

space INSIDE VIEW



From top: The spacious layout is perfect for entertaining; the renter will enjoy the benefits of many hours of gardening labor.

# Close to Home

COMPASS' POWER-BROKING CEEJACK TEAM (CEEJACKTEAM.COM), MADE UP OF CEE SCOTT BROWN, JACK PEARSON AND JEREMY DUNHAM, IS ACCUSTOMED TO SHOWING SOME OF THE MOST GORGEOUS HOMES IN THE AREA. BUT THIS SUMMER, IT'S PEARSON'S OWN HOME THAT'S ON THE MARKET FOR RENT. HERE, THE AGENT TAKES US INSIDE THE HISTORIC COMPOUND.

BY KENDYL KEARLY

**DOWNTON ABBEY** "I have always dreamed of owning a *Howards End*-type English cottage, and my dream came true with this property when my good friend Anne Dee found this 1920s shingled house with overgrown gardens for me. Of course, over time, I have renovated and added on and built additional structures on the property, such as the carriage houses and the pool/jacuzzi. I also replanted and redesigned all the gardens and have award-winning roses, hence my friends named the compound "The Abbey."

**HOMEGROWN** "I love gardening and, with the help of some friends, shaped the property into a perennial haven with first-generation trees since this cottage belonged to the farming family of the area. Our East End climate is prolific for all of my favorites, which include roses, peonies, irises, azaleas, viburnums, rhododendrons, clematis, wisterias, dogwoods, boxwoods, hollies and privets. Walls of green all

around the property allow privacy and provide green views inside and out."

**HISTORY IN THE MAKING** "It was the first house to be built by the original Doran family farmers, who began in the late 1700s and built this cottage in 1920 for their great-granddaughter. In the 1950s, the Doran farming family sold it to Ira Hirschmann, an anti-Nazi crusader who was instrumental in obtaining the release of tens of thousands of concentration inmates in World War II. He summered there until he sold the house in the 1980s to Lisa Phillips, then curator of The Whitney Museum. I purchased it from Lisa in 1995."

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION** "Living in the Hamptons is a dream with four distinct seasons that each provide natural beauty. The summers are sublime, the fall and spring stunning." *From \$60,000 for two weeks, 12 Huntington Lane, Water Mill, compass.com*

