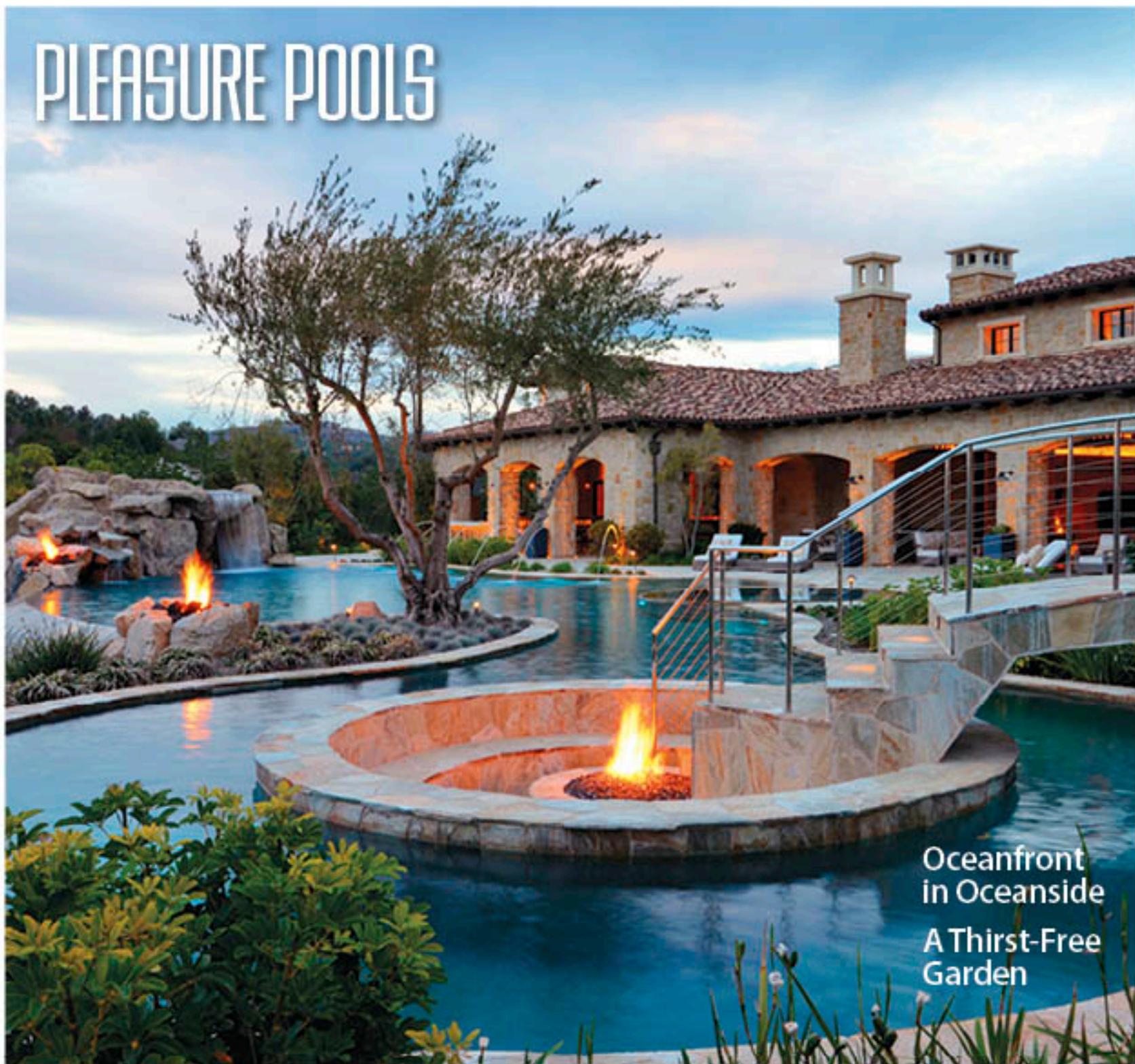


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# SEA TO SEE

A LA JOLLA COUPLE DESIRES AN EAST COAST STYLE WITH A PACIFIC VIEW

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**R**ENOVATING A HOUSE can take a long time, but Don and Joy needed to have their new home move-in ready on a quick schedule.

With their two daughters enrolled at an independent college preparatory school in La Jolla, the Rancho Santa Fe couple wanted a home nearby. They decided to buy and remodel a home built in the 1940s that formerly belonged to a Navy captain. The location was important — just a block from the beach and overlooking the ocean.

“The view was paramount in our decision,” Joy says.

She took the lead on the project and, with the help of architect Richard Bokal and Ryan Hill at Hill Construction Co., turned the 1,600-square-foot cottage into a 3,000-square-foot custom home on a 5,000-square-foot lot. The remodel happened fast.

“From the time they purchased the house to the time they moved in was within a year,” Ryan says. “That is absolutely unheard of.”

Gone is the former one-story structure with gray siding, brick walkway and modest appeal. In its place stands an eye-catching home with two levels, red cedar shingles, white columns and railings, decks on both levels that span the front of the house and river-rock walls.

“It’s a great-looking house, and it really accomplished what our clients wanted us to do,” Richard says.

Historic homes on the East Coast inspired Joy, who researched houses online in places like Cape Cod, Nantucket and The Hamptons. “The only real deviation from those homes’ general layout was opening up the first floor, so that the ocean was prominently visible from every vantage point,” she says.

The interior is stunning in a nautical theme of sunny yellow and ocean blue. Most of the walls were painted in Dunn-Edwards’ *Acadia White*. A bold yellow showcased on the dining room’s bookcase walls is a custom mix.

“Every single furnishing was selected with functionality and durability to withstand all of the wear and tear associated with living

**The remodel of a 1940s bungalow gave the homeowners a second level to capitalize on ocean views. Behind the elliptical railing on top is a roof deck.**



by the ocean,” says Joy, who worked with interior designer Jennifer Cavanaugh.

The living room is a crisp combination of walnut flooring, wainscoting, coffered ceilings and a fireplace featuring a colorful array of river rock.

The house is cozy for the family of four, but their two dogs have a special place all their own. Golden retrievers Riley and Callie rest on doggie beds in the space under the stairs, which is cleverly and discreetly marked by a

**The living room (above) and kitchen (left) feature beadboard/coffered ceilings. Seaside influences are prevalent throughout the home.**

**Facing page: The dining area, as seen from the kitchen, continues the nautical blue and yellow palette. A custom shade of yellow paint accents the end wall of built-in cabinetry.**



The homeowners enjoy an expansive ocean view from their master bedroom and its deck. The subtly arched window employs the Cape Cod style they desired, while the tray ceiling mimics the roofline.







custom-made, wrought-iron gate. You might miss this pet retreat, since it blends so well into the living room.

The sleek kitchen encompasses many can't-miss details, including countertops in white marble and mahogany (marine-grade varnished many times), two U-Line refrigerated beverage drawers, a Sub-Zero refrigerator and an apron-front farmhouse sink. A pretty and practical bench with patterned green cushions can be moved when more space is needed.

Joy chose deep mahogany Dutch doors for the front and back entryways to invite a gentle ocean breeze into the house.

A custom fireplace composed of river rock and reclaimed brick is the showcase of the back patio, which includes flagstone paving, cushioned seating, a dining table, an outdoor shower and a spa that the family uses daily.

Two of the three bedrooms on the second floor offer ocean views. The family room on the second floor, appointed with four easy chairs upholstered in navy and cream plaid, provides a great space for leisurely pursuits, as well as tasks like folding laundry on the large pullout table attached to the wall.

Climb the stairs adjacent to the family room and you're on the rooftop deck, which boasts one of the highest views in the neighborhood of the Pacific Ocean. To enjoy the view in comfort, Don and Joy have furnished it with wicker furniture, including a sectional, a coffee table and side tables.

Much of Joy's focus was on maximizing the home's vicinity to the water.

"The house fell easily into place, with the view taking center stage," she says. ❖

A mahogany Dutch door and built-in bench give the entry an extra touch of distinction.

The stonework in the front of the house and in the living room fireplace is continued on the back patio, which is protected from ocean breezes.

