

editor's note / ROAMIN' ABOUT



Me and Lauren Fetterman

This past spring, I went on a long overdue trip to Italy. Both rejuvenating and awe-inspiring, it was full of the most unbelievable views, the most amazing food and priceless quality time spent with some of my favorite people. And although every vacation must eventually come to an end—and everyday life must eventually resume—that doesn't mean the magic has to stop. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not." While I live in a carefully edited home, I always return from a trip eager to layer in a piece I've found along the way—but capturing that feeling of wanderlust is really what I'm after. Whether I'm installing a glazed Moroccan clay tile backsplash in my kitchen, or researching whether lemon trees can in fact thrive in Fairfield County's climate, I love the way our homes can become an ever-changing collection of travel mementos and memories to keep us in that "vacation" mode all year long. ¶ In this issue, we're exploring how summer style and travel-inspired interiors can encapsulate that getaway feeling. First up, in Westhampton, designer Jennifer Smokler helped craft a neutral-toned beach house that effortlessly blends into its surrounding landscape and captures the amazing views ("A Shore Thing" on page 42). Then down in Anguilla, designer Alexis Parent refreshed and revived a villa set up for indoor/outdoor ease with a mix of warm woods and colorful accents ("Paradise Found" on page 58). Next, we head to Nantucket, where designer Kathleen Hay and architect Chip Webster created a chic home where entertaining and relaxation are always on the menu ("Island Life" on page 72). Then in Fairfield, Jack Franzen and daughter Katrina Franzen of J.P. Franzen Associates Architects transformed the family's existing guest cottage into an updated space ready to host family and friends ("Here to Stay" on page 88). And finally, a new pool house in New Canaan was designed by architect Louise Brooks of Brooks & Falotico to be a year-round party pad sited for optimal views ("Swimming in Style" on page 96). ¶ In the midst of summer fun, don't forget that the 2018 A-List Awards are right around the corner! We hope you save the date—September 12—for our ninth annual A-List Awards Gala at the Palace Theatre in Stamford. Tickets will be on sale at athomefc.com from July 10-24 at a discounted rate, so be sure to take advantage of this deal and join us for the best networking event of the year!

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