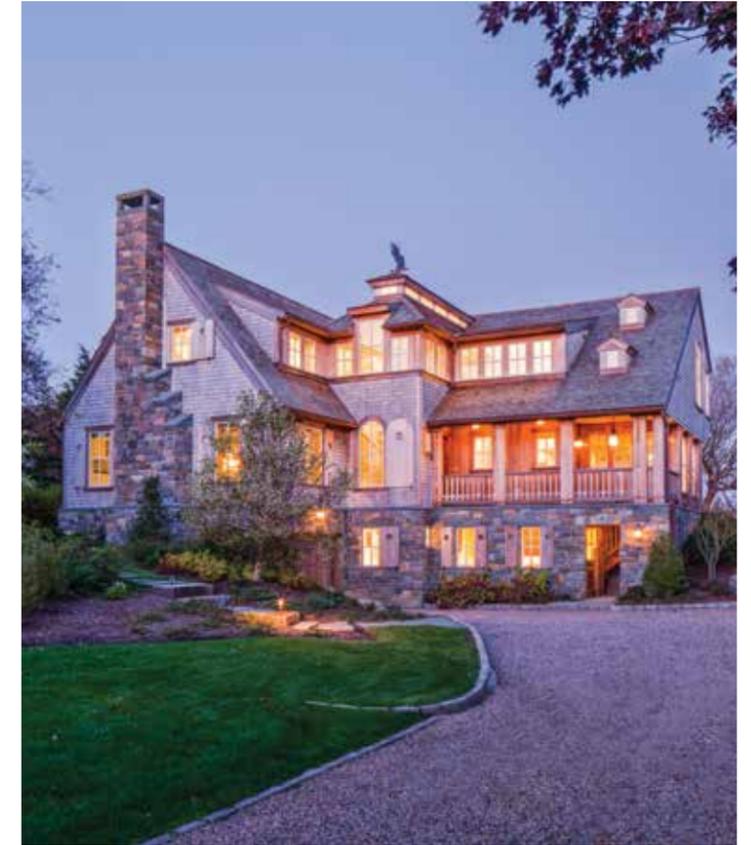


JOHN DASILVA • Polhemus Savery DaSilva



If a home is not beautiful, it's not sustainable, says John DaSilva, AIA, architect and design principal for Cape Cod's Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects Builders (PSD). And by beautiful, DaSilva means timeless.

"To be truly sustainable, buildings need to last for multiple generations. They need to be something that satisfies people through time," DaSilva explains. "The people who initially build the home, love it, and every generation that comes along loves it. If it isn't beloved, it won't last across the generations."

This is the value system that DaSilva and his award-winning firm bring to every one of their design/build projects. The East Harwich-based

company—named "Custom Home Builder of the Year" by the National Association of Homebuilders in 2010—was founded in 1996. DaSilva joined the firm two years later, to pursue the design and construction of New England coastal architecture, after working for a large commercial-build firm in New Haven.

With the majority of the company's projects being residential builds, PSD's staff of experienced and talented professionals design and construct houses throughout Cape Cod and southeastern New England. A staff of about 50 consists mostly of architects and builders—professionals who, DaSilva says, craft homes that are unique, yet instantly recognizable.

"Our work is recognizable as containing form and customized details that don't seem outrageous to people—they're not outside of the homeowner's comfort zone with a PSD design—but our designs are also not boring replications of just anything our customers have seen before," DaSilva explains. "We try to make our work evolutionary."



PSD also strives to combine artistic and environmental integrity, fusing historical, contemporary, and coastal influences within the context of each home.

"You take the special things about the Cape—the quality of the light, the beauty of coastal colors, the sunlight reflected off the ocean that surrounds us—which give us all a special feeling being here on the Cape," DaSilva says. "Each project is treated as special and customized for our clients, so no two are ever alike."



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