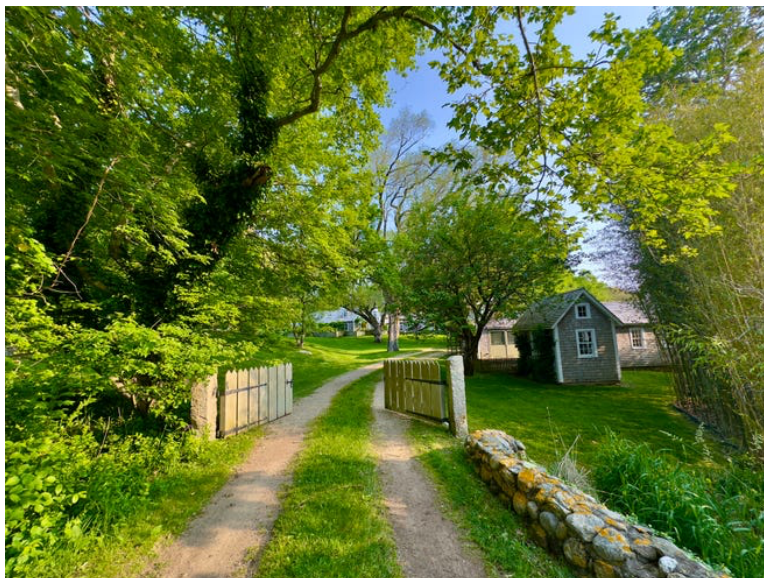




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You can buy 'Arthur' creator Marc Brown's 'storybook sanctuary' for almost \$7 million



Artist Marc Brown brought Arthur and D.W. of the famous children's picture books and animated series to life in this "storybook sanctuary" on Martha's Vineyard and, now, you can own the home for almost \$7 million.

Brown and his wife, fellow artist Laurene Krasny Brown, have owned the Vineyard Haven house for 37 years. The home has served as inspiration for Brown's other artistic endeavors, too: the entrance to the property, which crosses a small stone bridge over a brook, inspired Brown's new HBO animated series HOP. In the show, a tiny troll named Helga lives under a stone bridge.

The home, which the couple have renovated over the past few decades, has other special features as well, including a pool, a few art studios and a carriage house.



Their vacation home is now on the market for \$6.9 million. Elle Lash and Alexis Holden of Tea Lane Associates share the listing.



Who are Marc and Laurene Krasny Brown?

Marc and Laurene Krasny Brown are artists who currently live primarily in New York City, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Marc Brown is the creator of the Arthur series for children, which is both a book series and PBS show that features the adventures and challenges faced by aardvark Arthur Read. He is also an illustrator of children's books by other authors and the creator of the new animated kids show HOP, which follows a diverse group of animal best friends.

Marc Brown, Millcreek Township native and "Arthur" book creator, calls on a Blessed Sacrament School student in Erie on Jan. 30, 2012. Brown visited the school to share his background and encourage reading.

Laurene Krasny Brown is an artist whose work has been shown in galleries all over the world. She has also authored 16 non-fiction picture books and beginning readers for young children.

Where is the Arthur creator's house?

The Browns' house is located at 180 Pilot Hill Farm Road in Vineyard Haven, a town on Martha's Vineyard.

The estate is set on 7.8 acres on Pilot Hill Farm, and is close both to the beach and to town.

"Stroll to the farm for fresh eggs, or to the beach for an evening walk," reads the listing. "This is a natural haven in a magical setting, yet just minutes from Vineyard Haven's shops, restaurants, and the ferry."



How many bedrooms, bathrooms does house have? Other special features?

The house has seven beds and five and a half baths.

The estate includes a renovated antique farmhouse as the main house as well as several outbuildings, including a pool, guest house, carriage house and art studios. Marc Brown wrote and illustrated about half of the Arthur books at the property.



Laurene Brown, an artist as well, collaborated with Marc on children's books and worked on her own art in two studios on the pond on the property, Lash said.

The farmhouse dates back to 1730 and still has some preserved details like gunstock posts, a Dutch door and four fireplaces. In the basement, the couple kept the cook's record of canning and preserves on the wine room door.

The listing describes the grounds as evoking an "arboretum-like feel," with a pond, brook, open meadows, stone walls and gardens.

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