

## HOUSE IN GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

*Architects: Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc.*

*Location: Greenwich, CT*

*Size: 7,475 sf*

*Construction Cost: \$400,000*

*Completion: 1972*

This house was constructed for a young couple who wanted to house their collection of Pop Art paintings and Art Deco objects and accommodate their growing family. The site is 30 acres, serenely beautiful, both open and lightly wooded. The house sits on a flat open area of the site.

The south elevation toward the road has a contrapuntal rhythm of doors and windows recalling a plain Georgian country house, but the green glazed brick in two shades makes a bold Op Art-Art Deco pattern. In contrast, the other side of the house, unpatterned, has a central motif and a more complex rhythm of openings with a bigger scale to reflect its greater height and the large inside spaces.

The main entrance to the house is a low flight of wide stairs leading upward from a sunken auto court with access to the open basement and the two-car garage. The stairs lead into a long two-story gallery displaying some of the big paintings in the collection. This gallery opens on a garden toward the north, a series of rooms to the south, and the stairs to the second floor. It is sometimes used for formal dining. On the south side of the gallery, the kitchen is arranged to oversee the children's playroom on one side and the library on the other, where the family can eat informally.







