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This Week's Best Beach House: Amagansett Dunes - All Decked Out

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The "Dunes" is a place of pure magic. Quaint cottages and beach shacks from another era set comfortably alongside jaw-dropping feats of contemporary architecture – homes that test the limits of modern design and engineering; and other homes, traditional in style, customized with every state-of-the art modern amenity.

Regardless of size or style, each has the quintessential character of the kind of beach house we dream about – a house at the beach where we come to play; where we mingle in the scent of salt-air mixing with the junipers, black pines and dune grasses. Where drifts of white sand are ubiquitous, blown artfully onto the front yard. Dense morning fogs. Sweeping views of the Atlantic, and the meditative white noise from waves as they break onto the pristine shoreline.

This Week's Best Beach House on Marine Boulevard is sited beautifully – peacefully – in the Dunes, nestled among a swath of happy Junipers and pale green indigenous grasses, directly across from a private path leading to the beach. Frederick Stelle of Stelle Lomont Rouhani Architects in Bridgehampton, designed the house, and as always, left behind a gift for the senses. One is struck by a sense of excitement and fascination at first glance, yet moved by Stelle's low-key, non-invasive approach, which seamlessly integrates the beauty and sensitivity of the home's natural surroundings. Notably, Stelle's firm was honored with the prestigious AIA Excellence in Architecture Award for the home's remarkable design.

This beach house has 7,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor living space with 5 bedrooms and 5 ½ baths. Built by John Hummel & Associates and landscaped by Laguardia Design of Water Mill, the ground level is finished with limestone floors warmed by radiant heat. There are four bedrooms on this level plus a large family room with fireplace and a wall of doors opening to the heated gunite pool. The inside and outside are wonderfully integrated by way of wide, white paneling crafted from composite material, then installed through the glass walls with seamless symmetry. Mahogany wood decking and wood slatted screens, hallmarks of Stelle's designs, are featured throughout the house.

Upstairs on the second level, the living room and dining room are separated by an open limestone fireplace. The open chef's kitchen & bar features sleek custom cabinetry by Scavolini. The second level also includes the stunning master suite. From there you can ascend another level to the 800 square foot Green Roof, beautifully finished with Mahogany decking and sweeping 360-degree views of the Atlantic and surrounding area.

This is an opportunity to invest in an award-winning modern architectural masterwork of the early 21st century. To view or receive more information about this beach house, contact Janette Goodstein and Bonny Aarons at Douglas Elliman or Janet Hummel at Town and Country. Offered at \$11,430,000.