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A FAMILY COMPOUND ON BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD

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Designed around the spectacular views of Pleasant Bay in Orleans, Massachusetts this stunning Cape Cod home represents summer vacation, relaxation, holiday memories and family times for its owners. A gathering place for both family and friends, the house and barn—the last of three homes on the property to be constructed—were built as the owner's main house. In addition, another home and an expanded cottage (occupied by the owners' children and their families) complete the family "village" all on the same property, all within walking distance of each other and with breathtaking water views and a park-like setting.

**Team work** Although there was an existing structure on the site, it really didn't meet the needs of the homeowners so they turned to architect John Ingwersen of Architectural Design Inc. of Orleans to guide them. Involved in the design and remodel of the other two homes on the property, Ingwersen reassembled the team that had worked on the project previously to complete the family compound. Working side by side with builder Michael Cole and his team from Cape Associates Builders, Susan Tuttle from Surroundings Interior Design, landscape architect Allen Abrahamson, and Peter Mckendree, vice president of Ponderosa Landscaping and Stonework, developed a plan to design and construct the couple's dream home. "Our mission is to build life-long relationships with our clients," shares builder Michael Cole. "Our experience working with the homeowners before was thoroughly enjoyable, and we were eager to complete the vision that they had for this special property."

**Respect for the environment** According to Ingwersen, "various options were explored for remodeling the existing home, but when it was determined that it just wasn't going to work for the owners, the decision was made to design a new house. Since the house was to be built on an "ecologically sensitive lot" Ingwersen consulted with Seth Wilkerson, Architectural Design's conservation specialist. "Taking into consideration the native vegetation issues and the concerns of the local Conservation Commission, we decided to move the new house back significantly from the coastal bank and out of the sensitive zone," explains Wilkerson. The homeowners were so adamant that the development of the site should respect the environment that they carefully and expertly researched and restored the remains of an Atlantic cedar swamp on the property. Great care also was taken to make sure that the new house was energy efficient, using a minimum of resources.

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**BOLD COLOR & STYLE** Clockwise from top left: Unique furnishings are a favorite of the owners. This carved bench offers a spot to sit and take in the view. n A hidden spot for sweet treats, this seal guards the goodies that the homeowner "hides" for the grandchildren. n The innovative architecture stands alone in the beautiful upstairs landing. n Bright white trim and beach accents lend cottage charm throughout the house. n The blue-and-green color palette unifies the open floor plans with fun and freshness. n A navy-and-white stripe gives a pop of nautical to the dining room chairs. n Pretty, plump pillows add cozy comfort to the living room window seat. n Opposite: The living/dining area was designed with family gatherings in mind. French doors open to the patio area, creating an expanded space for outdoor entertaining.





**DESIGNER DETAILS**

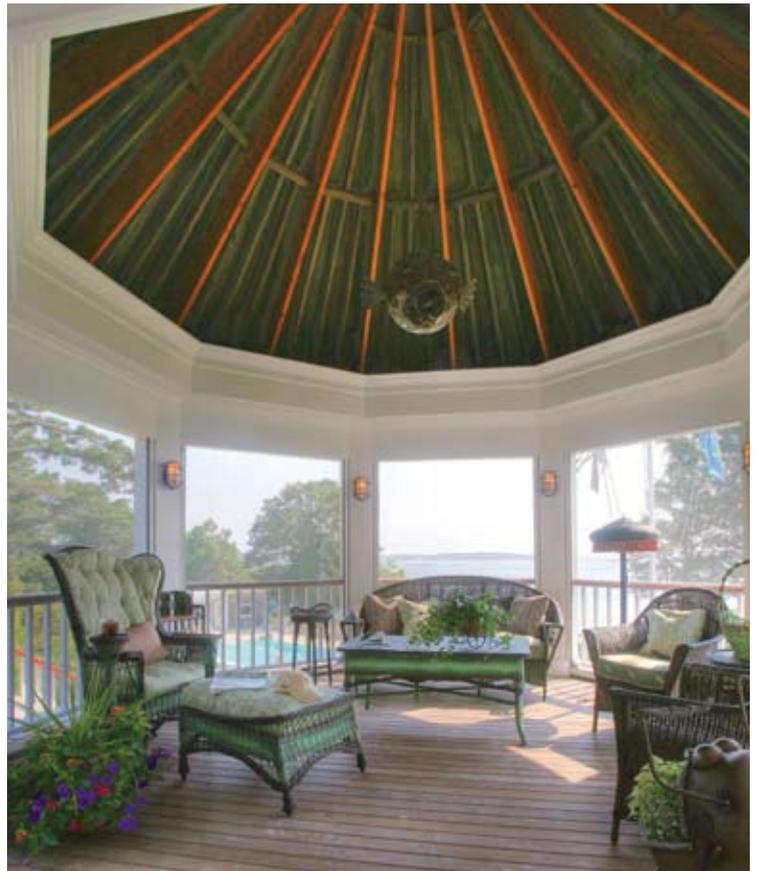
Clockwise from top: Cottage style abounds in this kitchen designed with the cook in mind. Interesting and unique touches grace each guest room space. A nod to the nearby ocean, the fun fish theme adds wit and whimsy to a bath and nearby bedroom. Bedrooms are full of beautiful fabrics and trims. A living area just off the guest room offers a sunny spot for relaxation.



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**CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS** Above: Reminiscent of a boat's bunk, this functional guest room day bed offers extra storage with nautical flair. Bold-striped bedding and patchwork pillows complete the look.



**ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY** Clockwise from top left: The seal, a favorite of the homeowners, can be found greeting guests at the deck entrance. <sup>1</sup> A metal seal sculpture found in North Carolina graces the turret of the stunning gazebo. <sup>2</sup> Although the many living spaces add up to good-sized house, the final result is a cottage feel that is relaxed and inviting without being intimidating. <sup>3</sup> A wooden porch swing is the quintessential accent for a summer getaway.

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## The Team Concept

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Above: The free-standing barn provides both extra storage and extra space for the kids to play on rainy days.

**Designing the dream** As with all of their projects, Architectural Design begins their creative process without any pre-conceptions. Ingwersen explains that “listening to their clients’ needs and preferences and trying to read between the lines creates a meaningful dialog. This allows us to interpret their way of life and present them with a comprehensive design plan that represents their wants, needs and wishes.” What the homeowners wanted was a generous house without the big house feel. That was the challenge for interior designer Susan Tuttle of Surroundings in Orleans. “The clients are very family-oriented and were clear about how they like to use the spaces in their home. They preferred more intimate spaces and did not want the house to feel too open or too large, but at the same time the house had to be able to accommodate their children and grandchildren in addition being a place for entertaining extended family and friends. The large kitchen and great room were both designed with that in mind, complete with several workstations and a pantry service area. The lower floor entertainment area and the barn provide plenty of recreational opportunities for the children. Perfect for rainy day play. The homeowners like both the unusual and practical, so the challenge was to give the house personality while keeping it workable,” explains Tuttle.

**Making the connection** Intimate yet functional spaces were the goal of the outdoor living spaces as well. Peter Mckendree of Ponderosa Landscaping and Stonework collaborated with landscape architect Allen Abrahamson to connect the existing elements, such as the pool and tennis courts, with the main house in a way that was simple and elegant, maintaining a Cape Cod feel. Mckendree explains “There were existing areas, along with the other two homes on the property, that had elevation differences of over twenty feet between them with a very steep slope. Connecting those elements to the main house and the barn in an appealing an natural way was a great challenge and a lot of fun.” We matched existing stone and hand chipped the edges of the mosaic walkway stones to create a soft look that connected the new areas seamlessly with the untouched areas on the property. The brick patios are simple but elegant and provide the homeowners with an outdoor living space that is in scale with the main residence and perfect for outdoor entertaining.”

**The vision realized** Although the many individual spaces add up to a good size house, the final result is a “cottage-like” feel that is warm, welcoming and informal. Attention to detail, not only in the design and construction, but in the way the home is used by the family that lives in it, is indeed what sets it apart from the ordinary and makes this Cape get away a place to be enjoyed for generations to come.