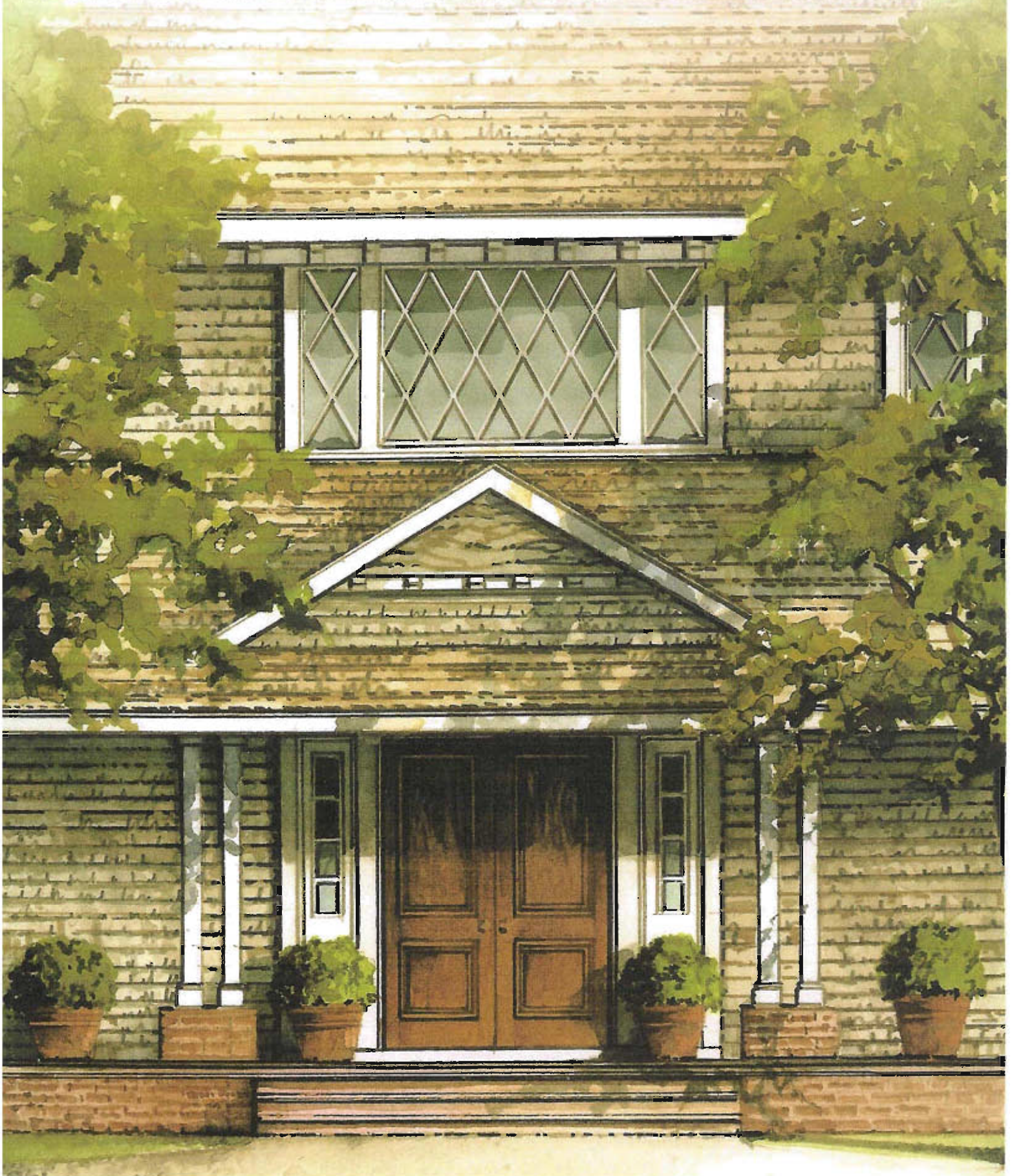


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## 3 Kitchen Potager



Elizabeth Lear and Brian J. Mahoney

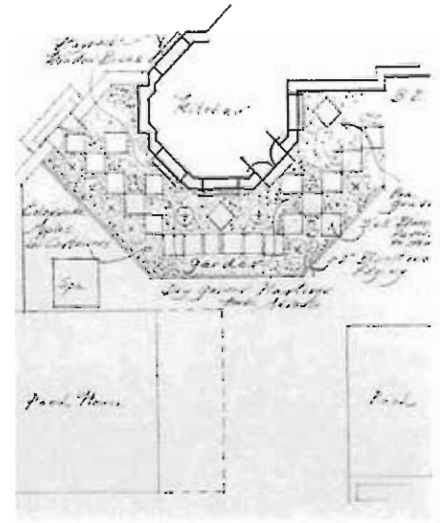
A client list of Lear Landscape Associates reads like a Who's Who of the Hamptons: Elizabeth Lear has achieved renown as a preeminent landscape designer in a range of projects that includes both residential and commercial clients. In addition to landscape and garden design as well as garden restoration, Lear has shared her expertise as a teacher, lecturer, and volunteer preservationist. While she takes her inspiration from her clients, Lear is attuned to her natural surroundings and historic influences as well – her designs are informed by tradition, but very much of their time.

In an encore appearance at the *Hampton Designer Showhouse*, Lear turns her attention this year to a modern interpretation of a kitchen garden or potager. Historically, this garden was a more expansive space used to supply the manor house with vegetables, herbs, and fruits. Lear, together with her partner Brian Mahoney ASLA, has used this smaller garden to create a relationship between the new home and its setting. A colonnade of columnar pear trees gives shape to this very country-style

space while providing a vista and reference point to the beautiful views in the distance. Ornamental plants balance a mix of fragrant herbs, also in containers.

Elizabeth Lear moved to eastern Long Island in 1985. In 1988, she attended the Design, Landscape, and Architecture Professional Program at *Harvard University*, and began her own business. Lear has served as a guest lecturer at seminars of the *National Trust for Historic Preservation*, *Hofstra University*, and the *Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons*. Her designs have been published in *House & Garden* and *Architectural Digest* as well as several books. The designer's public works include the master landscape plan for Bridgehampton Historical Museum, the site plan for the restoration of Conscience Point Historical Society of Southampton, and the master landscape plan for East Hampton Day Care Center.

When she is not working with clients, she serves as chair of the garden committee of LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton, NY, and is a founding member of the Horticultural Alliance of the



Hamptons. Her projects have been exhibited at the Parrish Art Museum of Southampton, and the National Peace Garden Juried Exhibition in Washington, DC, among other venues.

In 1995, Lear was joined by Brian Mahoney whose background included studies in horticulture and architecture at *Ohio State University*. He has worked on a variety of international projects as well as those in the New York metropolitan area. Mahoney is also proprietor of Horticultural Concepts, which specializes in interior landscape management and interior floral displays for residential and commercial clients.