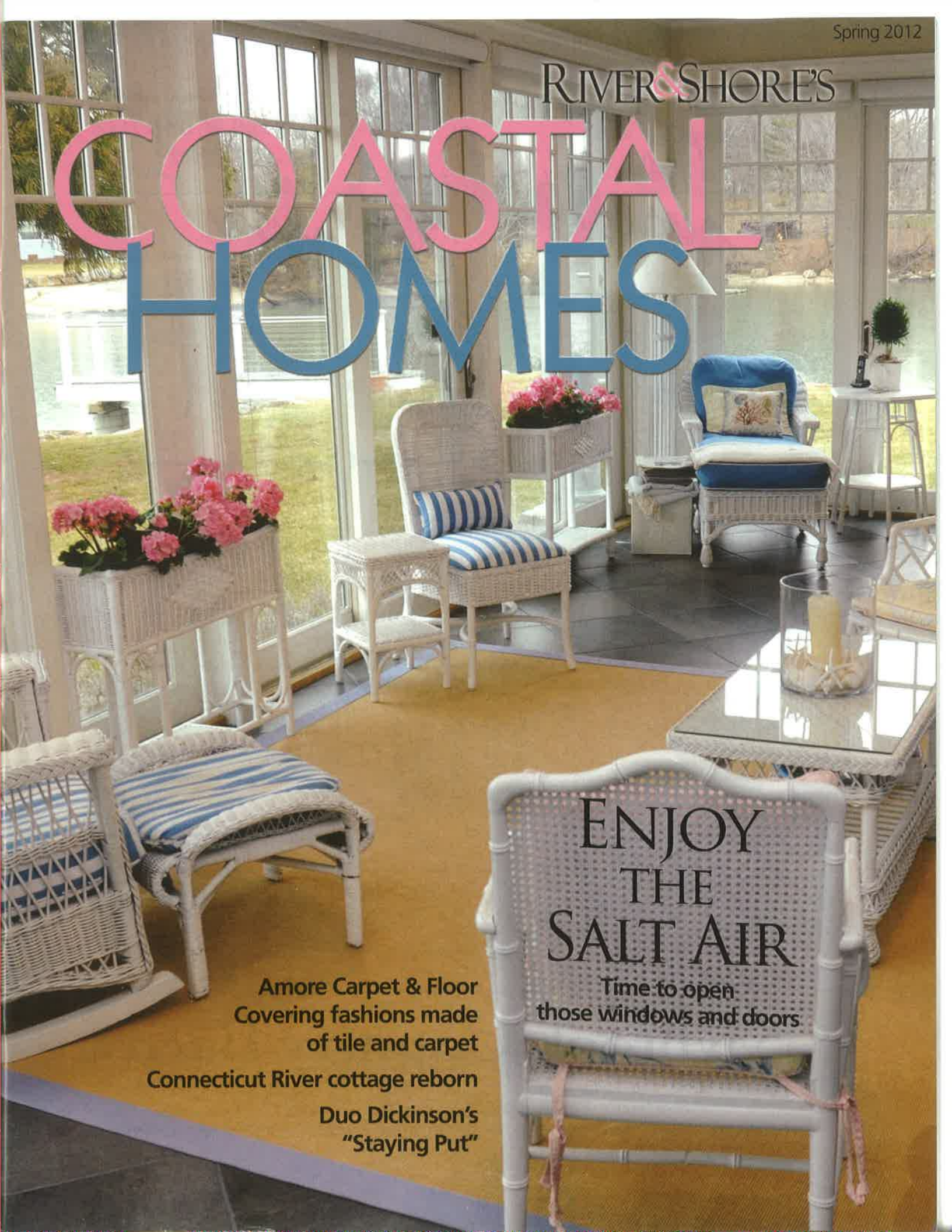


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The gardens of this Milford home seem always in bloom.

DELIGHTFUL BY DESIGN



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Snowdrops emerging in late February.

At first glance, the garden grows on you

By Janie McCabe

FOR LARGE SUMMER RESIDENCES, built at the turn of the 20th century, a porte cochere

provided a grand as well as practical entrance to a home.

This feature extended out over the driveway providing a sheltered entry for visitors as they stepped from their

carriage and ascended the staircase to the house. But as charming as this structure is, it did not reflect the true needs of a 21st century family.

The homeowners had always wanted a garage addition to house vehicles and provide extra storage. The architectural design had to be one that would be in keeping with the character and sensibility of this Craftsman-style home.

In 2004, David Duncan of Needham Duncan Architecture in Old Lyme was commissioned to create a garage addition that would be sensitive to the site and its historical legacy, as well as address the practical needs of a growing family. The design needed to re-create and echo the original covered entrance. The practical advantage of having a covered entrance, especially in inclement weather, is further testament to the strength of the earlier design.

I was commissioned to create a garden that would complement and enhance the addition and tie all of these period pieces together. The challenge in creating this garden was to formalize a system of pathways that would link the driveway to the entrances as well as connect to other parts of the garden.

Fortunately, there was a strong axis from the driveway through the new overhead structure. This linear line allowed me to aesthetically organize the new and the existing landscape elements into a more coherent whole.

The new garage created a long back wall on the sunny south side which became the perfect backdrop for a trellis which was planted with roses and Clematis. In late summer, the sun-heated wall allows an exquisitely fragrant moon flower vine to explode into evening blooms.

The abundant green foliage is the



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Climbing Rose Eden and the President Clematis.



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Louie, the resident pooch, clearly is at home here.