

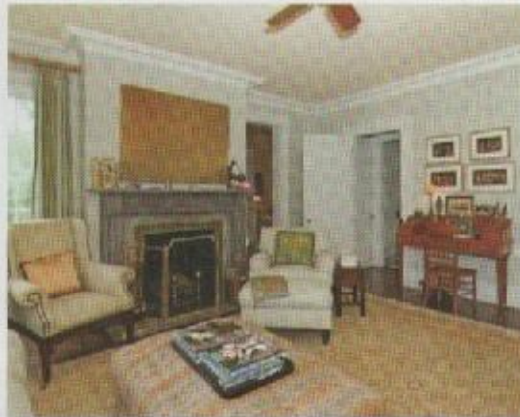
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# Habitat

*Peek into the dream home of the month...*

By Dan Berberich

Situated less than a mile off the Great South Bay, this estate is a prime example of Greek Revival architecture imagined as a country home. Pull in past the crisp, white picket fence—a hallmark for Bellport—and the long driveway culminates at a handsome entryway tucked into a deep front porch, which serves as the perfect spot for rocking away an afternoon in warmer months or seeking shelter from harsh ones. Inside, 19<sup>th</sup> century details like crown moldings and door and window casings remain, though the overall aesthetic has been tempered by modern upgrades. The kitchen is fitted with a commercial-grade refrigerator, freezer, range and dishwasher. When the weather does warm, the 10'x40' in-ground pool is set in a courtyard of neatly trimmed hedges, offering a tasteful sense of privacy whether entertaining large groups or intimate ones. Around every corner, the home's history can be felt. Sarah Birdsall Otis Edey, a noted activist hosted several meetings of The New York State Women's Suffrage Association here while she called it home. Edey's resonance can also be felt to the far edges of the village: She was involved in preserving Bellport's nature, fighting to keep street wideners from removing trees and getting Montauk Highway to bypass Bellport, preserving the village's quaintness. ☪



## Around Town

Long a summer community for wealthy Manhattanites—even before the 1882 arrival of the Long Island Rail Road—this village bustled with guests who stayed in hotels or summer cottages before private homesteads were built. But unlike other tony coastal towns with Main Streets that look and feel like smaller versions of Madison Avenue, Bellport is fiercely understated and its commerce is run by small, often family-owned shops. The charm of traditional architecture straddling wide, tree-lined streets feels like colonial New England—the perfect backdrop to a low-key lifestyle. It's a vibe that has lured the likes of actress Isabella Rossellini, former NY Giant Tiki Barber and journalist Charlie Rose. They are attracted perhaps by the shorter commute to/from the city than they'd suffer in the Hamptons. But they stay because of the fuss-free way of life that nonetheless includes art galleries, a thriving theater, terrific restaurants, small markets and Papa Nick's Pizza—this is still NY after all. ☪

### ■ BY THE NUMBERS

List Price: \$4,950,000

Taxes: \$28,578

Style: Greek Revival

Year Built: 1838

Rooms: 14

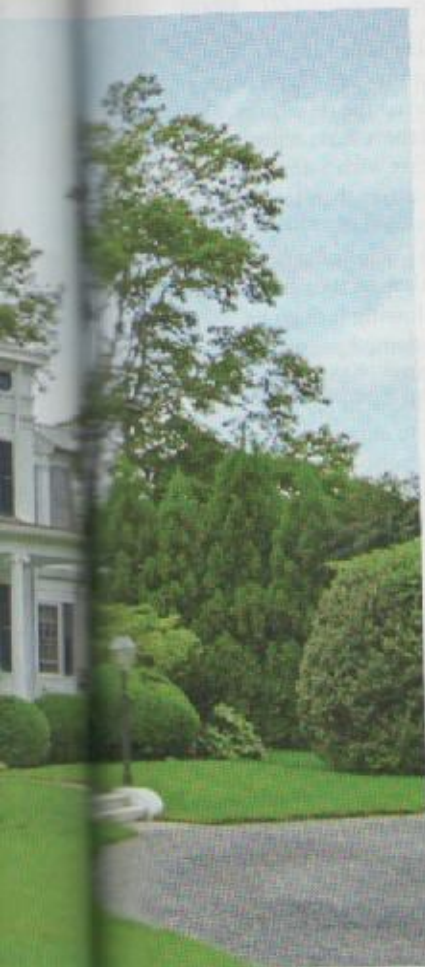
Bedrooms: 5

Baths: 5 full, 1 half

Fireplaces: 7

Lot Size: 67,082 sq. feet

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