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Welcome to the 29th annual New Canaan CARES Home Tour! We are so thankful you are joining us and hope you enjoy your time today. Many of you have a tradition of attendance and for that we are very grateful. At the same time, we would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to town, the Home Tour and CARES as an organization. We hope this will be the start of a wonderful relationship!

CARES has been at the forefront of helping the parents and youth of New Canaan learn, grow, and navigate through challenging times for over 40 years. The pandemic and the state of the world has continued to produce many needs within our community. Judy, Stacey, and Elle have maintained the tradition of high quality, responsive programming focusing on health and wellness for New Canaan. From childhood anxiety to alcohol, vaping to friendships, social skills to the pressure on today's teens, CARES has a program for you and your family.

This year, we have an amazing collection of properties to share with you. Each one is as unique as its homeowner, full of personality and style. We are excited to highlight our incredible sponsors and the work they have put into each project. As you make your way around town, we hope you will delight in the unexpected elements found throughout the Tour this year.

We are honored to have Team Saxe + Bryan of Compass Real Estate as the 2022 Home Tour Grand Sponsor. Their generous financial support validates the importance of the work we do at CARES; we are so excited to have them on our team!

In addition, I would like to thank the entire Home Tour Committee for their dedication to CARES and the Home Tour, especially Laurie Ferris, Amanda Carter, Ann Spilker, and Jessica Azoulay, our Home Tour Chairs. We are grateful to have such a creative, knowledgeable, and resourceful group.

On behalf of the CARES Board of Directors, I hope you have a fabulous day. Enjoy, be well, and come to a CARES program in the future; you won't regret it!

Warmly,
Kristen Grzymiski
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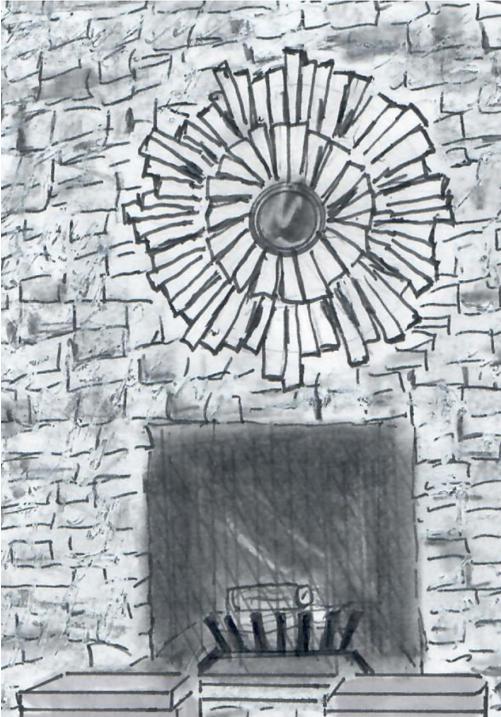
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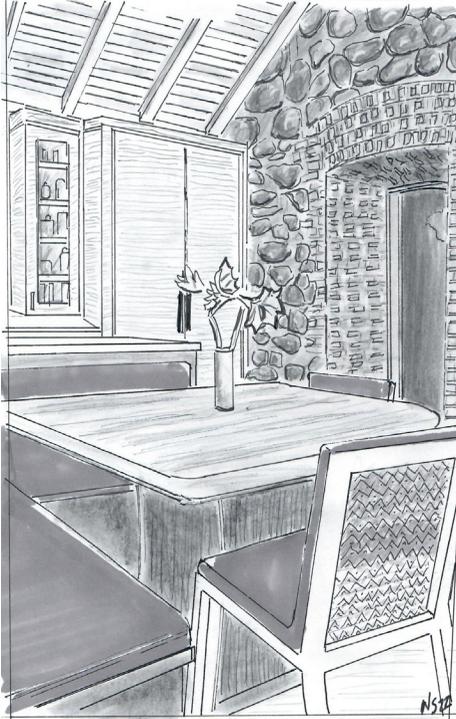
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Back in 1936, Wall Street banker Donald Fairfield Bush fulfilled his dream of becoming a gentleman farmer when he had a stone and slate roof English manor-style home built on a 51-acre parcel of land on Laurel Road. While the house was being constructed, a pair of “husband and wife” oak trees were planted, which was a customary practice for newlyweds in New England at the time. (These trees still grace the property, and are now more than 200 feet tall). The Bush family spent their weekends at the home—which back then was considered to have cutting-edge mechanical and piping systems, modeled after New York City apartment buildings—tending to their vegetable gardens and raising chickens, turkeys, and pigs. As legend has it, relative George H.W. Bush would often visit while he was a student at Yale.

Eventually, the Bush family sold the home, and the land was subdivided. The house now sits on over 3.5 acres on what is now Thrush Lane. When the current owners purchased the home decades later, in 2017, they planned on a more modest renovation. But they soon noticed a peculiar petrol-like odor permeating throughout the house, which turned out to be a wood preservative called creosote – it had been applied to the floor joists throughout the first floor to prevent rot and insect damage. Along with producing an unpleasant smell, creosote is considered a carcinogen, so it needed to be removed.

The homeowners hired Wadia Associates to take the house down to its stone walls and rebuild it in a way that reflected the owners’ modern sensibility while carefully maintaining the classic integrity of the home. No detail was overlooked—right down to the floors, which were done in a chevron pattern that was popular back in the 1930s.

All that remains of the original home is the exterior 18-inch-thick stone structure and the front hall staircase. Two wings were constructed, both with basements. The left wing contains a new sunroom with a bar and bathroom and a primary bathroom and closets on the second floor. In the basement, there is a hang-out spot for their daughter, complete with a vintage coin-operated pool table and a wine cellar. “We didn’t want a traditional wine cellar,” explains the owner. As a result, 18th-century Venetian wardrobes were installed for wine storage which were fortified to support the weight of cases of wine. The right side of the house was extended to accommodate a larger kitchen, her office, a utility room and mudroom and, above, a guest suite – and gym and craft room in the basement.

70 Thrush Lane (cont.)

The enlarged kitchen is grand but cozy. The ceiling was raised, and folding glass doors and skylights were installed to keep the space perpetually sun-drenched. No contemporary white cabinets were installed here; instead, the owners chose more casual-looking cèrused oak. A large Nano glass island was thoughtfully laid out to include a banquette in addition to traditional island seating, and a custom pendant from Gaspare Asaro Italian Modern presides overhead.

In the living room sits a custom-made extra-long sectional sofa. The dining table, banquette seating and side tables are also from the same designer, and the chairs are vintage. For lighting, vintage blue Murano glass sconces were commissioned and placed above the fireplace and above the sofa. “The goal was to minimize the use of commercial pieces and focus on bespoke pieces made by artists,” says the homeowner.

Another noteworthy area of the home (and there are many!) are the closets in the primary suite. The homeowners wanted their closets to feel like little boutiques. The husband’s closet is painted a dark gray with a lacquered ceiling, and the cabinetry in the wife’s closet is covered in de Gourney hand-painted silk (look closely and you’ll see that she added a few of her own special embellishments to the pattern). The new Thassos marble primary bath boasts its own interesting details, including a steam shower with handmade tiles from Siena, Italy.

Among the many outstanding hardscape features on the exterior of the house, MJM Industries installed a fire pit and fountain to complement the existing pool and pool house, and they also extended the property’s original stone walls. We challenge you to figure out where the old ends and the new begins! Since the homeowner is an avid gardener, an existing stone outbuilding was enlarged to make a potting room and a greenhouse.

Everything about this magnificent home is unique and unexpected. For example, in the new bathroom off the kitchen, the homeowner modified by hand some of the circular wall tiles to look like effervescent bubbles floating up to the ceiling. The wall next to the back foyer door (which was originally the primary front door) conceals a hidden china cabinet. In this house, there is truly a surprise around every corner.

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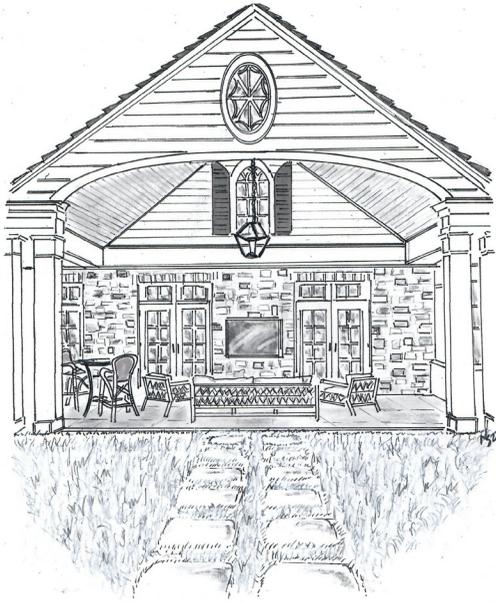


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221 Canoe Hill Road



It's a good thing that North Salem-NY architect Ralph Mackin likes a challenge. Back in 2012, the owners of 221 Canoe Hill asked him to design a home filled with all the modern luxuries—but that looks like it's been there for a hundred years. Mackin, in partnership with H&Y Construction of Brookfield, produced a stately stone colonial that fits right in with the historic estates on the street.

During the pandemic, the owners went back to Mackin with another request: a pool house modeled after an antique carriage house, but that's modern, playful, and colorful on the inside. Drawing upon the family's main home for inspiration, Mackin used the same stones that were used to build the colonial. He also followed the roofline of the main house and installed similar arched windows. The homeowners wanted the pool house to contain everything you could possibly need without having to trek back up to the main house—a full kitchen, living room, laundry room, two bedrooms, and two bathrooms. They had just one other request: “We really want a lacquered kitchen!”

The homeowners found a perfect marine blue for the kitchen cabinets, and interior designer Jeanne Collins of JerMar Designs in New Canaan continued the vibrant color into the living room, where she added bright pops of orange. A custom dining table with a built-in banquette was designed by Mackin and commissioned by H&Y. Jeanne had the sofas covered in stain-resistant white Kravet fabric that's wine-, ketchup-, and coffee-proof. Collins even designed the nesting coffee table herself and had it fabricated locally.

While the fresh interior is certainly eye-catching, your gaze can't help but be drawn up to the breathtaking cathedral ceiling, which Mackin built using rusticated wood to mimic the kind of reclaimed wood you might find laying around an old barn. To add extra drama, he suggested a massive globe-like pendant that feels like the sun shining down on the upbeat interior.

Off the back of the pool house is a covered patio that overlooks the pool, the lava rock fire bowl, the orchard, and the vegetable garden. Adding to the old-world appeal is a charming potting shed and greenhouse and finally, a garage at the bottom of the property designed to look like an old barn. “We didn't want the new [outbuildings] to look like they were just built,” says the homeowners of the pool house, potting shed, greenhouse, and garage. “We wanted them to blend into the natural surroundings.” Mission accomplished.

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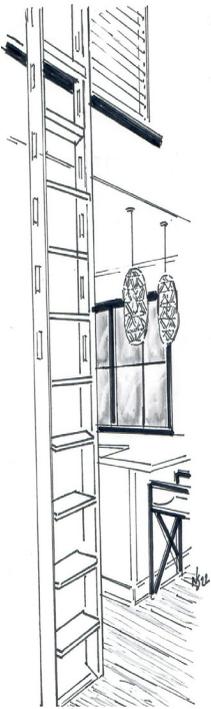
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64 Oak Street



Tucked away on a quiet side street in town, you'll find a piece of New Canaan history reimagined for a contemporary lifestyle. The former owners added a wing to the side of the circa 1934 home, and completely overhauled the interior spaces. When the current owner bought it in 2019, she wanted the interior design of the home to reflect her Scandinavian heritage. She tapped Krista Fox Interiors to add touches of reclaimed wood, rich textures, and neutral colors for a clean, minimalist look.

In the dining room, wispy palm fronds were hand-painted on the walls to mimic a wallpaper the owner had seen on Pinterest, and linen curtains let in plenty of light. A Restoration Hardware table is paired with a custom velvet banquette and chairs, and the owner had the ceiling covered in reclaimed wood to make the dining room feel more casual.

Beyond the lacquered bar, you'll find the rustic-chic kitchen. The kitchen features maple cabinets finished with a clear lacquer, and an oversized island topped with chunky Caesarstone that offers enough seating for the owner to hold her popular cooking classes. The previous owner had the Versailles wood floors flown in from Provence, and the milk-painted oak coffered ceiling adds to the boho vibe. (Note that the window muntins are painted in a dark inky blue to evoke the look of modern black steel windows.) The adjacent sitting room is the perfect spot to have a cup of tea in front of the fireplace, and swivel chairs allow you to engage in the conversation going on in the kitchen.

The living room and den offer more places for the family of five to kick back and relax. But the owners' favorite spot is the front sunroom, which has hanging chairs and a large living wall, filled with lush green plants. "We have our coffee in the sunroom every morning," says the homeowner.

The pool house echoes the laid-back luxury of the main house. Swimmers can belly up to the outdoor bar on the front of the pool house, where drinks are served through accordion-style windows. The windows allow those sitting at the bar to catch the game playing on the TV mounted on the kitchen wall.

Inside, a beaded chandelier sets the stage for a serene living space. Because the owner has three children, she chose family-friendly furnishings that are inviting, but not too precious. The brass-accented bathroom has savvy storage for towels and sunscreen, and a photograph that the owner took in Greece is mounted on one wall. Since the main home is old and has a tiny basement, the owners seized the opportunity to add a basement to their new pool house, which they turned into a health-club caliber gym.

The main house and pool house are both well-appointed and sophisticated. But by mixing high and low furnishings, incorporating rustic finishes, and keeping everything light and airy, the owner was able to create a comfortable family space that doesn't compromise on style.

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115 Old Studio Road



The owners of this Old Studio Road residence loved their home's in-town neighborhood location and large, flat yard. But they were less charmed by the colonial's traditional layout, which featured a large formal living room and dining room that the family of five found they rarely entered. "There was a whole half of the house that we weren't using," says the homeowner.

Inspired by years of living in London and travelling extensively throughout Europe, the couple wanted their house to feel like a chic hotel lounge. With that in mind, they hired New Canaan architect Matthew Dougherty and Newtown-based builder John McCafferty to redefine the living room area and integrate it with the backyard. To expand the outdoor living space, they teamed up with Robidoux Landscaping of Norwalk.

The first order of business was flipping the location of the living room and dining room, so the living room could spill out onto the patio. This back room was bumped out a few feet, and contemporary oversized windows, sliding French doors, and a cathedral ceiling with sky lights keep the room bathed in natural light and visually connect it to the outdoors. In the dining room, the ceiling height did not allow for transom windows, so mirrors were cleverly used to provide the same effect. Off the living room, the owners requested a shiplap and stone bar that you can hop behind to pour drinks "so there is a fun place to gather that's not the kitchen island," the homeowner says.

Robidoux Landscaping had already designed a pool and patio for the house a few years ago, but now the homeowners wished to create additional areas in which to entertain, with each area functioning as its own outdoor "room." The couple envisioned a spare cement fireplace like they had seen at a restaurant in Napa, with a large outdoor TV for watching golf in the summer and football in the fall. "There was some discussion as to whether we should put a roof over the sitting area, but my husband felt a roof would give it three-season functionality," says the homeowner. Skylights were added to the copper and metal roof to let in sunlight (but not rain!), and cozy furniture and sleek black light fixtures were chosen to provide ambiance. "This is truly my favorite room in the house, even though it's not technically in the house," the homeowner says.

The family's three teenage children have a different favorite spot: the elevated hot tub off the pool. To extend the kids' hang out space, Robidoux created a firepit area—with a white concrete Lumacast fire table—next to the hot tub. The kids also gravitate to the Ledge Lounger outdoor ping pong table, which is located just past the pergola covered outdoor dining room.

Ultimately, the home feels just as the owners intended: Like a sophisticated hotel lobby and outdoor oasis that makes the family—and their friends—feel like they're always on vacation.

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82 Winfield Lane



The owners of this home named it “Sweet Meadow Farm” after the serene meadow that hugs the right side of the nearly four-acre property. The meadow is dotted with majestic specimen trees—including October glory maples, copper birch, split leaf maples, and weeping willows. But back when the owners bought the newly-built home in 2014, “there were only four trees on the entire property—and one promptly died,” says the homeowner.

The newly designed meadow and backyard were created by Chamberlain Landscape Services of Brewster, NY. There is a formal peony-filled English garden, a vegetable garden, and a tree nursery with mature fruit trees. To keep the gardens blooming and bountiful, there is a bee apiary in the back of the meadow, which is home to more than 90,000 pollinators.

The owners’ three children bounce between the large custom-built playhouse and the Rio de Janeiro-themed pool house. The owner secretly decorated the pool house as a surprise for her Brazilian husband. Inspired by a large-scale black and white photograph by renowned Brazilian photographer Caio Reisewitz, they decided on a black and white color scheme. The owner chose a black and white Portuguese mosaic tile, which is commonly used on sidewalks in Brazil, for the bathroom and laundry room, and she selected textured black concrete for the kitchen and living room. Instead of concealing the duct work, the owner opted to keep it open for a modern, industrial look, and to allow for extra ceiling height.

The homeowner was dead set on having a marble patio surrounding the pool to prevent hot feet while also being luxurious! Marble is durable and weather-resistant. Limelight hydrangeas—which transition from pale green to cream to pink over the course of the summer and fall—line the perimeter of the pool, adding privacy.

The owners of 82 Winfield Lane love to host, so in addition to the pool house area, they wanted an expansive outdoor entertaining space off the main house. Back-to-back fireplaces anchor the patio—with one facing the covered sitting area and the other facing the open-air lounge. “The fireplaces, along with the 10 outdoor heaters, keep the patio so warm that you can use it almost all year round,” says the homeowner.

Behind the sitting areas, you’ll find an outdoor kitchen that literally contains everything you need to cook for hundreds of hungry guests, including a gas pizza oven, a smoker, and an Argentinian BBQ. Needless to say, this is a house where people love to gather, and there is always a party going on.

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57 Chichester Road



“Florida is our happy place,” says the homeowner, who was married in the Sunshine State and has vacationed there since childhood. When she and her husband bought a 1990s colonial perched above Chichester Road, they wanted to bring the bright colors and punchy patterns of Florida into their new home—but in a thoroughly modern way.

The couple worked with Rowayton-based interior designer Lynn Morgan to infuse the already sun-drenched home with Palm Beach flair. They quickly decided on a fresh palette of turquoise, navy, and pink (pink is the homeowner’s favorite color). But not everyone was on board with the pink color scheme: her husband opted for a masculine blend of blue and brown wools and tweeds for his study, and their son insisted on red, white, and blue for his bedroom—a nod to his favorite hockey team, the New York Rangers.

The kitchen, which overlooks a Hamptons-style pool, was treated to white cabinets, a glass backsplash, and pristine white quartz countertops. Large pink lanterns hang over a reconfigured island, and lucite hardware lends a playful touch to the hardest-working room in the house. The kitchen opens out onto a navy and

turquoise family room, and through a pair of French doors is a fun—not fussy—living room with chairs upholstered in Quadrille fabric. (Don’t miss the ceiling, which is lacquered in periwinkle blue!) To add a wow-factor to the home’s main entrance, Morgan suggested painting the front hall floor with a soft coral and blue geometric design.

The decorating process was seamless, except for one thing. “I told Lynn ‘I need more pink,’” the homeowner recalls with a laugh. “Lynn said, ‘I don’t think a client has ever said that to me before!’” So for the home’s biggest statement—the dining room, which boasts a bold zebra Brunschwig & Fils wallpaper—Morgan had the back of the dining chairs upholstered in a pinky coral velvet, which is reflected in the lacquered coral ceiling.

The result: A colorful, cheerful family home that can’t help but put a smile on your face. “Whenever people walk into this house, they comment on how happy it feels,” says the homeowner. “And to me, that’s the greatest compliment of all.”

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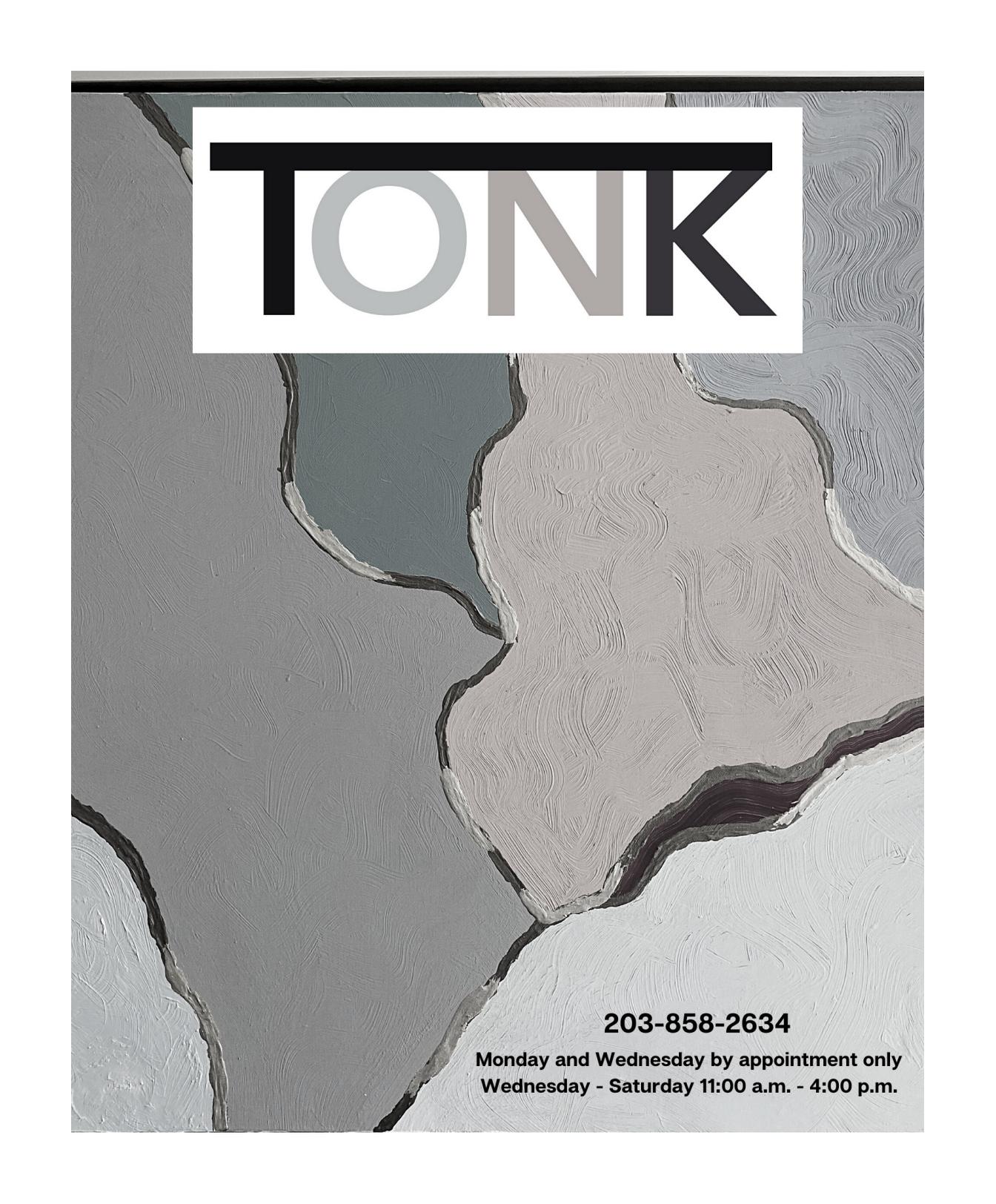
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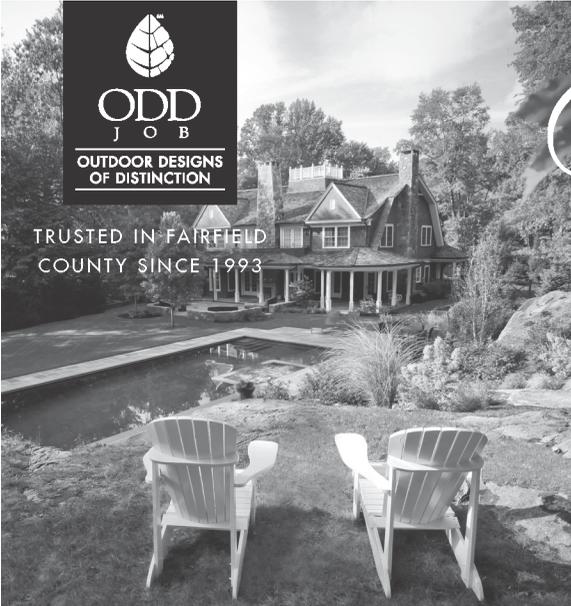
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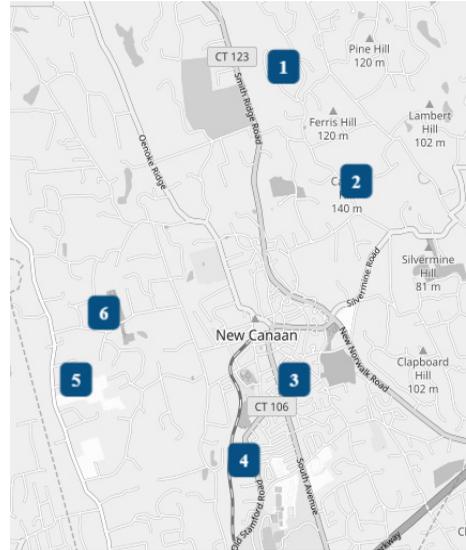
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