

Submission Agency/Studio : Allegra Anderson Photography Entry Name: Coast Beauty — Restored Seafront Meadow

Category: Commercial and Advertising — Lifestyle

Client: James Doyle Design Associates

Created for the landscape architecture firm James Doyle Design Associates out of Greenwich, CT, this Martha's Vineyard vacation home features stunning coastal views and was photographed over the course of one evening. The firm states "the overall landscape goal was to reimagine an existing landscape and enhance the naturalistic nature of the property. Another challenge was to enhance the beautiful coastal views and create new spaces for entertaining and relaxation. A new swimming pool environment was designed with marble stone terracing and a unique water feature. A variety of garden spaces with large herbaceous plantings and a collection of salt tolerant ornamental grasses were introduced and a seafront meadow was restored with a more diverse selection of plants. Overall, a respect for the existing Vineyard tree canopies and the ocean views were the driving factors for this successful project."

As with all my landscape photography projects, I love to immerse myself in my surroundings to understand the angles and lighting that will best highlight the scene. In this case, the vastness of the property was both a challenge and an exciting journey. I typically use only available light for this type of work, and my editing is minimal to enhance the scene, and not become the focus. I wanted to honor the goals of the architecture firm and show the marriage of the existing landscape to the new designs. Landscapes are an honor to photograph — they bring me closer to nature, the place I love most, and invite me to see the world more intimately. I appreciate that I have access to places unknown and awe-inspiring scenes that take my breath away.

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