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# Mansion on its own island in Clinton selling for \$2.5M

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CLINTON — A world-renowned scientist is selling his luxurious private island compound on South Meadow Pond for \$2.5 million.

The property at 35 South Meadow Road holds 7,000 square feet of living space among three buildings and 12 acres of secluded island living on the 68-acre passive recreation pond.

Owner Dr. Robert P. Lanza rebuilt the three-bedroom main house from the foundation up and added a conservatory, a three-bedroom guest house, and a heated indoor pool house that looks and feels like a tropical retreat.

Charity Edwards and Helen Edwards with Barrett Sotheby's International Realty has the property listed for \$2.59 million.

“I believe that Dr. Lanza’s vision when he bought the island was to create a peaceful place for him to rest. What he has created is truly unlike anything we have ever seen,” Charity Edwards said.

Lanza is a medical doctor and scientist who is considered a world leader in stem cell research. In 2014, that distinction earned his spot on Time Magazine’s top 100 list of the most influential people in the world; an honor he shared that year with Pope Francis, Vladimin Putin, and Beyonce, to name a few.

Lanza is currently the Head of Astellas Global Regenerative Medicine and Chief Scientific Officer at the Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine, which has three Massachusetts locations. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

He bought the island in 1994 and began what became years of work on the structures and the land.

“It’s been a work in progress since the day I got here,” Dr. Lanza said. “What I enjoy most today is the serenity of it all.”

That work included installing a gated entry that is a custom replica of one Lanza saw while visiting Napa Valley. The gates open to a cobblestone driveway and paths throughout the compound, which were hand placed by Lanza and a friend.

The original main house, built in 1965, was taken down to the foundation and reconstructed into a 2,034 square foot, three-story contemporary. The first floor holds two bedrooms, a modern eat-in kitchen, a living room, a gallery room, and a heated conservatory.

The full second floor of the house is dedicated to the master bedroom.

Free-floating spiral staircases from the kitchen and the master bedroom ascend to two third floor lookouts, or observation rooms.

The conservatory connects the main house to a 3-bedroom guest house that also holds a kitchen, along with dining, living, and family rooms.

Lanza said his vision of building a tropical-style oasis was realized in the 2,700 square foot heated pool house that stands alone under a wide thicket of wisteria.

Inside, a Gunitite pool is surrounded by large granite stone sourced from New Hampshire. Adding to the tropical feel are ferns and tall palm trees arched toward a cathedral ceiling and three water falls cascading over a rim of granite.

Attached to the pool house is a two-car garage.

Lanza also groomed the now picturesque grounds for the aesthetics and senses.

“I’m an outdoor type of person and this property is totally immersed in nature,” he said. “There’s an eagle nest on the property and blue herons are out my windows every day. The fragrance from the rhododendrons and honeysuckle are unbelievable.”

The grounds feature mature weeping European Beach trees, specimen trees, pine groves, hundreds of feet of rhododendrons, and arbors covered with wisteria, honeysuckle and grape vines.