

South Fork Dream Home: A Historic Barn Reimagined As A Modern Space For Living And Entertaining

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If you're looking for a little bit of country with a lot of big-city sophistication, this Colonial-era renovated barn in Bridgehampton might be the ticket.

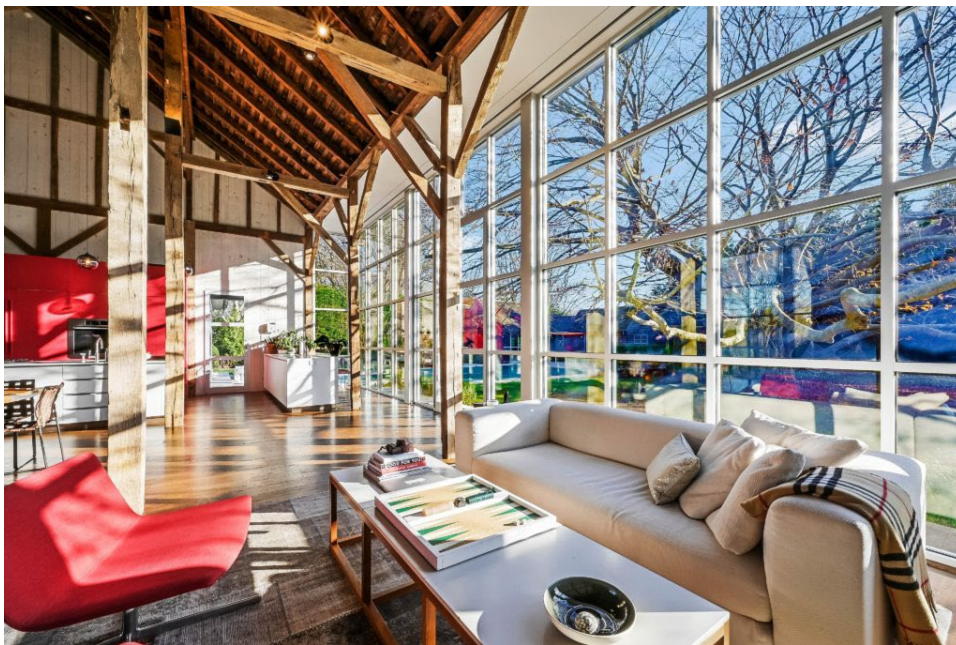
Since 2004, both the sellers and owners charged architect Nicholas Botta with renovating the rustic building but keeping its 200-year-plus-old bones. He did so by respecting the original ceiling and support timbers and the 25-foot ceiling height in what is now the great room—the signature space anchoring the house. “Hands down, it’s the most dynamic part of the building,” says Judi Desiderio, the Town & Country listing agent for the property.

The dramatic great room features an open kitchen, dining and living room plan with a woodburning polished-steel-clad fireplace and a curtain of windows looking out onto a large beech tree that's as old as the barn.

The renovation, Desiderio says, "was a labor of love."

Botta added two wings of living space and sleeping quarters, so that the final construction tallies

7,500 square feet over three light-filled stories. The master bedroom suite on the second floor features a balcony and a double shower. Six other bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms—three on the ground floor and two on the second floor—ensure plenty of space for guests (one bedroom on the second floor is currently used as a home office). A separate guesthouse includes two-bedrooms and one bathroom. Throughout the house are other spaces for lounging or relaxing, a fully equipped gym with a skylight on the second floor and a generous outdoor dining space with a stainless-steel cooking station and a pizza oven.



The state-of-the-art Poliform kitchen will suit the serious home chef, as well as professional caterers working on site for parties. Top-line appliances such as Wolf, SubZero and Bosch are integrated into the custom cabinetry. The predominant white work island includes a cooktop and small prep sink, and separates the culinary space from the living room; another white dining island with a double sink seats

six. Red accent cabinetry along the wall provides a backdrop of warm, bold color and includes two wall ovens, two integrated SubZero units and a coffee station. In the finished basement, which includes a media and recreation room, a large cedar closet and storage, a wine cellar accommodates 1,700 bottles.

The floors throughout are reclaimed barnboard and limestone. The latter is polished on the interior floors and left unfinished for the exterior, providing a seamless transition between inside and out where it anchors the outdoor dining space, wraps around the 20 by 40 foot pool, and creates a path to the guesthouse. The four-car garage is heated.

Sited on an acre of land, the home is setback by a gravel driveway, and is less than two miles from Sagg Main, Ocean Road and Gibson beaches, and one-quarter mile from Bridgehampton's Main Street.

Farms, vineyards, beaches and the equestrian lifestyle are "the heartbeat of Bridgehampton," Desiderio says. "It really offers an audience a little bit of everything – a rural feeling, yet knowing you're close to world-class dining and some of the best beaches on the planet."

This home on 675 Pauls Lane is offered at \$12,950,000, a \$3-million reduction from its December 2020 listing price.

