

SEASIDE HOMES

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A Magnificent Home and “To Die for” View

An ocean-front Deep Cove property in North Saanich has a newly finished 4,900-square-foot, three-storey home that contractor/designer Chris Walker describes as a “showpiece of beauty and craftsmanship.” Chris has been in the design and contracting business for 27 years. He summed up this three-year project: “The challenges were many, but it was an absolute pleasure working with homeowners Jane and Peter. They were fully engaged from the initial design through landscaping. It’s incredibly satisfying to see the completed home, and I know it will be admired by many generations to come.”

Four years ago, when they were looking for a new property or home, Jane said that their main priority was to find something that faced west so they could enjoy the warmth of the afternoon and evening sun. They found

a one-acre lot that had the perfect sun exposure and low bank waterfront on Satellite Channel. Across from their home is Salt Spring Island and they can see snow-capped mountains to the north. Tide changes, sunsets, sea birds, otters and watercraft of all kinds; it’s a breathtaking ever-changing panoramic view.

When Jane talked about design with Chris, she said: “I wanted the colours and feel of a Nantucket design, but I also like the farmhouse style, so we combined them both to give the house warmth and depth. They also incorporated some West Coast features too, such as exposed beams.” We had Douglas fir trees milled from our property to build fireplace mantles, beams and the outside house columns. The siding on the house includes K2 stone and cedar shingles stained in warm Chelsea Gray (Benjamin Moore).

