

Glass House launches lines

The Philip Johnson Glass House, a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recently introduced new product lines and expanded its store at 199 Elm Street. The shop will display a new logo collection and debut Glass House Commission printed products.

"We conduct an electronic survey after every visitor's trip to New Canaan, and one of our primary requests was more Glass House commissioned or inspired store items," said Christy MacLear, Glass House executive director. "We found that over 60 percent of our visitors also shop in town, which is great for our in-town retailers; and we wanted to augment that shopping with our own customized Glass House products."

The newest items include products displaying the Pentagram-designed Glass House graphic, as well as the revamped logo collection consisting of T-shirts, sketchbooks, umbrellas and tote bags, featuring images of the Glass House created by Toshiko Mori and Ron Radziner.

As part of the Glass House's mission to cultivate new products, a commission program was set up to invite designers to the site, such as Jens Risom and Toshiko Mori, to help develop new items, said MacLear.



Postcards, such as this image of the Glass House library study taken by New Canaan High School student Jake DiPietro, are available at the 199 Elm Street gift shop.

"Capturing the inspiration of the site in new creative product forms will allow us to introduce new product designs every quarter," said MacLear.

The latest additions to the Glass House Commissions line include note card sets and postcards.

The card sets incorporate three themes: Landscape and gardens, black and white structural images and architectural floor plans. The images range from a picture of the peony garden in full bloom to a shot of Philip Johnson's dogs in front of the Glass House.

Similarly, the postcards offer the opportunity to view the site through a photograph. Pictures include Julius Shulman's shot of the Glass

House at dusk with the fire lit, Richard Payne's image of the Painting Gallery interior and a black and white portrait of the Glass House captured by architecture student Michael Patrick Finley. The line also includes images of the library study and pavilion taken by New Canaan High School student Jake Di Pietro.

Previous items from the Glass House Commission range from melamine plates by New Canaan designer and modern homeowner Jackie Shapiro to a cherry wood and maharam fabric stool signed by New Canaan resident and architect Jens Risom.

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