



AT HOME IN VERMONT

A Piece of Peacham

Photographs by Carolyn Bates
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This 18th Century farmhouse has been one family's sanctuary for four decades.

PEACHAM, IN THE LOWER Northeast Kingdom, has the reputation of being the most-photographed village in Vermont and one of the most picture-pretty in all of New England. Its attractiveness only intensifies as the foliage colors do in late September and October—the sleepy town of Peacham then becomes a haven for leaf-lovers. Not far from the autumn bustle of the village center, Dick and Dottie Hovey enjoy their own views of foliage on the 100-acre farm they've owned for more than 40 years.

Dick and Dottie were both born and raised in nearby St. Johnsbury, and were married in 1951. Dick, a geologist and geophysicist, was recruited by Chevron and the couple relocated to Northern California, which remained home until

the 1990s. But in 1964, Dick and Dottie bought the Peacham farmhouse in which they now live (they moved in full-time in 1995), using it for more than two decades as a family vacation home.

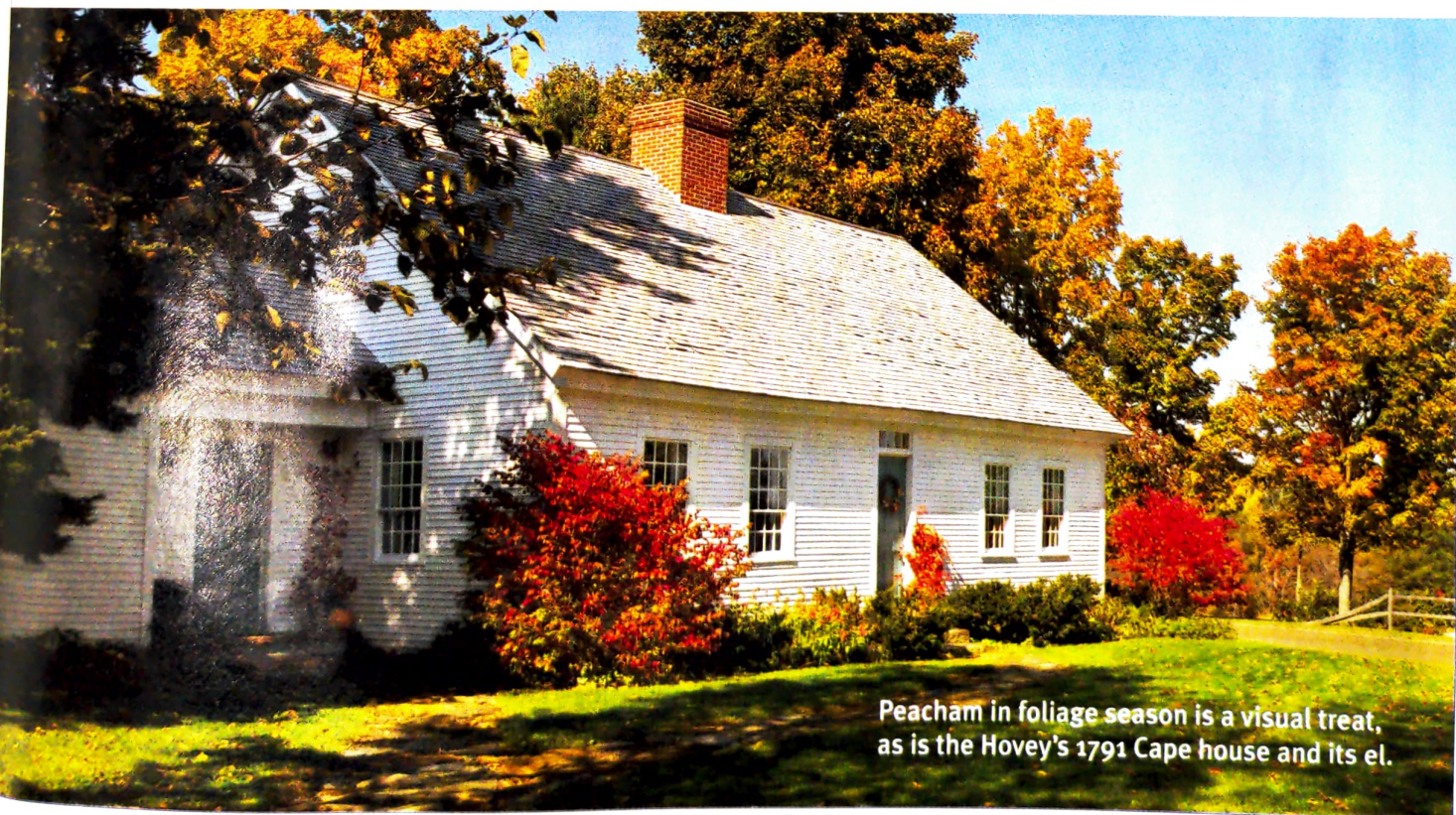
Dottie, who attended the Rhode Island School of Design, drew up plans for the faithful restoration of the 1791 half-story Cape farmhouse and late 19th Century el addition. Much of the house is furnished with Early American antiques, fueled by the Hoveys' interest in antiques—an interest that led to an antique business in California. (As they gradually downsize, the Hoveys will be offering their antiques for sale and then their house, as well, this fall. For information, call (802) 592-3266.)

In 1994, Dick purchased an old sugar house and moved it to the Peacham prop-

erty, using it for sugaring but also converting it to, in his words, “a sort of maple museum” by filling it with late 1800s sugaring tools. Through the years, Dick and Dottie undertook collecting tall woodenworks clocks, of which they now own 13, and creating miniature models of landmarks around Peacham, including a covered bridge, the Peacham Church, and the Peacham Town Hall. For 17 years, the Hoveys gave a different building model as a holiday gift.

The couple says they are taking time to reflect on their many projects in Peacham through the years—all centered around their lovely farmhouse and 100 acres of heaven.

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Peacham in foliage season is a visual treat, as is the Hovey's 1791 Cape house and its el.

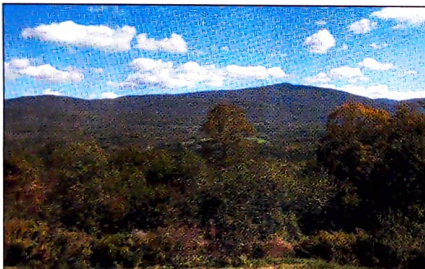
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The furnishings of the Hovey house in Peacham reflect their interest in Early American antiques. Seen here in the parlor are a Chippendale wing chair, a maple drop leaf table, an early tavern table, and a Chippendale mirror, all from the 18th Century. The wing chair rocker and wooden works tall clock are early 19th Century pieces.

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The Hovey's keeping room features such pieces as an 18th Century bench bed or "banc-lit," a "Great Chair" dated 1690 to 1710, a huge blue step-back cupboard that holds 19th Century painted tin and stoneware, and a six-board chest with long strap hinges. *(Continued on page 94)*

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Hurricane Hill - Reading and West Windsor
Hurricane Hill is an exceptional country property featuring a beautiful stone cape house (8 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths) with restored post and beam ell, barn, tennis court, pool, pond and artist's studio. Situated on 165+/- acres of open and wooded land located at roadway's end in a setting of rare natural beauty and serenity. A wonderful property for all seasons. **\$2,900,000**



2705 Church Hill Rd. - Woodstock
Gracious single level home (9 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths) with oversized attached 2 car garage on 4.2+/- gently sloping acres just outside the village. The floor plan is an engaging interplay of generously proportioned formal and informal rooms and the grounds a mixture of gardens and small lawn areas. Potential view with modest clearing and subdivision possible. **\$549,000**



22 Golf Ave. - Woodstock
A classic New England style home on .85 of an acre with 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths built circa 1890 on its southwesterly-facing knoll to take advantage of sun and privacy. Recently completely renovated to incorporate beautiful interior finish, detail, and modern convenience. Three blocks from village center. **\$695,000**



Garden House - Woodstock Village
Handsome turn of the century home (10 rooms, 4+ bedrooms, 2 baths) on 1+/- acre of land with plenty of room for family and friends, and with a wealth of original details and charm intact. Situated with porches to overlook a generous level lawn which slopes to the river. Easy walking to all village amenities. **\$665,000**



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The Queen Anne bedroom in the Hovey house is so named for the Queen Anne furnishings, including the oval table in front of the window and a pair of pine chests of drawers with matching mirrors. The 18th Century pencil-post bed fills out the room.

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LAKE & SKI ESTATE



Exceptional post and beam home, designed by Williams & Frehsee, with dock rights on Lake Raponda, 21.5 acres with access to trail system. Vaulted ceilings, hickory floors, floor to ceiling stone fireplace. Country kitchen features granite countertops, upscale appliances. Hot tub, home theatre, game room, attached garage

and detached 6 bay carriage barn with elaborate guest apartment above. **Offered fully furnished at \$1,775,000.**

THE PEAKS AT MOUNT SNOW



This 8,000+ sq.ft. architect designed home offers incredible ski trail views. 5 bedrooms, 1 bedroom guest suite, 6-1/2 baths, mahogany floors, 3 fireplaces. A sunroom with expansive southern views, a great room with soaring cathedral ceilings and cherry raised paneled walls, architectural 2 story spiral staircase, a paneled study, game room, wine cellar,

A/C, extensive stone work, exterior fireplace, home automation system. One of the finest homes in Southern Vermont! **Call for details. \$3,500,000.**

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Five minutes to Mount Snow, great views from 15+ acres abutting National Forest land. Landscaped grounds, swimming pond, multiple decks with western exposure. Three fireplaces, air conditioning, tiled kitchen, custom cabinetry, high-end appliances, hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, sa u n a ,

great room with full bar. 4-5 bedrooms, 4+ baths, 2 car garage on sewer. **Offered fully furnished for \$819,000. Exceptional value!**

NEW POST & BEAM



Winter views of Mount Snow from this lovely new post & beam home. Property offers 3 bedrooms and 3 baths with 2250 sq. ft. of living space on 2 acres. Custom kitchen cabinets, mahogany countertops, lots of windows, stone fireplace, multi-level covered porches, and security system. The walk out lower level provides

great potential for additional 1500 sq. ft. of living space. Direct access to VAST snowmobile trails. **Exclusive \$575,000.**



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Dottie Hovey made and assembled period clothing for her and Dick for the 1991 State Bicentennial (and the bicentennial of their 1791 house). They wear the clothes, also, during open houses and for Peacham Historical Association events. "There's privacy here in Peacham, if you want it, but there is a friendly atmosphere all around," say the Hoveys. "If there is a need big or small, you can count on your neighbors and/or your church friends to provide. Early American history is everywhere here, and so are people interested in it. The presence of cattle grazing in the fields and wildlife feeding in the early morning or early evening all provide a kind of 19th Century ambience to our world." ▮

