick flooring patterns to determine where Jefferson had placed the wing's room dividers and kitchen fixtures. Photo: courtesy of the Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest

McDonald joined the staff soon after a nonprofit, the Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest, took over the estate from private owners who were unable to afford much maintenance. The house, which Jefferson's heirs had sold off two years after his death in 1826, had only changed hands a few times in its life, but nonetheless suffered drastic changes. In 1845, "flames consumed the house, reducing it to a roofless ruin," writes historian Hugh Howard in *Thomas Jefferson, Architect* (Rizzoli, 2003). After the fire, the owners added a dormered third floor to the two-story octagon, ripped out its central skylight, blocked up windows and fireplaces and rearranged partitions and doors. The office wing ended up truncated into a pair of pitched-roof outbuildings for a kitchen and a smokehouse.

When the museum started archaeological explorations in 1989, the ghosts of the wing's original outline soon emerged. The staff has since dug down to determine the locations of its room dividers and even the polygonal or oval fixtures in what McDonald calls "a radically modern kitchen for its time." Jefferson's head chef, a slave named James Hemings (whose brother John was Jefferson's favorite carpenter; their sister Sally was probably their owner's mistress), had trained at Paris restaurants in the 1780s. James apparently taught Poplar Forest's slave chefs how to operate the likes of a set kettle (a pot nestled in a round brick trough over burning coals, providing a steady supply of hot water) and a stew-pot range (a row of iron grilles for keeping different pans at different temperatures).



While fashioning the kitchen fixtures, masons slathered handmade lime mortar onto replica bricks in varied hues. *Photo: courtesy of the Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest* 

"Probably only two dozen stew-pot ranges, at most, were ever built in America," says McDonald.

The museum has spent a decade reconstructing the complicated office wing while performing phase after phase of restoration on the octagon. "These are some of our most careful clients, making very considered decisions at every step, and we have some very careful clients," says Mesick. The curators analyzed the wing's surviving bricks, which came in half-a-dozen shades and shapes, then ordered replicas from the Old Carolina Brick Company of Salisbury, NC. The project's head mason, Jimmy Price of Virginia Lime Works of Madison Heights, VA, formulated mortar according to Jeffersonian recipes. "We've figured out how to burn the lime in a kiln and slake it into putty," says McDonald. "Once it's slaked, we follow the traditional practice of storing it in holes in the ground for a year or two to break down any pieces of limestone that didn't break down in the kiln. Then we add sand and beat the stiff putty with a big wooden maul, so it comes around to the right pliable consistency." The resulting slow-curing mortar, he adds, "has a great advantage over quick-drying commercial lime mortar that can develop shrinkage cracks. I'm a big proponent of the backto-lime movement."

Atop the finished brick walls, staff carpenters have wielded mallets, adzes and chisels to copy what McDonald calls "Jefferson's only architectural invention: a hidden roof system that creates a flat deck, a system he'd



The museum staff sheltered and heated the construction

site, so work could continue year-round on the sawtooth pattern of deck roofing. Photo: courtesy of the Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest

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Above: Ridge and gutter joists: Lime-mortared brick piers support oak gutter joists, each weighing 300 pounds. Photo: courtesy of the Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest

Right: This summer, visitors were allowed their first glimpses of the brick wing's shady colonnade. Photo: courtesy of the Corporation for Jefferson's Poplar Forest

been developing and perfecting for over 30 years at the White House, Monticello and the University of Virginia." Poplar Forest's carpenters have slotted together some 40

oak ridge joists, each covered in over 100 hand-planed antique pine shingles that conceal a rubber membrane. Each of the gutter joists, which end in U-shaped scuppers that protrude through the entablature, weighs 300 pounds. Stainless-steel fasteners connect the Brazilian Ipe deck sleepers to floorboards made from 5x10-ft. panels of quartersawn, knot-free white oak.

The oak flooring, McDonald says, "can be lifted in case we need to make roof repairs." But he expects his team's handiwork to far outperform Jefferson's version. The Palladian architect declared that his roofs "never leaked." But archival records prove him wrong – by 1825, his carpenters already had to rebuild the office wing's rotted gutters.

Inside the rebuilt wing's four rooms, exhibits now point out the structural marvels overhead, and videos and photos based – on decades of



research – reveal how they were originally engineered and have risen again. Visitors are also allowed onto the terras, where a barely noticeable stainless-steel railing meets safety codes at the perimeter. "We put in as minimal a post-and-rail system as we could after going through a lot of prototypes to make sure it would disappear architecturally from a distance," says McDonald. "We want people to understand that 150 years ahead of his time, Jefferson integrated architecture and nature with an open roof deck at this idealistic house." – *Eve M. Kahn* 

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During two decades of restoration, the museum staff has rebuilt the main octagon's flat roof. Photo: Les Schofer

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RECENT PROJECT NEW DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Edmund D. Hollander Landscape Architect Design created the traditional informal gardens for this new shingle style residence in Columbus, OH. 111 photos: Charles Mayer

# Country Club Setting

#### Gardens and landscape elements complement a new residence in central Ohio.

n the northeast region of Columbus, OH, lie 26 acres of rolling meadows and sprawling trees that were, until recently, the site of an abandoned 150-year-old house. When the owners of the property approached Brian Kent Jones, principal of Columbus, OH-based Brian Kent Jones Architects, it was quickly decided that the existing house would be torn down to make way for a new house.

#### PROJECT: RESIDENCE, COLUMBUS, OH

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: EDMUND D. HOLLANDER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT DESIGN, PC, NEW YORK, NY; EDMUND HOLLANDER, PRINCIPAL

"One of the biggest objectives set by the clients was to preserve the character of the land and the setting of the existing house," says Jones. "That led us to a Northeastern Shingle Style house that also tried to pull in some of the regional vernacular by using local stones on certain aspects of the structure."

The exterior is predominantly cedar shake with a grey slate roof and a stone foundation of a local

buff-colored Ohio limestone. The Tuscan columns and capitals, Doric entablature and mahogany windows are all painted white. The primary access to the site - from the north - remained in the same location as the existing house, while the new house was set on an elevated plateau to overlook a wide meadow at the rear. "That orientation is to the south," says

Jones, "so the organization of the house was quite linear along the east to west axis to take advantage of the view of the meadow and the southern exposures - all of the primary living spaces are lined up along that exposure." The library, living room, family room, kitchen and a circular west bay room are all located at the south side, as are all the bedrooms on the second floor, including the master suite.

The clients turned to landscape architect Edmund Hollander, principal of New York City-based Edmund D. Hollander Landscape Architect Design, to create traditional informal gardens that would complement the surrounding landscape. "With the landscape design we tried to create a threeway marriage between the site, the architecture and the expectations of the clients," says Hollander. "We had some very nice existing trees that we were working with along with the open view of the meadow. We tried to take the greatest advantage of the natural characteristics of the property to create a beautiful entry to the front of the house, a seating area off the back where the clients could appreciate the view and a pool area that, while functional in the summer months, wouldn't be located in the primary view."

Hollander decided a traditional garden structure with informal plantings would best suit the Shingle Style house. "The garden has great symmetry but the plantings don't," he says. "The plantings loosen up and help soften some of the rigidity of the architecture." A pastel color scheme of hydrangeas, echinaceas, peonies, catmint and lavender were selected to contrast the deep greens of the surrounding trees and meadow, as well as





The shape of the oval entry court (above) is repeated in the pool garden (right) to transition the house to its landscape elements, as were the multiple terraces overlooking the low meadow. Drawings: courtesy of Edmund D. Hollander Landscape Architect Design

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the dark palette of the local bluestone used for the walkways and terraces. "We didn't want to have any glaring colors or a monochromatic garden and these plant colors change with the season," says Hollander.

The L-shaped house serves as a terminus for the wooded half-mile-long driveway. Four existing native trees rise at the center of an oval-shaped parking court. "Our desire to preserve the existing trees at the front of the house gave birth to the design of the oval entry court," says Hollander. "With a house of this scale, and in a traditional home like this one, we feel it's important to preserve all the big trees near the house; we also brought in additional 40-50-ft. tall oak trees to reinforce the feeling of this being an established home rather than a new house."

In designing the terraces that overlook the meadow, Hollander drew inspiration from "Lutyens-Jekyll" gardens, incorporating architectural materials in the hardscape designs. "There's a symbiotic relationship between the landscape and the architecture with this project," he says. "The architecture creates walls for the landscape, while the landscape provides the setting."

Three sets of French doors in the living room lead to an outdoor fireplace terrace. The fireplace protrudes from a side wall and is built with the same local Ohio limestone as the exterior; its hood is covered with the same slate tile used on the roof. The bluestone walkway patterns mirror those at the front of the house. Descending steps lead to a larger outdoor living room that is defined by a diamond-patterned bluestone terrace bordered by boxwood and catmint.

A freestanding low stone wall, also of Ohio limestone, differentiates the elevated plateau of the home's outdoor space from the meadow. "The meadow has a large tree line - about a quarter mile across - that follows the bowl shape of a river corridor beyond," says Jones. "The characteristic of this field changes over time. It's a regional ocean in many ways - in the fall the grass is tall and waves when the wind blows across it." Along the long tree line beyond the meadow, Hollander planted hundreds of native dogwoods and redbud trees to provide color in the spring time for the otherwise dark woods. "The plantings both immediately around the house and on the edge of the woods help transition the landscape part of the property to its natural setting," he says.

On the west side of the house, the pool house is situated between the pool and a large oval garden. Low stone walls and white picket



Winding roads and the oval entry court obscure the view of the front elevation and enhance the secluded woodland environment.



The pool area was positioned to the west of the house, preserving the unobstructed view of the low meadow.





Above: Sliding doors on opposite sides of the pool house close the pool off in cooler months to transform the space into an area for year-round entertaining.

Left: The whimsical pool house has Tuscan columns and capitals, a grey slate roof and sliding barn doors.

A gravel path surrounding an oval lawn panel is lined with kousa dogwoods, hydrangeas, catmint and other perennials that bloom from early spring to late fall.

fences section off the entire area. "The pool house was set up to be a living and entertaining space away from the house," says Jones. "It has a direct relationship to the pool but it also has a loggia component and repeating column details that relate it back to the main house. It's also a room with sliding carriage-house doors that allow it to be permeable." To the south, the pool house opens to the loggia and the pool, which is surrounded by a stone walkway and a pergola of climbing roses and wisteria; the north side leads to an oval garden. "The simple oval walkway is made of gravel with a wooden edge that



surrounds a lawn panel in the middle," says Hollander. "Around the edge of the garden are a series of flowers, perennials and shrubs that are in bloom from May through September, even into October, so the pool house becomes something that is not only used in the summer for the pool, but also a place to entertain and enjoy the gardens during the shoulder seasons of spring and fall."

Hollander planted a birch allée on the east side of the house to complement the long succession of rooms along the east/west axis. "A lot of what we do involves connecting the inside to the outside, as well as creating transitions," he says. "The birch allée takes the interior corridor and extends it out onto the landscape. At night, the allée illuminates to create a terminus for the views through the house and at the end of the allée there is a birch grove." The project, completed in spring 2007, was a harmonious collaboration between the architect and landscape architect. The house transitions seamlessly into a landscape design that complements its natural surroundings. "Rather than looking at a property as though it is a house and then a garden, in this project the house is almost a component of the landscape," says Hollander. "The house sits in the landscape along with the driveway, terraces, pool and pool house and the garden paths. It's as if we started with a blank canvas and we created a composition that included all these elements, and that's what makes this project so successful." – Annabel Hsin

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The birch allée to the east of the house complements the long succession of rooms along the east to west axis of the L-shaped structure.

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This water nymph fountain from Haddonstone measures 39<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. tall and weighs just under 300 lbs.

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The Herculean Bowl from Haddonstone features festoons of fruit bound together with ribbons and swags.

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This wall-mounted lantern from Josiah R. Coppersmythe is finished in copper verde and measures  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide x  $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep x 22 in. tall.



This wall-mounted electric lantern was handcrafted by Deep Landing Workshop.

This electric lantern is

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# The Art of Handmade Brick

Old Carolina Brick Company brings handmolded brick back to the built environment. By Nicole V. Gagné

The American love affair with brick has been part of our history from the beginning. The ardor may have cooled with the advent of machine-made brick, but the current enthusiasm for handmade brick has brought passion and character back to this ubiquitous building material. One firm at the forefront of the handmade-brick revival is Old Carolina Brick Company of Salisbury, NC. Founded in 1968, the firm today boasts an impressive line crafted and fired with coal after the traditions of Colonial brick-makers. Twelve basic color possibilities are offered; along with the classic brick shape, the firm also provides pavers, coping, edgers, postcaps and row locks.

One can tell at a glance whether a building has handmade or machine-made brick. Art Burkhart, vice president of Old Carolina Brick, says that each handmolded brick is unique. "Each has its own characteristics, with fingerprints and folds - like when you make a pie and the dough folds over," he says. "These little irregular marks come from throwing them by hand into a wood mold. We also use a fine granular sand in our wood molds, which not only gives it a soft, velvety texture, but also acts as a release agent when the molds are flipped over." This distinctive brick frequently shows a gentle undulation once it's been laid in courses, creating a feeling of personality and warmth, even intimacy, which is impossible with machine-made brick. "Most manufacturers have machines that will sort of rough up their brick, but it follows a pattern," says Burkhart. "With us, each is truly different."

As part of the firm's commitment to traditional techniques, the brick is made from readily available local clay. "It's regular North Carolina clay, pretty much like you find up the East Coast," says Burkhart. "We get different colors by using different types of sand. We can also change the arrangement of the bricks in the kiln cars; the spacing between the bricks produces the different hues, colors and patinas. The firing process adds to the low-key coloring. Even flashed bricks have a subtle change from one color to the next - there's nothing stark. So we don't really change anything about the firing, although sometimes we do fluctuate temperatures up and down a little bit to achieve different things. In some cases, we use some additives; for the grey tones of the Charleston and Savannah colors, we'll add manganese."

Old Carolina's methods naturally permit custom variations for clients. "So many of the jobs that we're doing right now are custom," says Burkhart. "They'll say, 'Well, I like this Savannah Grey brick that you have, but can you make it less white?' or 'Can you make this brick a little darker?' We try to accommodate the customers and tweak it for whatever they want."

The appropriate mortar tends to be a regional consideration, according to Burkhart. "In Savannah, for example, they like to use white mortar, because originally they would grind up seashells, and the mortar was almost refrigerator white," he says.





Above and left: For this large Georgian-style estate in Lexington, NC, the Tryon brick was used throughout house, outbuildings and landscaping walls. Based on the burgundy-red brick used for the original Governor's Mansion at Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC, the line has been used for restoration projects in Colonial Williamsburg. The handmade variations prevent any effect of monotony, instead creating interest wherever the eye falls. All photos: courtesy of Old Carolina Brick

"When you get to Charleston, it becomes sort of an ivory buff – more like an antique white color. Then, when you get up to Virginia, it becomes a straw color. Today, most mortars are pre-mixed and come in bags, and you have an array of colors. The Lafarge Group of Herndon, VA, makes over 200 colors of mortar. With most of our brick, people use a lighter color mortar as was used years ago, and so when our bricks are laid up, they look like they've been there 50 or 100 years."

Not surprisingly, what was once primarily a regional business now operates for a nationwide market. "In the beginning, it was the South and the Southeast," says Burkhart. "That was our bread and butter for many years. But we have a lot of influx from the North and the Midwest; people come to the South for vacations and they are impressed by the Low Country homes around Hilton Head and



Buford, SC. Greenwich, CT, is also a hotbed for us. What has amazed us is that, only about five or six years ago, we started selling our product in California. We did a winery there and people would visit it, and all of a sudden our brick has caught on from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Two years ago we started a project in Brazil. We just finished a large hotel, and they're getting ready to do some more buildings there."

The aesthetic satisfaction of handmade brick has been well worth the expense for Old Carolina's clients. "Our brick is more expensive," says Burkhart, "and people who are affluent and have discriminating tastes want something a little bit different. They want something that's a cut above the ordinary, just as when they hire an architect because they want their homes to fit in with the landscape. That's a lot of our clientele, probably about 75 percent. The CEO and founder of a ladies' clothing company had searched all over the country until he finally found us, and when he flew down to Salisbury, NC, he said, 'This is the brick I want because it will give that soft patina and soft tones.' We had one person say, 'Your brick is the Rolls-Royce of the brick industry.'"

The firm's handmade brick is of course synonymous with restoration projects, with such clients as Colonial Williamsburg and Mount Vernon. But the boom in newly constructed houses built in traditional

Right, top and bottom: The Savannah Grey line of handmade brick was used for the house, garage and garden pavers of this townhouse in Charleston, SC. Ships that visited Savannah would carry a grey ballast brick that soon became a popular building material throughout the city. After years of effort, the firm was able to emulate its distinctive color; the brick has become a bestseller in the region.

styles has been essential to the firm's growth. For a recently constructed new house in Charleston, SC, for example, Old Carolina's Savannah Grey brick was used. "It's made to look like the old ballast brick in Savannah, GA, which came over on ships," says Burkhart. "We tried for years to come up with a brick that looked like the old brick in Savannah, and once we finally succeeded, it became our best seller in the Savannah, Hilton Head and Charleston markets."

In Lexington, NC, a house was constructed using the Tryon, a burgundy-red brick that was also used for the original governor's mansion at Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC. "We had done the restoration work there, and that brick had more of a burgundy cast," says Burkhart. "We use it frequently in Williamsburg and other restorations, as well as in large homes. But we've also provided some of that up on the Hudson River in New York, and in Greenwich, CT.

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For an elaborate Georgian house near Columbus, OH, a lighter brick was used to accent the windows, requiring an adjustment to the firing process of the Williamstowne, a tannish red brick familiar from the Governor's Palace at Colonial Williamsburg.



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# A Passion for Excellence

### Long Island Landscapes and the Women Who Designed Them

by Cynthia Zaitzevsky

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Reviewed by Anne Walker

n Long Island, the rolling hills of the North Shore and the windswept plains of the East End have created fertile grounds for some of the most spectacular estates and gardens ever designed. As the country house phenomenon swept Long Island like wildfire, the landscape was vividly transformed from a stretch of undeveloped farmland into lush oases where the wealthy lived and played. Unsurprisingly, in an age of increased health consciousness, gardens became the focus of incredible attention and extensive planning, especially as the moneyed set lavished fortunes on their estates. An extension of the house proper, the grounds - in the tradition of a "country seat" - were an integral element and yet another measure of success in the age of excess leading up to Depression. Within the confines of the early-20th-century's male-dominated world, half of Long Island's known landscapes were the work of women. With this focus, Cynthia Zaitzevsky's Long Island Landscapes and the Women Who Designed Them at once becomes not only a catalogue of some of Long Island's most important gardens and landscape designs, but also an exciting chronicle of how a handful of trailblazing female practitioners forged names for themselves within a profession in which they could thrive.

Zaitzevsky is a most appropriate author to capture the ingenuity of this pioneering set of women and the stunning beauty and intricacy of their work. An Olmsted scholar and author of Frederick Law Olmsted and the Boston Park System (1982), she is a dedicated historian of architecture and landscape architecture; she teaches the history of landscape architecture at Harvard's Landscape Institute and is currently working on two additional books, one of which is on the history of American parks.

In Long Island Landscapes, Zaitzevsky conveys her appreciation for the subject matter and her skill for meticulous research. In the first six chapters, she shares the biographies of six of the first female designers, or "landscape gardeners" as they were known: Beatrix Jones Farrand, Martha Brookes Brown Hutcheson, Marian Cruger Coffin, Ellen Biddle Shipman, Ruth Bramley Dean and Annette Hoyt Flanders. Within each chapter, she takes us through, in depth when possible, each woman's Long Island work. Two additional chapters follow suit in similar format, discussing 12 additional lesser-known women, many of whom started their practices later and often found their footing in the offices of the first six: Mary Rutherford Jay, Rose Standish Nichols, Louise Payson, Marjorie Sewell Cautley, Isabella Pendleton, Eleanor Roche, Mary Deputy Lamson, Nellie B. Allen, Helen Elise Bullard, Helen Swift Jones, Janet Darling Webel and Alice Recknagel Ireys. By setting the women's accomplishments against the world in which they were working, Zaitzevsky is able to show just how truly groundbreaking they were. In the words of Marian Coffin: "we were pioneers, and moreover pioneer women in a new-old profession and one in which all one's ability to see and interpret beauty out of doors taxed all of our resources, and we were determined to show what enthusiasm and hard work could accomplish."

Long Island Landscapes recounts the story of how these women rose to the top of their profession - by no means a small feat. In 1900, there were only 100 women architects in the U.S. compared to 10,500 men; in the American Society of Landscape Architects, there were two women in 1900 and at least 10 men in 1901. Universities with newly established landscape architecture schools, such as Harvard, were not open to women and most practices did not welcome females. However, Henry Atherton Frost, director of the Cambridge School of Architectural and Landscape Design for Women, recalled in 1943 that his students broke expectations, stating that "teaching a woman what we had always considered a strictly man's job was not the painful ordeal it had promised to be." Despite the obstacles and prejudices they faced, many of the women built flourishing practices that extended well beyond the reaches of Long Island. By emphasizing the women's backgrounds, Zaitzevsky highlights a series of startling similarities between them: they came from privileged backgrounds; most were first born or only children; most lived long and fruitful lives; and all had some sort of male mentor, whether it be a parent, spouse, colleague or professor. Apart from the actual landscapes they produced, they were visible, dynamic and charismatic figures who expanded their field by lecturing frequently, writing a host of books and articles on landscaperelated topics, and fostering the careers of future female designers. According to Zaitzevsky, Farrand, Hutcheson and Coffin were the true trailblazers, respectively beginning their practices in 1896, 1903 and 1905. Of the 18 women discussed, only Farrand, Coffin and Shipman are the subjects of dedicated monographs. Zaitzevsky unveils the lives and



At Sunken Orchard, Mrs. Charles McCann's estate in Oyster Bay, Annette Hoyt Flanders' extensive landscaping included woodlands, bridle paths, dogwood allées and perennial gardens, as well as formal French gardens in the style of Le Nôtre.

work of the 15 additional women whose careers span a period of 90 years. In some cases, this task proved difficult due to the lack of information, lost archives, and, unlike buildings, the transience of landscape and garden design. Nonetheless, what information Zaitzevsky is able to convey is new and fresh. Through a selection of over 220 historic photographs, landscape plans, planting plans and tinted glass plates, Zaitzevsky reveals the originality and creativity of the work. While most of the photographs are vivid and well chosen, the planting plans and perspective drawings are particularly interesting, displaying the great attention to detail for which women designers were known. Zaitzevsky delved into the archives at Berkeley, Smith and Cornell, among others, to produce a treasure trove of original drawings that illuminate the pains and processes behind the work of a handful of the designers.

While many of the 18 women were inspired by British garden designer Gertrude Jekyll, Zaitzevsky shows how the women crafted their own styles to create a spectacular spectrum of projects ranging from small side gardens to formal French parterres. The pages of Long Island Landscapes reveal every type of garden imaginable: gardens with pools, zodiac gardens, perennial gardens, rose arbors, magnolia walks, English brick gardens and evergreen gardens, to name a few. Some were located on some of Long Island's most celebrated estates, such as Farrand's Dutch garden for financier Otto Kahn at Oheka in Cold Spring Harbor and Coffin's extensive work at Hillwood, the residence of Edward F. Hutton and his wife, the former Marjorie Merriweather Post. At the same time, Zaitzevsky includes smaller, lesser-known but no less charming properties such as the Misses Pruyns' 50-sq.ft. garden in East Hampton by Coffin. Sadly, projects such as Ruth Dean's plan for Harbor Acres, an imaginative subdivision in Port Washington commissioned by Vincent Astor on which Dean collaborated with her husband, architect Aymar Embury II, fell victim to the Depression. Zaitzevsky's ample timeframe enables her to include charming late projects like Alice Recknagel Ireys' 1960s oval pool for Broadcasting System president William S. Paley and his wife Barbara Cushing Paley. As the profession gradually evolved, women also found success in designing important public projects; later designers, such as Helen Elise Bullard, Marjorie Sewell Cautley and Helen Swift Jones designed public gardens and parks on Long Island almost exclusively. Indirectly, Long Island Landscapes underlines how fleeting gardens can be without proper upkeep and attention. Happily, Zaitzevsky has chosen to memorialize landscapes that, in many cases, no longer exist, in the process creating an important document of a bygone era. Although many of the landscapes she highlights have fallen to development or neglect, some - or portions of some - survive, including Coffin's designs at Hillwood, now part of Long Island University's C. W. Post campus, which is scheduled for restoration. Overall, the pages of Long Island Landscapes are a loving testament to the skill, imagination and drive of a savvy group of women who helped transform Long Island into a blur of color, style and beauty. Against all odds, their passion for excellence helped to shape the magical and evocative heritage of Long Island.

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# **Community Spirit**

### Great American Suburbs: The Homes of the Park Cities, Dallas

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### Reviewed by Eve M. Kahn

**G** The Bubble," it's nicknamed: two wealthy, independent municipalities within the borders of Dallas. For a century, these communities, named Highland Park and University Park, have resisted the city's numerous jealous attempts at annexation. The Park Cities have also preserved much of their architectural character. The houses represent most of the residential architecture styles that have caught on in the Southwest, from 1910s Craftsman Bungalows through 1920s Mediterranean villas, 1930s Moderne glass-brick cubes and 1950s deep-eaved ranches, plus a few 21st-century New Traditionalist works including an English Palladian lakefront manse by Britain's esteemed Quinlan Terry.

This exhaustive, lively study of the Park Cities is a labor of love from three Dallas-area authors: architectural historian Virginia Savage McAlester, architect Willis Cecil Winters and Prudence Mackintosh, a *Texas Monthly* columnist and longtime Highland Park resident. The team, according to the book's acknowledgments, "drove every block of each street in both communities." Further research materials came from local activist groups like the Friends of the Highland Park Library and the Park Cities Historic & Preservation Society. A dozen local historians chipped in data as well; especially welcome were their gleanings from obscure archives like the 1910s conference minutes of the Developers of High-Class and Scientifically Planned Residence Property, and the mid-20thcentury address books of women who ran PTAs and clubs in the Park Cities. Only those handwritten listings, the authors explain, reveal "the names of the women married to the men whose names appear" in newspaper and property records.

Be forewarned that not every passage from *Great American Suburbs* will interest non-Dallasites. In fact, whole pages are devoted to insiders-only topics like bond issues and zoning corridors.

The authors explain how one family-owned development company, Flippen-Prather Realty, created Highland Park between 1907 and the 1950s and allowed for a huge range of architecture. During those same decades, dozens of developers with varied tastes laid out subdivisions in University Park alongside the domed 1915 main hall of Southern Methodist University's campus. Aside from the university's centerpiece, which was designed by the Chicago office of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, most of the Park Cities' buildings were the products of prolific local architects working in clients' favorite idioms. But many of the planners and landscape architects were imported Olmsted protégés, including Wilbur David Cook Jr. from Beverly Hills, CA, and the Kansas City firms of



English Arts & Crafts precedents influenced the 1919 design of this brick house in Highland Park. All photos: Steve Clicque

George E. Kessler and Hare & Hare. They imposed proto-New Urbanist street grids on the Dallas grasslands, plus ample concrete sidewalks and "bitulithic paving" (a glossy mixture of asphalt and crushed stone). The Park Cities' planners also set aside parklands crisscrossed by creeks and masonry footbridges and shaded the streets with groves of burr oaks, pecans and Chinese pistachios.

Along with giving lists of typical Park Cities' plantings, the authors are such detail-scrutinizers that they devote no less than 150 pages to minibios of the houses' sometimes obscure and always crowd-pleasing architects. Among the more intriguing personalities are Anton F. Korn, a Bavarian-born specialist in interpreting European precedents like halftimbering and Mediterranean stucco; Fonzie E. Robertson, a largely selftaught architect/contractor who attended to the minutiae of clinker-brick positioning and mortar-joint thicknesses on his Tudor Revival mansions; and O'Neil Ford, a San Antonio Modernist who brought some of the first Corbusian brises-soleil to the Dallas outskirts.

Amid all the architectural anecdotes and analysis, the authors often make room for impassioned preservation pleas. As in so many early-20thcentury suburbs nationwide, they report, "Park Cities homes have been subject to an escalating number of teardowns." Abbeville went to press, however, before the economy tanked in late 2008. These days, new McMansions in the Park Cities are going unsold or have even ended up in foreclosure – but not, however, at the same alarming rate as elsewhere in greater Dallas. When the region's real-estate market recovers, this vol-

ume's heft and enthusiastic documentation of street after street will go a long way toward reassuring new buyers that their property dollars can be safely invested in the leafy Park Cities, defended by such staunch preservationists.







For the 10-acre estate of Alfred and Rose Lloyd, an advertising executive and banking heiress, Dallas architects Hubbell & Greene based this 1912 mansion partly on Palladio's Palazzo della Ragione in Vicenza.

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# A Golden Age Revisited

### Newport Villas: The Revival Styles, 1885-1935

by Michael C. Kathrens

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### Reviewed by Nicole V. Gagné

the Rhode Island city of Newport was settled in 1639, long before there was a United States of America. Newport soon became one of the continent's greatest commercial ports, but that hegemony was eventually eclipsed due to three years of British occupation during the Revolutionary War. But as early as the 1720s, Newport had already begun to develop as a thriving summer colony, attracting visitors with its spectacular ocean views, beachfronts and nature trails. Those early visitors would invariably rent local rooms or houses. The innovation of steamships in the 1840s brought a greater influx of affluent tourists, and with them Newport began its metamorphosis into the favored summer retreat of America's wealthy and elite. Impressive hotels sprung up, but the rich who were most besotted by Newport's beauty started having residences of their own constructed: cot-

tages purely for summertime use as well as villas for year-round habitation. At first the Stick Style defined most of this architectural growth, but by the late 1870s the Colonial Revival style came to predominate – thanks in part to the consciousness-raising 1876 centennial celebrations.

Eventually, that patriotic outburst was displaced by a range of European Revival styles, evoking the former internationalism of the once-bustling seaport. As author Michael C. Kathrens describes in the introduction to *Newport Villas: The Revival Styles, 1885-1935*, the city's Golden Age had begun "with the most dramatic architectural changes occurring between 1880 and the early 1930s. [...] It was an era of unparalleled prosperity and growth for the nation, and Newport became a potent manifestation of its newly found financial might." Not even the Great Depression of the 1930s impeded Newport's status as the primary resort for the rich and famous. It took the modernization of wartime life in the '40s to do that, as Kathrens explains: "The quickening pace of life spelled doom for the studied and ritualized pace of old-line Newport. [...] Many of the progeny of prominent colony families moved to other resorts, leaving many cottages deserted. [...] At the end of World War II this trend continued and inten-





Terre Mare, the last of the great villas built in Newport, RI, was designed by architect James C. Mackenzie Jr. and completed in 1935. A slate hipped roof caps the house's central mass, after the style of 17th-century architecture; high but narrow chimney stacks punctuate the roofline. Limestone window surrounds and quoins lend elegance to the rubble-stone walls, and two curved wings flank the entrance facade and help define the elliptical courtyard.

sified, with many cottages falling victim to vandals and arsonists. Newport was becoming an anachronism for a way of life that was swiftly disappearing from the American landscape." Fortunately, as the preservationist spirit became more prevalent in late-20th-century America, Newport retained and restored most of its great villas.

Kathrens' book is a tribute to a majestic phase of America's architectural history, not a reliquary of vanished opulence. And what opulence! This handsome tome examines 35 historic Newport villas, inside and out. Lofty mansions and almost-as-impressive cottages are seen in all their splendor, commanding meticulously landscaped grounds. But there are also numerous interior shots – reminders of just how vast the interiordesign possibilities are when money truly is no object. Even the floor plans are startling. Architect Charles Adams Platt, designing Bois Doré in the late 1920s, may have combined French and English Revival styles in a blend that is, as Kathrens acknowledges, "difficult to categorize architecturally," but its first- and second-floor plans are impressive, with the upper and lower floors of one whole wing devoted to ballrooms.

In his fascinating descriptions of each villa, Kathrens combines architectural insights with some personal history of the owners. The Breakers, an epic Italian Renaissance-style villa, was designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt for no less a personage than Cornelius Vanderbilt II. But he got little time to enjoy it; less than a year after the official housewarming ceremonies in August of 1895, Vanderbilt's mansion became his hospital suite after he was felled by a paralytic stroke. "He made a slow and painful recovery, and by September of 1899 he seemed well enough to return to New York from Newport to attend a board meeting of the New York Central Railroad," writes Kathrens. "He died of a massive cerebral hemorrhage the night before the meeting was to take place."

John Russell Pope, whose achievements include such Washington, DC, landmarks as Constitution Hall, the National Archives Building and the Jefferson Memorial,

The French Empire-style characterizes the lavish interiors of the Harold Brown Villa, built in 1894. Ogden Codman, a specialist in French decorative arts, oversaw the house's interior design. For this dining room, he enhanced the space's symmetry with an alcove flanked by fluted columns and pilasters at the southern end. A mirrored trumeau, framed by windows, rests upon a green marble mantelpiece with gilded embellishments, and cream-painted walls feature decorative details painted a darker shade of green. designed a sprawling Tudor-Cotswold house for himself in Newport. The Waves, completed in 1930, is an architect's showcase, thanks to Pope's adapting to the uneven terrain of the site and incorporating the stone foundation walls of a previous structure, The Breakwater (home to Charles Warren Lippit, then the governor of Rhode Island), which had been devastated by a fire in 1925. "It is sparsely furnished," writes Kathrens, "and appears in contemporary photographs to be more a peaceful retreat for the architect than a working studio."

By 1950The Waves had been converted into an apartment house – "a development that became the salvation of many Newport houses during this period. [...] It has since been converted into condominiums." But whether they now represent many homes or only one, the epic villas of Newport continue to astound the eye and excite the imagination. So does by Michael C. Kathrens' authoritative book.



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# Filling in the Gaps: Creating an Historic District Infill Tax Credit

By Bryan Clark Green

ne thing advocates of "smart growth" and those of historic preservation agree on is the importance of concentrating development where existing infrastructure is already dense, and where houses, businesses, schools, hospitals, rail lines, bus stops and utilities are already located. Each time a new housing development is located in outer-ring suburban or outlying rural areas, local government is burdened with constructing and maintaining new roads, schools, hospitals and police stations to serve their expanding suburban and exurban populations. Use fees applied to these new developments only partially mitigate these new costs, as these new developments will require these new services for decades to come. These new developments, as a result of their distance from existing city centers, rarely connect with existing public transportation systems; public transportation is available to approximately 25% of new housing units.

Because it takes advantage of existing infrastructure, concentrating new construction and rehabilitation in our existing downtowns is the most environmentally and economically sustainable development possible. Much urban building stock is historic, and one of the greatest economic engines driving the rehabilitation of these areas is historic preservation. Building and rehabilitating in historic contexts require sensitivity, and it is generally more expensive (by measures focusing exclusively on immediate cost) than simply building anew. Recognizing this, the federal government established a rehabilitation tax credit in 1976 to incentivize careful rehabilitation of income-producing (i.e. commercial) historic buildings.

This program has become a powerful financial engine driving rehabilitation of historic buildings. It has become so successful that 30 states have added complementary state rehabilitation tax credit programs, and 25 of these have extended their programs to non-income-producing properties (i.e. homeowners). Federal and state tax credits are available to leverage private money to rehabilitate historic buildings and return them – and surrounding areas – to productive use. The National Park Service approved 1,045 projects in fiscal year 2007 alone; these projects represent a staggering private investment of \$4.34 billion, all of which cost the U.S. Treasury less than \$868 million in tax credits. boundaries. This action would further focus development within our already successful state historic districts and encourage the completion of many of our empty blocks. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as it considers new construction, should be used as the guideline for this work.

What would this HDITC program look like? Kentucky's HB500, proposed in the 2002 session and unfortunately not passed, may present the best model. It could be slated for existing and newly created National Register-listed historic districts, ensuring broad access to the program as well as an entry point for new districts. The tax credit could be made available for qualified construction expenses for residential and commercial infill in an historic district. The certified buildings should meet historic infill design guidelines, and be constructed on a property vacant for at least 24 months or in place of a previous structure of no significant historic value. The credit should be limited to 15% of expenses incurred, with a maximum credit of \$500,000, to ensure homeowners broad access to the program, instead of focusing on individual large developments. The credit could be applied to the individual income tax, corporate income tax, corporate license tax, public service corporation property tax or bank franchise tax and could be sold or transferred. There should be a penalty equal to 100% of the tax credit for any disqualifying work performed on the structure.

To encourage development in economically challenged areas, HDITC legislation could add a multiplier so that those developing certified infill could see the value of their credit rise by 10%. The credit could be applied to the individual income tax or corporate income tax and the amount of credit would be equal to the amount of approved awards. The resulting tax credit could be carried back one year, and forward 10. To further make the credit available to lower income users, the credit could be sold or syndicated to investors.

What would the design standards for HDITC look like? The Secretary of the Interior's Standards would be the most logical foundation on which to build. The standards are, in many respects, a fine set of guidelines to follow when working with historic buildings. The potential conflict comes

with Standard Three and Standard Nine – the most frequently misinterpreted of the standards. The first sentence of Standard Three reads: "Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use." Standard Nine reads: "New additions, exteri-

or alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment."The clear intent of these standards is to establish that an alteration, addition or adjacent construction should be age-appropriate, and be, as the standard reads, "of its time." Furthermore, new work should be "differentiated" from the old. Nothing in the standards specifies style, level of detail or anything of the sort.

So, in the spirit of federal legislation, perhaps a "signing statement" is in order to specify the intent of the legislation. Modeled in part on the implementation program for Bel Air, MD, I would suggest five caveats to the proposed program. First, retention or adaptive reuse of historic buildings is encouraged. Second, demolition of historic buildings is discouraged; moving historic buildings to make way for new construction is likewise discouraged. Third, sensitive and appropriate infill construction is encouraged in historic districts, and the intent of this infill is to sensitively fill the gaps in the urban fabric Fourth, evaluation must place primacy on the larger urban fabric, not the individual infill project. The impact on adjacent buildings, the street and the district as a whole are more important than building-specific evaluation. Fifth, the historic rehabilitation tax credits and the infill tax credit should be viewed as tools of economic growth, not just historic preservation. An HDITC would build on the success of the Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program while addressing the need for augmenting the urban fabric of our towns and cities. This program would focus development in the most economically and environmentally appropriate location - existing urban areas, where the long-range environmental and infrastructure impacts would be minimized. And, finally, it would provide a positive incentive for owners to build compatible infill in historic districts, further enhancing the very qualities that make them special places. An HDITC would give us the tools to make our historic neighborhoods the viable, vibrant places that many used to be, and could be again.

Perhaps the most important possible extension of this program would be to enact complementary state legislation to encourage compatible infill in historic districts – an Historic District Infill Tax Credit (HDITC).

These tax credits are widely available, as the definition of "historic" broadens every day. The National Register of Historic Places generally considers resources over 50 years old for inclusion; as of now, even postwar suburban housing may qualify. The tax credit program is the federal government's largest effort to encourage the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings. This funding stimulates both public and private preservation efforts, as state and local tax incentives can often be attached to the federal credit - all of which lead to greater public awareness of the benefits of historic preservation. This public awareness, in turn, can serve as an incentive for private investment in historic neighborhoods. Even taking the rate of new construction into account, the federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit program averages over 5 to 1 in private to public investment in historic preservation and adaptive reuse. Perhaps the most important possible extension of this program would be to enact complementary state legislation to encourage compatible infill in historic districts - an Historic District Infill Tax Credit (HDITC).

The HDITC recognizes that rehabilitation of historic buildings alone is

not enough to rehabilitate entire neighborhoods. What about the "missing teeth" in our urban fabric? How do we fill those gaps? Nationwide, there are some 14,000 historic districts, many of which are plagued by two separate problems: demolished buildings creating vacant lots and the equally important problem of inappropriate infill. According to the Urban Land Institute, by the year 2050 the U.S. urban population will grow by 300 million people. This population will require housing, schools and places for business – needs that cannot always be met by existing, historic building stock. In these cases new construction, or infill, may be necessary.

As people return to historic downtowns to work and live, examples of poorly planned and poorly designed urban infill abound. Every city has them, and every city is damaged by them. We have been astute about crafting public policy to promote the reuse of historic resources, but lousy at crafting public policy about what is built next to it – and the urban fabric as a whole suffers badly. In an effort to further stimulate our economy, state and local governments should consider the idea of expanding the existing historic preservation tax credit programs to include new, compatible infill development within existing state historic district

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