

Sneak Peek at 2017 Homes

Five not-to-be-missed homes will be on our tour this year:

HOME NUMBER 1

Originally part of a 50-acre dairy farm, this early 1800s New England farmhouse is now a dwelling to local teachers as well as an alpaca that roams part of the 3.5 total acres, which include a barn with two stalls, paddock and fenced-in pasture. Enter the kitchen through the farmer's door, and be sure to take note of the original stove and exposed ceiling beams, a subtle nod to the preservation of this residence's antiquity. Plus, this home has a wonderful connection to the history of Groton Community School!

HOME NUMBER 2

Nestled into a secluded spot against 100 acres of conservation land, you won't find more privacy than this nearly 3,200-square-foot home holds. Featuring an island big enough to accommodate seating on both sides and a warm and inviting decorating style, not a detail has been overlooked in making this kitchen the place to gather for both family and friends. It is no wonder that it is the homeowners' favorite room in the house! Don't miss the screened-in porch, featuring plenty of lounging space for those cool New England nights.

HOME NUMBER 3

It will take time to get through all 3,800 square feet of the home, but it will be worth it. From the tin ceilings to the 10 fireplaces that have been restored and modernized, there's not one feature of this home that should be missed. When entering the first floor, take note of the original built-ins, now home to china, books and collectibles, as well as the Indian shutters that fold into the ceiling-to-floor windows. You also can't miss the bay window — perfect for showing off a well-lit Christmas tree!

HOME NUMBER 4

This New England Colonial was built in a four-over-four style, and while it at one time sat on 27 acres, it now occupies one-half acre of land. The newest addition to the residence can be viewed before you enter the residence: the Labyrinth garden, an ancient symbol relating to wholeness. Follow the circle's path, mirroring your own journey to your center and then back out again into the world. Whether you're looking for historical architectural charm, unique antiques, or beautifully created gardens, this historic home features all of these in a perfect blend of new- and old-world charm.

HOME NUMBER 5

Set on a hill above the neighborhood, this stately and traditional brick front Colonial is larger than life in every sense. This home truly has it all, from the superior finishes and custom touches, to a four-season room with sweeping views of conservation land and an

active deer trail. If you are a horticulturalist, you'll love strolling the professionally manicured grounds which feature a wonderful array of shrubs, trees and perennial flowers and fruits and that provide a kaleidoscope of color in every part of the yard throughout the year.