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JEFFREY COLLÉ

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Jeffrey Collé is the preeminent design-builder of the South Fork. His love affair with the Hamptons spans more than four decades and is going strong. A Long Island native, Jeffrey learned carpentry and building



working alongside his father and grandfather in their construction business. He established his own company, JC Construction Management, in 1978.

Distinguished by an unwavering adherence to Old World craftsmanship and use of superior, customized materials, he has designed and built myriad high-end residential and commercial projects from Quogue to East Hampton. Working with a crew of highly skilled master carpenters, millworkers and cabinetmakers who fabricate on-site to his exacting specifications, Jeffrey meticulously crafts Shingle-Style homes designed for generation after generation. Jeffrey often forges lifelong relationships with his clients, who include business leaders and luminaries such as Alec Baldwin, Donna Karan and Billy Joel.

“Jeffrey is about custom, custom, custom,” explains Susan Breitenbach, senior vice president of Corcoran. “He is the most particular builder in the Hamptons – the highest quality. Everything is done by hand. Everything is unique and high-end.”

No detail is overlooked and no expense is spared. Among Jeffrey’s signatures are quarter-sawn oak paneling with French-chalk hand-finishing, rendered in impossible arches and curves; custom floors milled from antique cypress, laid and finished by hand; imposing antique fireplaces recovered from European castles; stone bathtubs carved from a single block of marble, outfitted with radiant heat; and doors, rails, posts and decks handmade of mahogany.

Exquisite details include paneling and flooring hand-dowelled with the same material; leaded restoration-glass windows and bronze screens; tiles hand-cut or imported from Italy; Von Morris and custom-cast

hardware; matched, custom-made grilles and switchplates; and the use of solid wood and biscuit joints throughout the house.

Jeffrey's homes feature state-of-the-art technology – including cutting-edge home automation systems for audio, video, lighting, shades and thermostat that can be controlled from a mobile device – and sophisticated, ultra-efficient hydronic heating and geothermic HVAC systems.

Jeffrey also has done his part to safeguard the Hamptons from overbuilding, opting for expansive lawns, gardens and orchards instead of crowding multiple houses on large parcels of land. Many of his homes feature generous reserves, protecting the beauty and agricultural origins of the Hamptons.

Among his most notable projects are the total restoration of a 16,000-square-foot, twenty-eight room historic mansion in East Hampton, owned by the Gardener family; the record-breaking moving and relocation of a 20,000-square-foot mansion in Water Mill; and a recording studio for Billy Joel. Several of his past projects have been featured internationally in the pages of *Architectural Digest*, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *House Beautiful* and *New York* magazine.

Jeffrey's recently completed projects include a 6,800-square-foot home at **18 Wainscott Main St.** in Wainscott; **The Pond House**, a 12,000-square-foot estate at 81 Briar Patch Rd. in East Hampton that was originally designed by Stanford White; and **Beechnut Hill Farm**, an 18,000-square-foot, seven-bedroom residence on 42 acres at 674 Scuttle Hole Rd. in Water Mill. His newest build, **The Farmhouse**, is underway at 173 David's Lane in Water Mill, sharing the same plot of land as the town's oldest structure.

Jeffrey resides in Wainscott with his two English Springer Spaniels, Regis and Oliver.