

A STAYCATION HOME



We at WAG were thrilled to stage our first Home Design Show in March at 6 Carriage Trail at Greystone on Hudson, a 100-acre luxury development in Tarrytown.

So we were delighted to learn that another house on the site, a \$6 million listing, has recently sold to a hedge funder and his family. The 12,171-square-foot Georgian sits on 2.10 acres overlooking the Hudson River, the Castle Hotel & Spa and the Palisades Hills. It has eight bedrooms, nine full bathrooms and two powder rooms, along with a 2,020-square-foot master suite and 2,894 square feet of patios and covered porches.

But statistics only tell part of the story of a house whose modern amenities (smart technology, a professional kitchen) belie an airy, Old World stateliness. Credit bespoke millwork, hand-cut stone walls, custom fireplaces with stone mantels and hearths, lofty, coffered ceilings and mahogany-paneled walls.

French doors and abundant windows create airy, light-filled spaces. A covered portico, a two-story elliptical staircase and a wraparound porch add grand, romantic sweep. The house is also something of a staycation, with optional in-home features, including a wine cellar, an indoor sports complex complete with a basketball court and a rock climbing wall and a home theater. The spacious backyard can easily accommodate a pool or a tennis court.

The house that just sold is one of some 20 Greystone Mansion Group's President Andy Todd plans to build on the site, the former estate of Josiah W. Macy, a partner of John D. Rockefeller's in Standard Oil. It was while excavating the site for 6 Carriage Trail, where we held our event and which we have written about in previous issues, that Todd and his team made a dramatic discovery — the funerary pillar of Tiberius Claudius Saturninus, a former slave who collected inheritance taxes for the Roman Emperor Claudius in Greece. It was purchased in 1893 by Macy's widow, the former Caroline Louisa Everit, at an auction at Rome's Villa Borghese. In time, Macy's estate went the way of all flesh — after serving as a militaristic school and a dance school espousing the philosophy of Isadora Duncan. But not the pillar. Today this funerary cippus is ensconced in The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Leon Levy and Shelby White Court in the Greek and Roman galleries.

Todd is pleased with Greystone's contributions to art history — and to modern living.

"It's great to see our dream becoming a reality," he says. "Everyone who comes to Greystone is telling us that it's the most beautiful community that they have ever seen and we are very, very proud of that.

"The beautiful shingle-style country estate at 20 Carriage Trail will be completed in June and we are getting ready to release a few more amazing houses very soon."

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