

# Decor Maine

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LIVING BEAUTIFULLY IN MAINE

the  
year  
in  
design  
17 *Dazzling*  
Design Projects We Loved  
in 2022

**AN  
ARCHITECTURAL  
GEM ON  
MOUNT DESERT  
ISLAND**

A CLASSIC  
COTTAGE IN  
THE FRONT  
AND

**glam in  
the  
& back**

**MORE!**

A SIBLING  
SANCTUARY  
ON THOMPSON  
LAKE

A PORTLAND  
BAR FLASHES  
DASHING DESIGN  
& delicious  
cocktails



# THE YEAR IN

BID ADIEU TO 2022  
WITH 17 OF THE YEAR'S  
MOST STYLISH, SERENE,  
AND SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

BY ANNA MANGUM

**EACH YEAR, AS SUSTAINABLE** technologies and design evolve, we are impressed with the innovative and forward thinking of the Maine design build community. Many of our architects are looking toward passive house standards, meaning tightly insulated homes with no air leakage and made of sustainable materials. Others are conscious about paying back their carbon debt accrued in the process of building a home. Designers are working to complement a home's landscape and bring the outside in through colors, textures, and patterns. We're seeing bigger windows, light-optimizing spaces, and earthy palettes. Let's toast in the kitchens with dual islands to making efficient homes with plenty of gathering spaces as we close out 2022.

These two Matthew Baird projects, a guest and main house, relate harmoniously to each other's angles and proportions. **BELOW:** Find all the wallpaper patterns featured in the story, like La Voliere in Green, on MINDTHEGAP's website: [mindthegap.com](http://mindthegap.com).



**JUNIPER DESIGN + BUILD**

# A VIEW TO THE OCEAN

*architect & builder:* Juniper Design + Build, *cabinet supplier:* Indisco, *metal work:* Cumberland Iron Work, *audio/visuals/shades/lighting:* Tucker & Tucker, *photos:* Rachel Sieben

When Rachel Conly and Heather Thompson at Juniper Design were asked by a former client to work on their property in Scarborough, there was no hesitation. Though they were originally interested in a kitchen renovation, they moved forward with a whole-house renovation. The remodel not only lent itself to aesthetic updates, but it opened the door to sustainable upgrades as well—an integral part of Juniper’s ethos. “If you can renovate a house instead of tearing it down,” Heather says, “you will save a lot of resources. We also opened up walls and added an air barrier and dense-pack cellulose to improve energy efficiency and thermal comfort.” The result on a purely sustainable end was lower heating bills and better air quality, but the design upgrades were just as important.

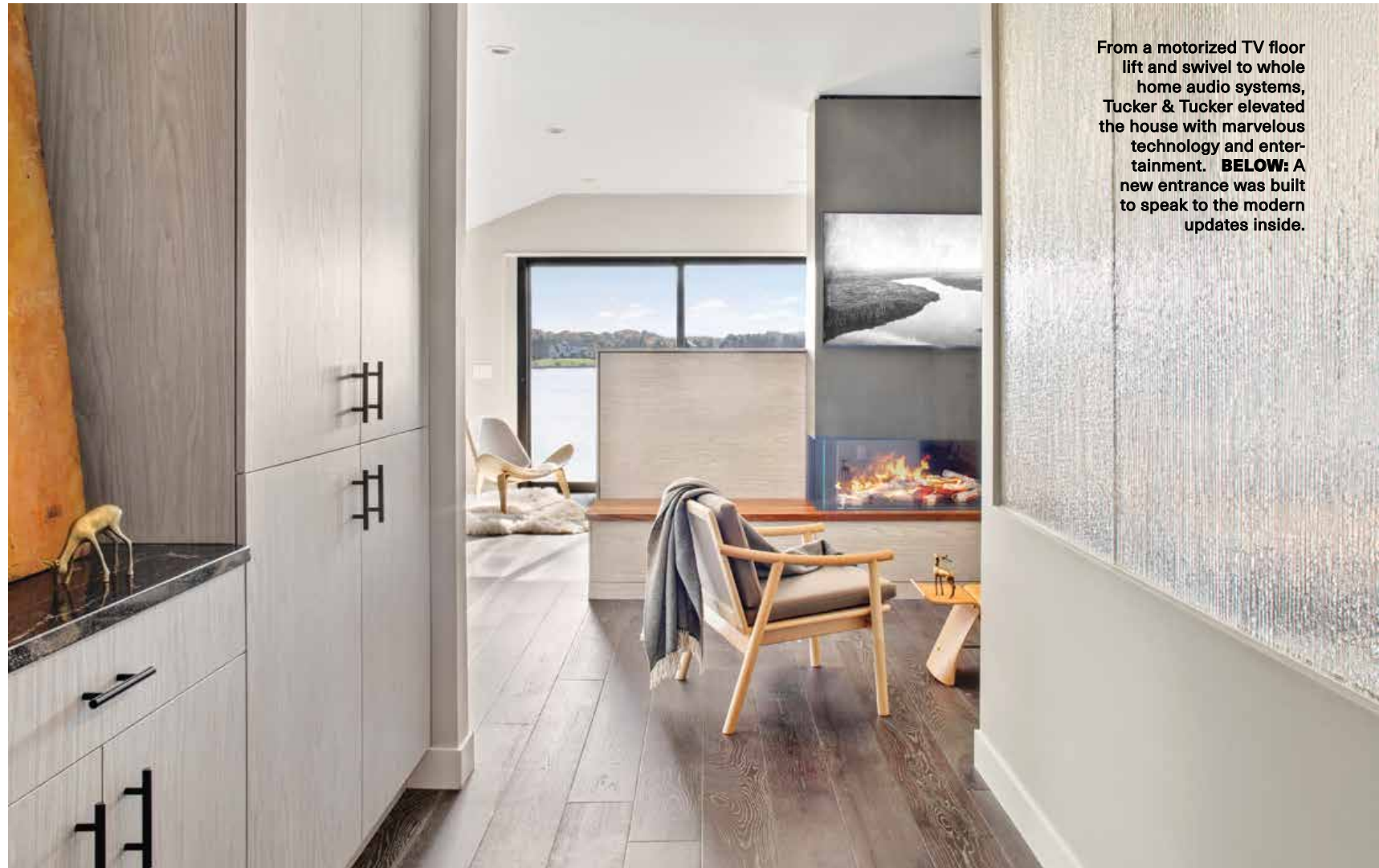
Before the renovation, the home had a lot of partitioned space, dark wood, and outdated

What started as a kitchen renovation turned into an entire house remodel with the goal of maximizing views.





LED strips creatively line the hallway like shooting stars, adding a unique, personalized touch.



From a motorized TV floor lift and swivel to whole home audio systems, Tucker & Tucker elevated the house with marvelous technology and entertainment. **BELOW:** A new entrance was built to speak to the modern updates inside.



molding. Rachel's goal was to get more light into the house by adding large panes of energy-efficient glass, allowing the family to see the impressive views of the water. "We worked to peel away layers of the onion to amplify the beauty of the outdoors," says Rachel.

To match the dramatic changes happening on the inside, Rachel introduced a new, modern vocabulary to the exterior of the house to provide unity between the exterior and interior. The original siding was repainted, and a new entry was built in front of the original build. A bump-out was also added to the back of the house using all new wood to freshen up the look. These creative additions didn't require the original frame to be torn down, which is the most sustainable path forward.

The new house is timeless, so that the family's style is given the platform to evolve, but the structure itself will always give access to the property and nature beyond. "The house now relates to the property," says Rachel. A harmony between land and build was finally reached, and the result is beautiful.