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Patrick Ahearn Architect



Patrick Ahearn, AIA, specializes in historically motivated architecture and interior design. His volume of finely crafted and detailed residential work spans a multitude of classic styles of architecture from City Town Houses to Island Homes. With offices in both the Historic Back Bay neighborhood of Boston and Martha's Vineyard, these environments provide a rich and fertile background for the creation of classical timeless architecture, appropriate and in scale to each locale.

The firm's work covers a broad spectrum of projects including master planning, new construction, historic renovation and restoration. To each of his projects, Mr. Ahearn and his team bring a highly educated and schooled knowledge of classic architecture coupled with a keen sense of how people live today, which produces homes that are timeless and responsive to the needs of modern lifestyles.

Snow's Point on Chappaquiddick

Blessed with a stunning locale, Snow's Point takes full advantage with its waterfront site and Edgartown harbor views. The project was expansive in ambition and outlook, providing simple but well-detailed indoor and outdoor space. To preserve its integrity and character, however, the project required a thoughtful

approach to building small. Set on a small non-conforming lot of 1-acre, the design was constrained by strict zoning regulations to work within the footprints of three separate and highly utilitarian structures - a small garage, a detached bedroom bungalow and a traditional fisherman's cottage.

With only minimal variances - a screened porch and a new dormer for the cottage - the original 1,800 sq. ft. accommodates an open kitchen/dining/living area, and an expanded master suite including a small Romeo & Juliet balcony to capture the Edgartown harbor view. New fenestration brings in lots of light, maximizes views and extends outdoors to a rebuilt deck. A fireplace/chimney was added using old brick, giving a patina of age to help maintain the character of the original cottage.

In addition to lush landscaping, a disciplined approach to the site plan was essential to keeping the exterior uncluttered. The site is organized by a brick path, leading from a parking court through an entry arbor, to the porch and a small pergola. The three structures frame the courtyard.

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