THE **HOUSES** OF **MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

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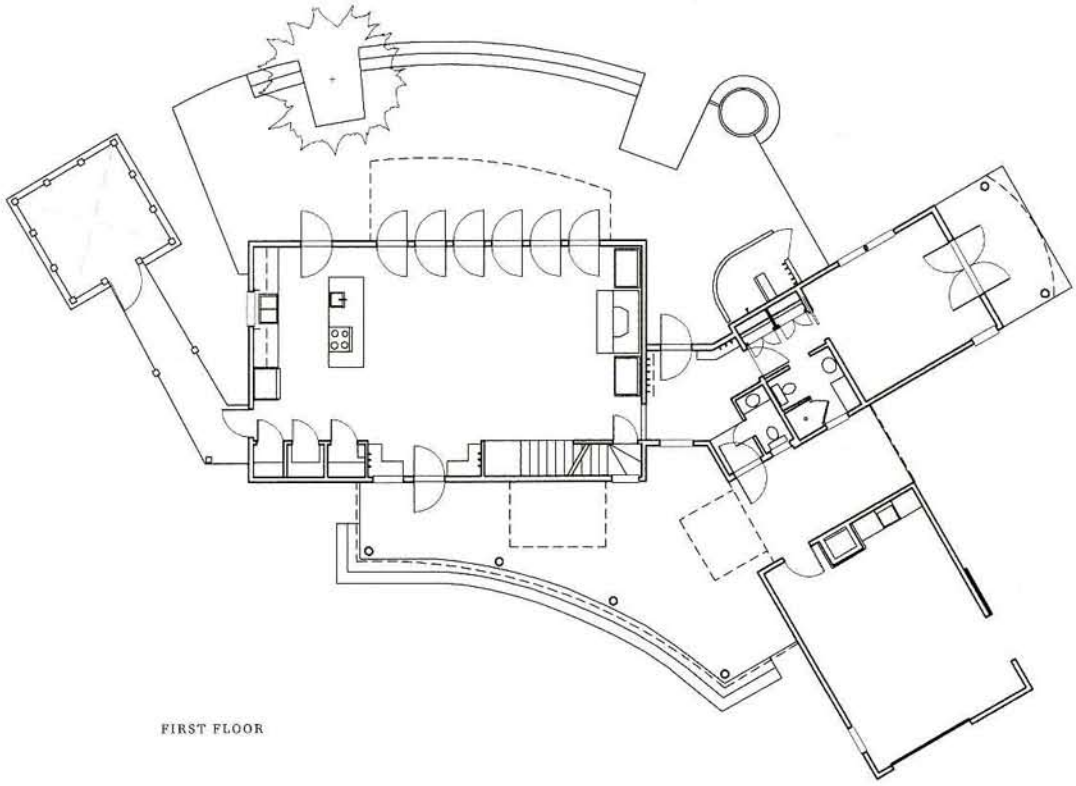
House on Tia's Cove
West Tisbury, 1997
Jill Neubauer Architects

In the spring of 1996, Jill Neubauer Architects was hired to design a new 3,800-square-foot vacation home in West Tisbury. The site is a low, sandy forest of scrub oaks and pines with an orientation to the south overlooking the Tia's Cove, on one of the Great Ponds. Access to the site is from the northeast. Using a West Tisbury farmhouse as a precedent for the project, the architect oriented a collection of simple gabled buildings on the site to focus each building toward an engaging view. One's gaze moves from the quiet and plain front facade toward the water and the sunlight. The great room looks over the pond and curving deck. The master and guest bedrooms are oriented toward the ocean beyond, and the office-and-guest-bedroom wing opens to the woodland.

The house glorifies its location on the water and in the pine woodland with imagery of fish, animals, and pine cones, integrated into the building components throughout the house and into the screen pavilion, hot tub, and outdoor shower.



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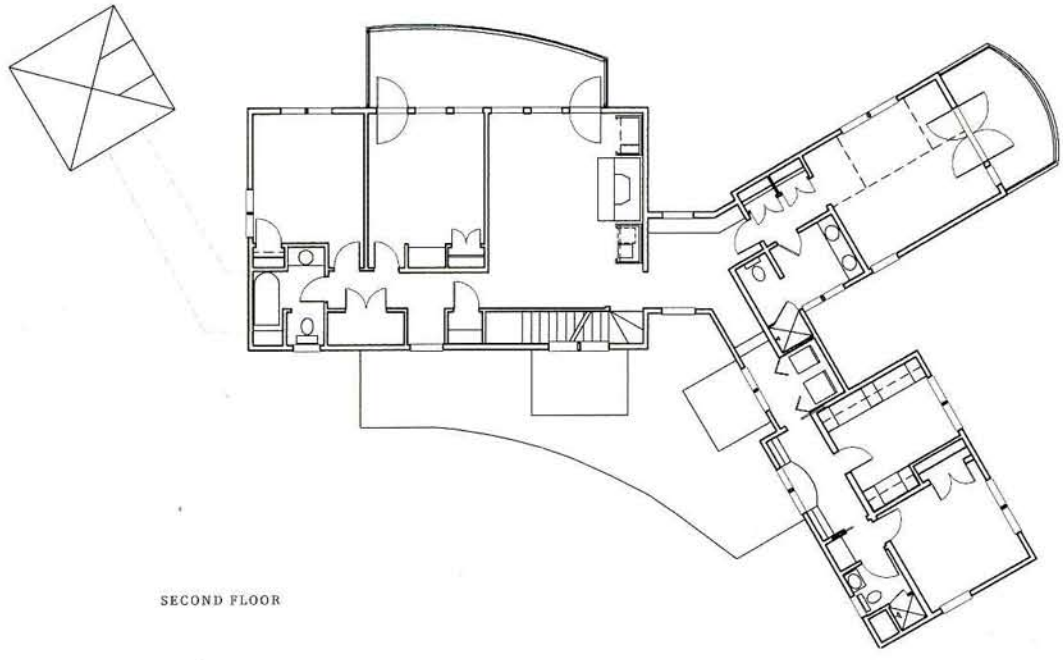
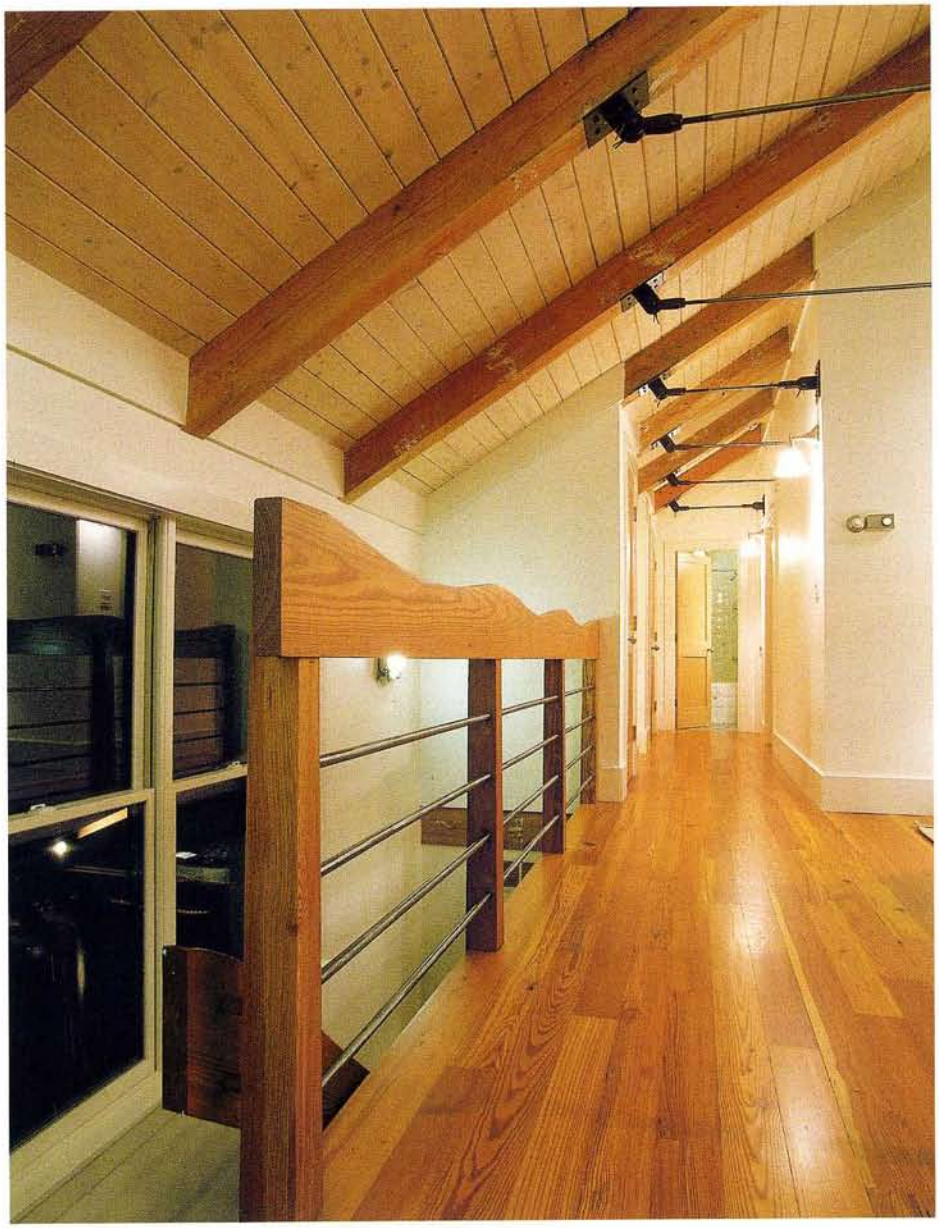
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