

LEADING CUSTOM HOME BUILDERS



THE PERFECT
HOME



ANDREW A. FLAKE

martha's vineyard, massachusetts

Builder Andrew Flake works in the smallest of milieus, Martha's Vineyard, an island that is a mere twenty-one miles long. While this may seem self-limiting, to Andrew Flake it holds a mystique beyond measure. Every house he has built over the past twenty-five years resides on this tiny Atlantic outpost. "There is a rarified atmosphere here among the building trades. To a builder, these craftsmen are a remarkable resource. We can execute the most demanding designs because they practice their trades at the highest level," Flake points out. But his favorite part of every job is bringing the architect's vision to life, particularly if the plans are unusual or complex. He delights in embracing designs that respect the area's traditions yet bring a fresh, exciting approach to a client's desires. The good fortune of being able to practice one's passion is difficult for him to put into words, he says. "I feel a rush of excitement when I unroll a set of drawings for the first time. It is hard to say exactly why you love something. I guess I wonder at the possibilities." His clients soon come to share this appreciation.



Cone and barrel shapes converge at this striking residence designed by architect Mark Hutker.

LINEAR FORMATION





MADE TO ORDER

This carefully engineered fireplace provides a worthy centerpiece to the home. The unique, eight-sided cone-shaped ceiling is the work of boat builders turned artisans who



understand exacting standards.



A VERMONT SLATE COUNTERTOP COMPLEMENTS THE FIR AND CEDAR CABINETS AND STAINLESS-STEEL APPLIANCES IN THIS MODERN KITCHEN.



RAFTER TAILS PROVIDE BOTH STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND AN INTERESTING DESIGN ELEMENT.



A WIDE PORCH HARKENS BACK TO A PERIOD WHERE LEISURE TIME MEANT SPENDING LAZY DAYS OUTDOORS. BEADED CEILINGS WERE OFTEN PAINTED BLUE TO MATCH THE SKY.



A SCREENED-IN SUN PORCH FEATURES FLOORING WITH A DIAMOND PATTERN GIVING AN OUTDOOR ROOM AN "INSIDE" FEEL.





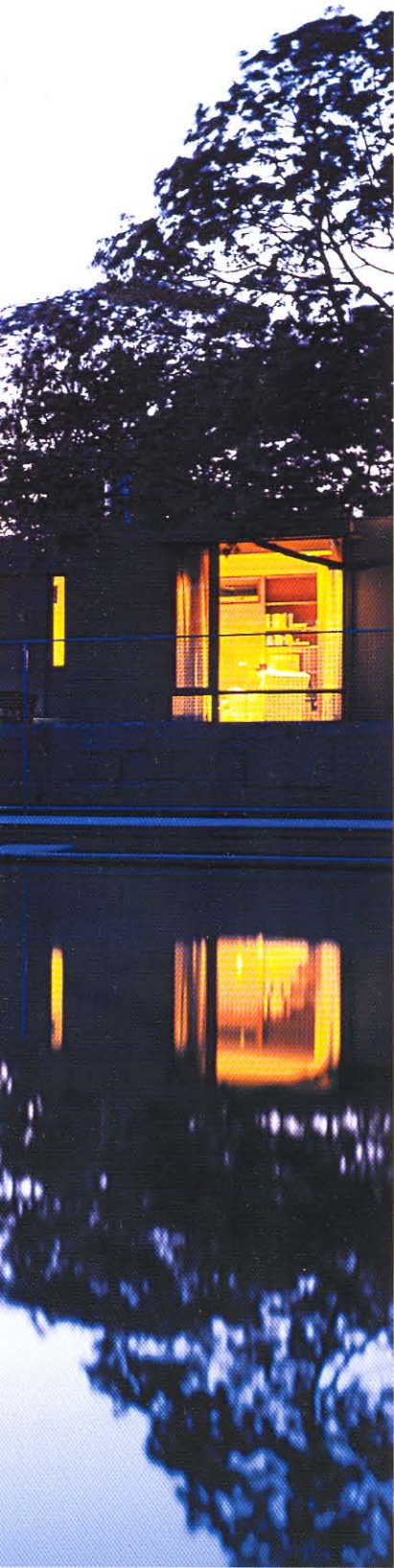
Architects Ferguson and Shamanian bring a micro level of detail to the exterior trim of this Shingle-style home. The design is an extension of the late 1800s period.

TIME-HONORED TRADITION



TIME TO REFLECT

The connection between art and architecture is expressed in this house, designed by Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen, which sits high above the South Shore overlooking



twenty miles of the Atlantic Ocean.



THE SUNKEN LIVING ROOM CREATES A COZY CONVERSATION PIT.