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**The Darien Community Association Presents  
The 203 Project: A Sustainable Showhouse  
Presented by, CTC&G (*Connecticut Cottages & Gardens*)**

*The 203 Project invites local designers and several local sponsors to take the DCA from house to home by giving interior and exterior spaces a “glow up” and opening its doors to the wider community*

**DARIEN, CT (February 6, 2024)**—The Darien Community Association (DCA) today announced The 203 Project: A Sustainable Showhouse at the Darien Community Association presented by exclusive media partner CTC&G (Connecticut Cottages & Gardens). Focused on the DCA's values of community and sustainability, 13 local interior and landscape designers will collaborate to produce a breathtaking one-of-a-kind permanent showhouse in the heart of Darien.

Located at 274 Middlesex Road in Darien, CT the Showhouse will be open from Friday, March 21 until Sunday, March 24, 2024. The 203 Project: A Sustainable Showhouse at the Darien Community Association will be featured editorially in the July/August issue of CTC&G and on cottagesgardens.com.

A beloved historical property in the heart of town, the Darien Community Association welcomes over 15,000 people through its doors every year. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, natural light glows within the estate's spacious rooms, tall ceilings, large windows and beautiful wood floors, and throughout its eight acres of natural delight. Its rooms and halls are filled daily with members, friends, and neighbors.

“The vision for The 203 Project was to open our doors to our talented neighbors and friends and work collaboratively to reflect the heart and soul of our community in the DCA's rooms and gardens - for all to enjoy,” said Erin Noonan, Executive Director for the Darien Community Association. “The Project has already exceeded all of our expectations. Local interior and landscape designers, artists and many generous

sponsors, will transform the spaces and help reflect the beauty and legacy of the DCA through design and sustainability.”

Each designer was selected for their talent and dedication to the Darien community as well as their commitment to honor the legacy of the house and leverage sustainable design by including one or more projects from the existing home.

The featured designers and landscapers announced today are (as of February 6):

- Alicia Sands Tiberio of Dorset and Pond, Riverside
- Carey Karlan of Last Detail Interior Design, Darien
- Elena Phillips Interiors, Rowayton
- Fiona Leonard Interiors, Darien
- JG O'Neil Designs, Darien
- Karen Bow Interiors, Darien
- Kelly Interiors, Darien
- Krista Fox Interiors, Darien
- Matteson Landscape Architecture, Southport
- Nielsen's Florist, Darien
- Prudence Home and Design, New Canaan
- Sarina Galu Interiors, Darien
- William Lyon Designs, Norwalk

The 203 Project: A Sustainable Showhouse at the Darien Community Association is presented by exclusive media partner CTC&G and supported through the generosity of both local and corporate sponsors including (as of February 6):

- A Little Something White Bridal Boutique
- Alchemy Celebrations
- Atria Darien
- BMW of Darien
- Darien Carpet
- Darien Sport Shop
- David Harvey Jewelers
- Diane Browne Catering
- Farrow & Ball
- Michael Joseph's Catering
- Navesink Wealth Management
- Nielsen's Florist and Garden Shop
- OKA

- Palmer's Market
- Ring's End
- The Gardener's Center and Florist
- Tile America
- Visual Comfort & Co.

“There’s nothing like the Meadowlands estate with its huge light-filled rooms, impeccable design, award-winning gardens and historical touches for weddings and private events,” said Susan Graham, Private Event Manager for the Meadowlands at the DCA. “The 203 Project takes everything that is already stunning about the Darien Community Association and makes the property and our community glow so we can welcome many happy events into the future.”

The 203 Project will celebrate its grand opening on March 21, 2024 with a special preview party from 6:00-9:00 pm. Public house tours begin Friday, March 22, 2024 and run through Sunday, March 24, 2024 at select times.

Tickets for opening night, house tours, and special events are available at [dariendca.org](http://dariendca.org). All proceeds from the Showhouse will benefit the Darien Community Association, a privately-funded nonprofit, and the DCA Scholarship program. The DCA Scholarship program offers need-based scholarships to Darien High School students.

### **About the Darien Community Association**

*The Darien Community Association (DCA) is a privately-funded nonprofit located in the heart of Darien, Connecticut. Offering educational and cultural opportunities, connection, sustainability and public green spaces, the DCA depends on its members, partners, neighbors and over 100 volunteers to make a lasting impact on future generations through scholarships and programs. To learn more, visit [dariendca.org](http://dariendca.org).*

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