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Marcia Tucker's artful vision

New Greenwich restaurant is her latest design project **R2**



Marcia Tucker designed the newly opened Greenwich restaurant, Back 40 Kitchen, as a modern take on the traditional farm-to-table restaurant. Featuring earthy materials such as reclaimed barn wood from a William Wadell 1870s farmhouse in Weertown, NY, and honed Jet Mist granite, the space offers a perfect backdrop to the cuisine.

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Have Your Cake and Eat it Too



50 Byram Terrace Drive

This sophisticated and stylishly renovated two family home suits a range of needs – owner occupied with renter, extended family or easily converted into a single family home. Unit one has a spacious sun filled living room opening to an eat in kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. A door leads to the large deck with a retractable awning overlooking the beautiful gardens and private backyard. You also have a dining room for more formal gatherings, plus a new powder room and linen closet. The master bedroom is stunning with its high ceilings, beams and ceiling fan. Enjoy your spa like master bath and fill your his and her closets. French doors lead to the deck where you can relax and enjoy your morning coffee. The lower level has tremendous storage, a laundry area, a bonus room and a half bath – perfect for an office or a guest room. The garage and driveway provide parking for four cars. Hardwood floors and central air conditioning complete the picture.

Unit two has an eat in kitchen with pretty wood floors. A living room with new carpeting is a happy place to gather. There are also two bedrooms and a full bath - plus a consistent rental history. Cheers!

Convenient to all major transportation, schools, and shops.

\$795,000

Rental Opportunities

15 Lafayette Court #1f

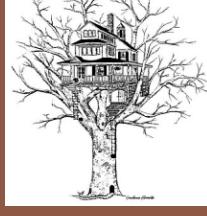
Spacious and light filled renovated condo. 1 bedroom, 1.5 half bath. Centrally located to all the amenities Greenwich has to offer.

\$2,995/month

35 Greenway Drive

Charming ranch set on a beautiful site in the heart of Glenville. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. One floor living at its best!

\$2,500/month



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Greenwich designer inspired by sea and sky

By Meg Barone

The first four years of Marcia Tucker's life were spent in a house designed by renowned Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer, a pioneer in international modern architecture.

She was too young to understand his design philosophy, which favored sensual curves over hard edges and straight lines.

"The curve I find in the mountains of my country, in the sinuous courses of its rivers, in the waves of the sea, in the clouds of the sky," Niemeyer once said.

Through some sort of creative osmosis, Tucker soaked up that appreciation for soft, natural curves. The Greenwich interior designer and principal of Marcia Tucker Interiors lives in a waterfront community at Tod's Point and she finds inspiration in the changing environment of the sea and sky, which, daily, paint breathtaking landscapes.

"I get a lot of my inspirations and color schemes from the landscape. It's my first place to go. Every time I do a mood board I make sure I have a landscape picture; something that does reflect sky and water or sunset or something that will bring whatever is into what we're trying to design," said Tucker, whose work includes renovations, architectural interior designs and floor plans.

According to its website, Marcia Tucker Interiors fuses "traditional English elegance with contemporary European influences to create thoughtful and original concepts for each client project. A lover of beauty and symmetry—Marcia Tucker transforms homes into authentic living spaces radiating a classic richness and warmth—with the belief that color, shape, texture and light reveal organic landscapes within."

Life experiences, world travels and her parents have also influenced her aesthetic and vision. She calls herself a reflection of her parents who were culturally



Fran Parente

aware, interested in architecture and design, interested in the world, and open to living abroad. They moved the family from their native Rio de Janeiro to Palo Alto, California when Tucker was only four years old.

Years later, she pursued a formal education at the KLC School of Interior Design in London where she graduated with honors. Tucker is currently working on a townhouse in London for clients from Greenwich. "It's a very special place to be back where I studied and be back with my trade and be back with my

roots of learning," said the multilingual Tucker, who enjoys traveling.

"I cannot imagine being in my business and doing what I do without that inspirational side through the trips and the traveling."

Tucker's worldly, well-traveled life drew her, in part, to Greenwich. She and husband Chris, and sons, Alexander and Frederick, moved here from London in 2003. That same year she opened her practice. "We wanted to make sure we had a backyard for them and good schools, more of a set-



Karissa Van Tassel

Above: Greenwich designer Marcia Tucker reflects the community's cultural diversity in her work. Left: Tucker combined boldly patterned pillows, a striped carpet with a walnut-paneled wall and a sofa wisely covered in waxed Belgian linen to create a chic yet relaxed family room.

tled life for them to grow up in.... What we found in Greenwich is a diversity of cultures. You find people from all over the world here. That cultural diversity is very attractive, and that reflects on the architecture and the interior or work that we do," Tucker said.

Tucker's projects meld her refined design sensibility with clients' desires to create "spaces for the soul," from contemporary workspaces to intimate and sophisticated home environments, and more recently restaurants.

Tucker designed the interior of Back 40 Kitchen, Bill and Leslie King's new restaurant, which opens on Greenwich Avenue this week. "Everything had to be sustainable, preferably made in America. At the moment it's one of my favorite jobs to be involved in. That has opened a different door for me," Tucker said.

They have partnered again. Tucker is also designing a second restaurant in Byram for which the Kings have hired the sous chef of Gramercy Tavern in New York City.

She stays away from trends. "I design something to last for a

longer time. Some trends are here to stay so we have to respect them but I don't design around trends." She wants clients to have a solid design foundation that will last for as long as they want to live with it, and something flexible that they can add to as they live in the space.

One of the biggest challenges that homeowners face is finding a layout for modern living. "What has changed from when I started in 2003 to now is that more and more people want to use their rooms in a different way than our parents did in the past," Tucker said. They want to use the rooms as part of their lives and not just formally for entertaining. "I try to allow people to seamlessly connect in all aspects of their lives with their home... We're trying to turn a house into practical living," she said.

Her favorite project is "Usually the one I'm finishing up. When I see it all done and I see the client happy, that's my favorite project, and that's fair to say because we put all we have into each single project and it doesn't matter if it's big or small," she said.

AGENT PROFILE *Katherine Wynne*

A deep connection to Greenwich

Katherine Wynne worked in the hospitality profession after obtaining a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Hospitality and Tourism at Pace University in New York City. Following her work in the front office at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich for four years, Wynne entered commercial real estate but found "there was no real connection when you do commercial transactions. There was no personal interaction."

So, after four years in that branch of the real estate industry she transitioned to residential. That was more than two years ago. She is a licensed Realtor in Connecticut and New York and she hasn't looked back. Wynne's combined work experience and education has made her an expert facilitator and provided her with excellent negotiating skills, a wealth of local knowledge, and desire to help others.

"I love it. I love meeting people, establishing relationships and finding them a home where they can create their own memories," she said.

Thoughts of family, home and memories were heightened for Wynne in recent months. Six months ago she gave birth to her first child, a girl. "I just started my own family. It's important to put roots down," said Wynne, who grew up in Greenwich and attended both private and public schools in the area. "I love this town and I love introducing new people to Greenwich. It's a beautiful area and has a lot to offer—the school system, parks and proximity to



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New York City. It's a great community," she said.

Wynne and her husband continue to live in Greenwich near their families, making her a true local.

Free time and sleep are hard to come by with a new baby but when Wynne has time to herself she enjoys cooking, especially healthy recipes, and walking her dog.

THE LIST *Highest for sale*

Address	Price
124 Old Mill Road	\$31.5 million
200 Guards Road	\$27.895 million
429 Taconic Road	\$23.5 million
1 Harbor Drive	\$20 million
30 Round Hill Club Road	\$20 million
17 Cowdray Park Drive	\$19.9 million
7 Cobb Island Drive	\$18.75 million
81 Brookside Drive	\$18.75 million
36 & 38 Game Cock Road	\$18.5 million
54 Cathlow Drive	\$18.225 million
29 Round Hill Club Road	\$18 million

Source: MLS

AGENT PROFILE *Bonnie Caié*

Passion for real estate, horses

Three Hs have dominated Bonnie Caié's life: horses, houses and hockey. She has worked in the real estate profession for 30 years; celebrating her 30th anniversary in May. Her son was a hockey player and so the family attended innumerable practices and games, and Caié loves horseback riding and competing. She has won many ribbons in horse competitions, she and her daughter placed second in a hunter pacing competition (her favorite kind of riding) in Bedford, NY last year, and back in 1977 Caié won a Presidential Sports Award for equitation from President Jimmy Carter.

Caié is a life-long resident of Greenwich, other than the first three years of her 47-year marriage, in which she and husband Bob lived in Darien. Her parents, grandparents and great grandparents before her were all Greenwich residents and a couple of the original family homes from 1860 remain in the family. That level of familiarity with the town is beneficial to her real estate career.

"Greenwich is an amazing place to live. There is more to do for every generation than one will have time to embrace," she said.

For Caié it's the relationships with clients that she has revered most in real estate.

"You get amazingly involved in their lives and what their passions are and their needs are, and trying to find the home that they're going to love their family in and thrive in is always very exciting," she said.

Caié's passion for horses and involvement in the local equestrian community has informed her real estate experience. She has become an expert in horse properties and she enjoys helping clients find properties in Greenwich where they can keep their horses.



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Along with continuing to horseback ride, she enjoys spending time with her two grown children and three granddaughters—all of whom ride horses. She also enjoys gardening, needlepoint, and she is actively involved in the life of Stanwich Church.

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