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Updated designer wallpapers and fabrics can be found throughout the inn. The period desk provides a place for guests to write and send a postcard if they wish.

Nantucket Charm

Union Street Inn welcomes sophisticated vacationers with a fresh new look

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JUST SOUTH OF CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS LIES THE TINY ISLAND OF NANTUCKET.

This exclusive seaport town boasts quintessential New England architecture influenced by the coastal style reminiscent of the 18th and 19th centuries. Perhaps one of the finest examples on the island is the Union Street Inn. Built in 1770, this former whaling captain's home has been recently refreshed and redesigned with the modern traveler in mind. After a comprehensive renovation project was completed in 2013, the classic Colonial now captures the essence of "Nantucket resort chic," providing a bright and fresh retreat for guests seeking the perfect coastal getaway.

Charming and warm, the Union Street Inn is conveniently nestled in town, and has a superb location to enjoy all Nantucket has to offer. Owners Ken and Deborah With-

A high back settee is covered in a contemporary trellis fabric and blends nicely with the blue patterned wallpaper. Art and photography of local artists can be found throughout the inn.







FACING PAGE: Guest rooms are well-appointed with crisp linens, period furniture, and soothing color schemes.

LEFT: Clean and bright, the blank slate in this bathroom draws the eye down to the gorgeous wide-plank pine hardwoods that run throughout the home.

row have struck the perfect balance between the iconic Nantucket Resort Style and a touch of romantic French elegance. Both Ken and Deborah have utilized their past experiences to coax new life from the 12 recently renovated guest rooms of the inn with luxurious linens, designer furnishings and fabrics. They are the best of both worlds with Ken's experience in hotel management at the Royalton in New York, coupled with Deb's retail management background with Fiorucci and Henri Bendel. Her behind-the-scenes hostess work and his front desk smile blend perfectly to create a unique and memorable experience for their guests.

Union Street Inn is the only boutique-style hotel in Nantucket that offers a gourmet cooked-to-order breakfast. Along with a full breakfast menu, which can be served in bed at your request, guests might also find delectable treats such as homemade carrot cake, white chocolate chip and macadamia nut cookies, and double-chocolate brownies. In warmer weather, afternoon snacks are prepared and served on the garden patio with fresh coffee, tea or a glass of wine. The outdoor space was also redesigned



Custom tailored window treatments have been updated in each room.



A pair of red wingback chairs sits cozy beside one of the inn's wood burning fireplaces.

in 2013 by notable Nantucket landscaper Marty McGowan of the Sconset Gardener. The gardens are intimate and relaxing, with several places to sit and enjoy the generous green space.

New England interior designer Trudy Dujardin created the direction for the 2013 interior renovation, channeling the sophisticated vibe of Nantucket summer resort style. By utilizing classic blues, whites and yellows in updated designer patterns, the inn has been elevated to an elegant retreat while still maintaining the classically comfortable New England influence. The original wide-plank pine floors creak lovingly

French doors, navy grass cloth and white wingbacks create a fantastic Nantucket resort-style.



underfoot, reminding guests their steps match those rich with nearly 250 years of history. New wallpaper was hung in several rooms, many in wide stripes. The collection of period furniture throughout the inn perfectly complements the contemporary pieces introduced into the décor scheme.

Several suites boast large, four-poster beds and wood burning fireplaces, while others have antique or beautifully upholstered headboards. Most rooms are flooded with natural light and all have been well appointed with custom tailored window treatments, matching box pleated bed skirts, and artwork inspired by the sea. Amenities include luxurious linens, duvets, bathrobes and bath products. Dujardin's vision is per-

Classic Windsor chairs pair perfectly with a rustic bench in the bright and nautical-inspired eat-in kitchen area.





Warm buffalo check fabric covers these upholstered wing chairs, complementing the classic white, blue and yellow color scheme in the inn.

Blue flocked buffalo check, wide nautical stripes and tight pinstripes blend beautifully in this brightly lit sitting area.

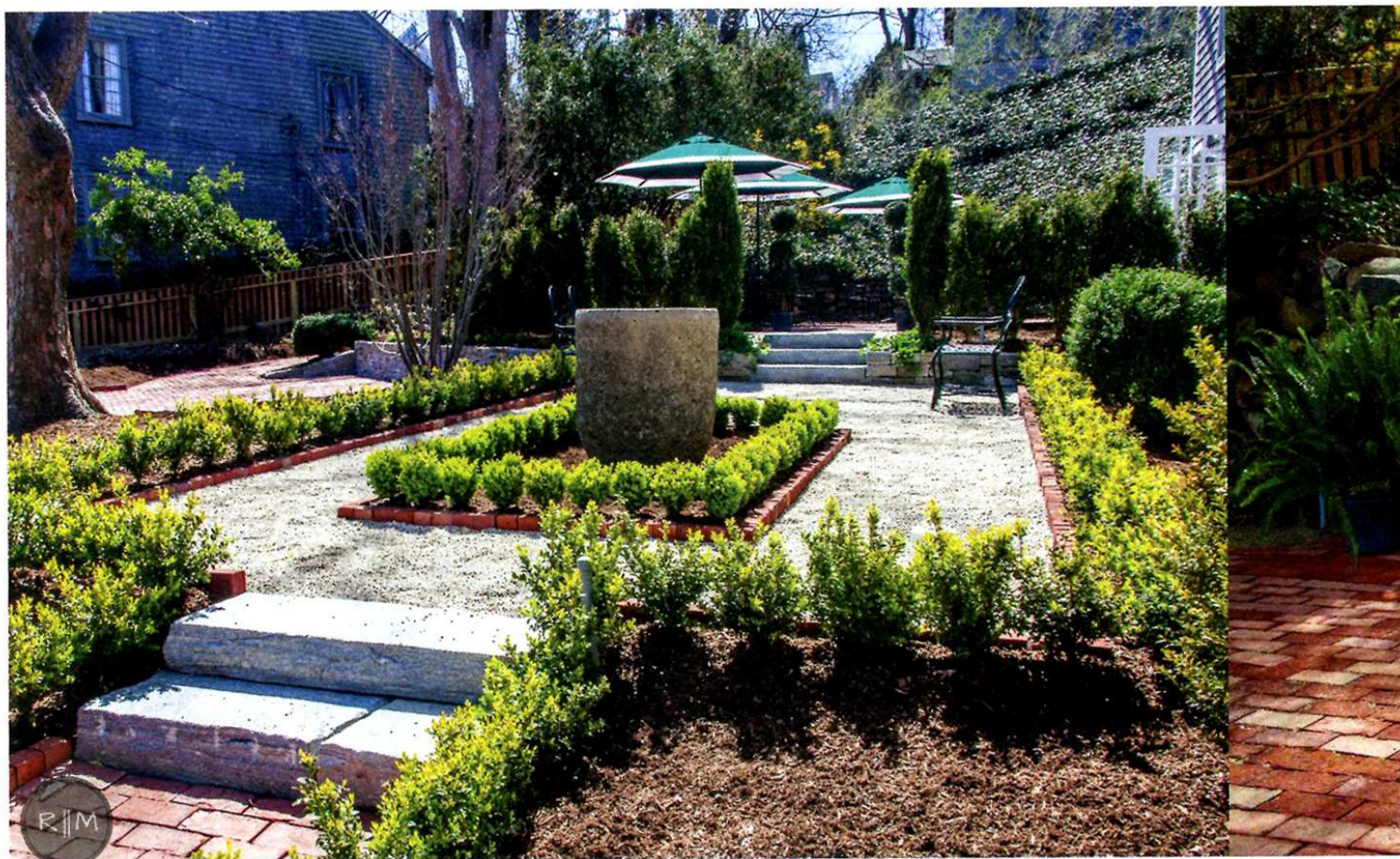


fectly executed through each accent pillow and every well-placed accessory.

Nantucket is home to some of New England's best restaurants, specifically those owned and operated by husband-and-wife team Michael and Orla LaScola. Their restaurant American Seasons offers a playful take on classic nose-to-tail dishes and boasts an American wine selection of over 500 bottles. Opened in June of 2013, The Proprietors Bar & Table features Chef Tom Berry's menu, which focuses on locally caught seafood and farm-to-table vegetables.

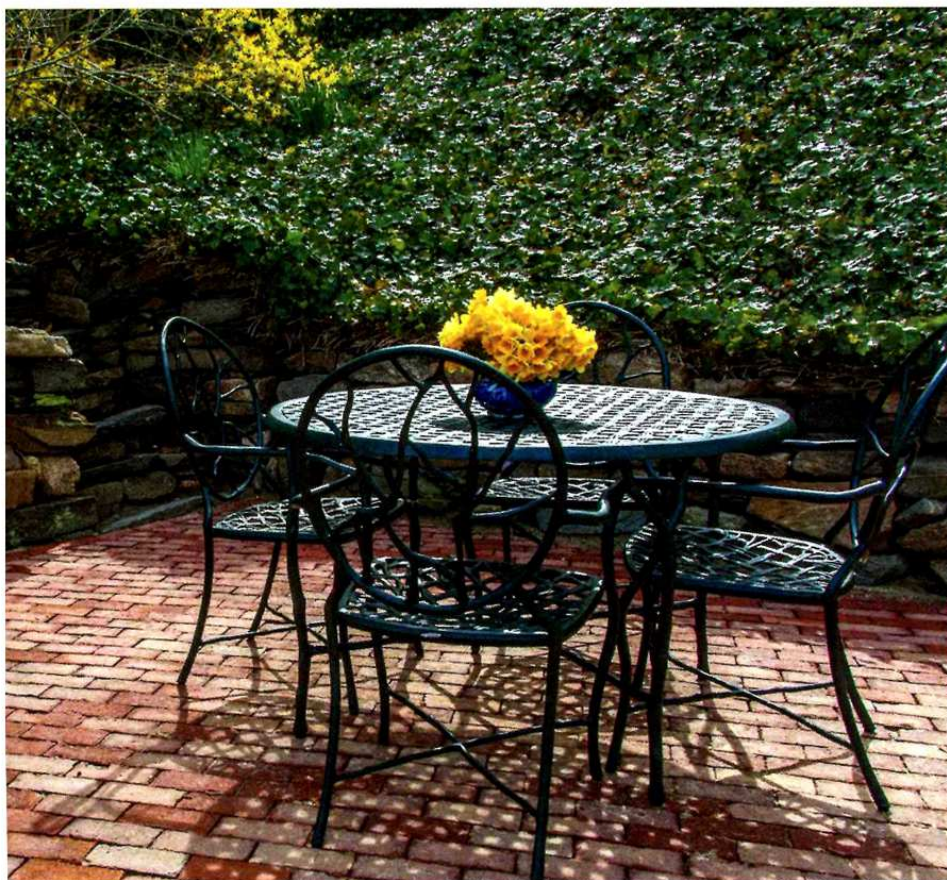
With only a three-minute walk to the downtown area, the inn is just off of Main

BELOW: The newly designed gardens provide a place for a quiet afternoon cup of tea or glass of wine before dinner.




RIGHT: 7 Union Street. The traditional wood shake shingles speak to the Colonial influences of the 18th and 19th century architectural style.





Street and the harbor at Straight Wharf. Guests are only a few steps away from historic Nantucket's best dining, shopping, and local flair. Also close by are museums, art galleries and beaches as well as local activities such as fishing, biking and sailing. The inn's staff offers concierge service tailored to each guest's specific interests. Whether that might be a pottery or basket-making class taught by a local artisan, enjoying the freshest caught seafood, or having a locally brewed craft beer, it is all just a short stroll from Union Street Inn.

The inn was recently recognized by *Fodor's* as "One of the 10 Most Romantic Hotels in the U.S." and was voted "#1 Nantucket Inn" in 2012 by *TripAdvisor*. 

Local Flair

Things to do and places to visit when in Nantucket.

For a sweet tooth:

Ambrosia Spice & Chocolate Shop

For the whale enthusiast:

Try a whale watching boat tour or visit the Nantucket Whaling Museum

For the history buff:

Visit Jethro Coffin House, the island's oldest residence, or Great Point Light, one of America's oldest lighthouses

For the book lover:

The Nantucket Atheneum, the island's unique library

For the young at heart:

Bike rentals from Young's Bicycle Shop

For the spiritual soul:

First Congregational Church

For the inner actor in you:

Theatre Workshop of Nantucket

For the golfer:

Sankaty Head Golf Club

For the boater:

Nantucket Boat Basin

For the beach bum:

Visit Surfside Beach

For the animal lover:

Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge

For the beer enthusiast:

Cisco Brewers

For the little ones:

Try the hands-on experience of the Critter Cruise, the Harbor Tour Ice Cream Cruise, or the Marine Ecology Field Trip through the Maria Mitchell Association

For the music lover:

Chicken Box or Muse

For the inner farmer in you:

Bartlett's Farm