

Land's End By Julie Craven Wagner

A visit to the Outer Cape provides a real and tangible feeling of venturing to a singular landscape that moves to its own beat.

For some old-time residents, as well frequent visitors, the designation and dissection of the Cape into 4 sections—Upper, Mid, Lower and Outer—is an understandable and sometimes necessary detail for identification. Debating the logic of why the Upper Cape doesn't exist at the highest latitude of this hooked land mass, or why the Lower Cape spans geography on both the north and south side of our isthmus, is never a means to understanding the valuable monikers that allow one to

understand proximity as well as the independent culture of the various regions—two critical factors when making plans that involve travel time and focus of activity within the region. No matter how you slice it, the Outer Cape takes a bit of perseverance to get there. In the rest of the world, "perseverance" would translate to "time," but on the Cape, a trip to the Outer Cape involves so much more than time, both positively and less positively (with the right outlook, the journey can solidly avoid the characterization

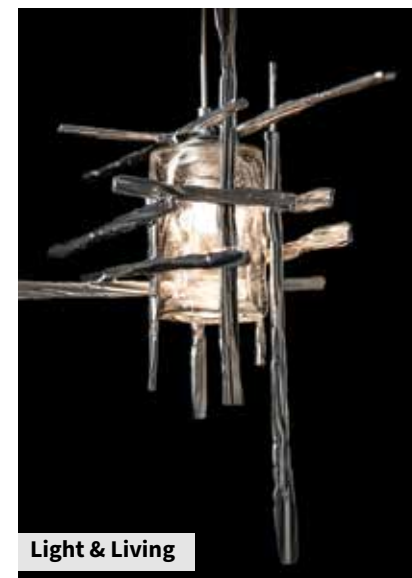
of being "negative"). The roads are less competitive, as two lanes replace four lanes—the dead end at the physical end of the land, can result in traffic back-ups all the way back to the more competitive thoroughfares—the pace of life feels slower as well. And then there is the beauty, and here is where the negative moves solidly into the positive, the vistas and landscape are overwhelming enough to cause the most impatient among us, to ease up on the accelerator and just drink in the quiet beauty.



The view from Bookstore & Restaurant, Wellfleet

The towns of Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown are the four towns which make up the Outer Cape. As a group, the concentration of artists, musicians and other creatives, makes this region a hot-bed of innovative, original and remarkable creation that influences, the arts, culture, cuisine and design of the area.

Eastham is earning its place on the innovative design map, perhaps solely due to one man. Steve Rice, who spent summers in South Wellfleet, in a seasonal enclave along Ocean View Drive, has put down roots now that his long and established career of providing lighting consultation to the hospitality and architectural industries has afforded him the opportunity to define his next chapter. Rice opened his first lighting showroom, **Light & Living** in the fall of 2020 at the **Eastham Mercantile** complex on Route 6 in North Eastham. Since then, the interest, demand and need for residential lighting options, both interior and exterior has spawned two additional showrooms in the same complex where high-quality, artisanal fixtures, lamps and lighting systems light-up homeowners' imaginations and understanding of how lighting can change their life, for the better.



Light & Living

View Window Coverings

The unique products at Light & Living have naturally spawned an interest in other high-quality and compatible home product offerings such as window treatments. New in 2022, Rice's third showroom now includes a partner, Diane Poulos who offers a myriad of solutions with her company, **View Window Coverings**. Finding the right drapes, valances, blinds and shutters for your home; all essential items to protect your home and provide the privacy you desire, is Poulos' unique talent. The Cape, and particularly the Outer Cape, with the exposed vulnerability to the elements like salt, sand and sunlight, offers unique challenges for homeowners' windows, all while maintaining and enhancing the view they frame. Poulos and her team are experienced and excited about the options they can provide with today's variety of options.

Another example of the hard-working individuals who strive to bring their appreciation and understanding of the local bounty to the plates of those who are in search of the freshest, high-quality fare the area has to offer, is the Parlante family. For almost 60 years, generations of these Wellfleet natives have been serving dinner with a view at their iconic **Bookstore & Restaurant** across from Mayo Beach at the edge of Wellfleet Harbor.

Light & Living

Three showrooms at Main Street Mercantile make choosing the right lighting for the right space, both inside and outside your home an enjoyable and memorable experience. Details make the difference. Personalized service, with years of experience take the guesswork out of lighting your life. Don't settle for average, shine exceptionally. Lighting is the jewelry to your space.

3 Main Street Mercantile Suite #4, #5 & #17 North Eastham 401-952-1080 lightandlivingdesign.com

View Window Coverings

Your windows frame your view, but they also need to do so much more. Owner Dianne Poulos has been helping homeowners find the perfect solution for all the windows in their homes for almost a decade. Drapery, blinds and shutters—the right solution for each application. Located in the Light & Living showroom in Suite #X at Main Street Mercantile, the Outer Cape now has a professional who understand what your windows need for your to fully enjoy your home.

3 Main Street Mercantile Suite #X North Eastham XXX-XXX-XXXX www.xxxxxxxx.com

Bookstore & Restaurant

This classic with waterfront views of beautiful Wellfleet Harbor is a must stop on your Outer Cape Day Trip! Family owned & operated since 1964 by the Parlante family, offers recipes that showcase seafood dining and family comfort. The Bookstore & Restaurant offers seafood treasures from the Atlantic coast buying the freshest seafood from local fishermen including lobster, oysters, and much more. Enjoy a cocktail from one of the two outer decks.

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Fanizzi's Restaurant by the Sea
CELEBRATING OUR 22nd YEAR
IN PROVINCETOWN!

Outside the midtown bustle of Commercial Street lies Fanizzi's By the Sea in a picturesque, sea-weathered house. With spectacular views of Cape Cod Bay, enjoy the window-lined room as the salt sprays only feet from your table or enjoy a drink and classic comfort food in the cozy bar. Owner Paul Fanizzi and Chef Don Lloyd have mastered the art of the eclectic menu offering everything from Cape seafood classics to elegant international entrees to burgers. Open daily year-round.

539 Commercial Street
Provincetown
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Bookstore & Restaurant

Indoor and outdoor dining are just steps away from where the famous Wellfleet oysters are harvested and the view as the sun finally sinks beyond Great Island is a postcard that will live with you forever.

Wellfleet has been coined "The Gallery Town" for good reason, The narrow, quaint streets are dotted with historic buildings showcasing world class art. Paintings in every medium, sculpture, glass and ceramics, wood other natural fiber art; it is all uniquely represented and usually includes fascinating details about the artists as gallery owners share their back stories.

The month of October has become synonymous with the annual celebration known as **OysterFest**. With a focus on educating the general public about the shellfish industry, this beloved festival includes crafts, food, fun and entertainment, as well as an in-



Fanizzi's By the Sea

depth immersive experience of what this important industry means on Cape Cod and beyond.

Truro is by no means a town to be by-passed on Route 6. **Highland Light, Truro Vineyards, the Atlantic Spice Company, Montaro's Restaurant**—all of these are not only worth the time to stop-in, but really are destinations on their own. **The Truro Farmers' Market**, held weekly on Saturdays since 1979 is a trip to the past. Locally grown fruits, vegetables, and flowers are sold alongside creatively made staples, and artisan crafts. Dinner at nearby **Blackfish** should be on everyone's bucket list at least once in their life.

Provincetown, fondly referred to as Ptown, is a destination known around the world. Steeped in a rich history of artists, writers, actors and musicians, the former arts colony has done little to cast off the net that captured so many creative and intrepid individuals over the past 100 plus years. Given the position of this last town on the Cape as it casts its hook out in to the rich and fertile fishing grounds of the Northeast, the influence of fishing and shell-fishing is inextricable. And somehow, although perhaps unexpectedly, the intersection between the gritty, hard-working life experience of the fishermen, and the sensitive and thoughtful artists, yields a heady brew of real life under an exacting, yet forgiving eye. The history of "the locals" is represented through art, through writings, and dramatic representations and perhaps most universally through the myriad of kitchens that feed the soul of the town and its inhabitants.

Fanizzi's Restaurant by the Sea is one of those places. A favorite of both locals and visitors, a meal at Fanizzi's satisfies the soul, in part because it is so much more than sustenance. The tide actually ebbs and flows under the restaurant

twice a day making the concept of waterfront almost laughable. The weathered history that has polished the Provincetown patina is only evident on the buildings and surrounding vistas, because what comes out on the plate is familiar, yet new and exciting at the same time. Beloved fare such as Piccata (with chicken, cod or scallops), Braised Short Ribs and Mom's Meatloaf, and burgers in a variety of inspiring offerings including Angus Beef, salmon, turkey or veggie, are all on the menu, making a final decision a difficult task. Family-friendly and an attentive round out any meal at Fanizzi's as a memorable occasion.

For those who want to make their Day Trip last, a stay with the warm and accommodating hosts at the **Inn at Cook Street** is a smart move. Spencer and Dustin are completing their first full year of running the inn and say their decision to change careers and re-locate has been wonderful. The quaint inn has old-warm charm and modern conveniences. Plenty of parking and walking distance to everything that matters makes this the perfect home base.

Whether you are staying or just passing through the endlessly enticing shops make anyone want to



MATE Provincetown



Kyle Ringquist Gallery

stop and shop. If you are looking for something to take home to always remind you of your trip, the **Kyle Ringquist Gallery** will meet most anyone's budget as well as taste. Artist-in-residence/owner, Ringquist is available to explain his inspiration, process and philosophy to anyone willing to listen. His technique involves painting in verso, or literally in reverse as he paints landscapes, florals and figures on glass for the perspective of theviewer on the other side. Popping into his gallery to witness him as he creates, as well as the beautifully luminous glass paintings is an experience you will take home regardless of making a purchase.

Next door, **MATE Provincetown** will bring a smile and a chuckle to your lips as you peruse an eclectic collection of t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, tanks, hats and mugs showcase owner Paul Nesbit's irreverent humor and succinct eye for design. This is the place to find your next favorite t-shirt as well as the perfect souvenir for those who were left behind.



The Inn at Cook Street

Kyle Ringquist Gallery

For twenty years, Kyle Ringquist has painted luscious florals, seascapes, wildlife, landmarks and portraits from his seaside studio and gallery on Commercial Street in Provincetown. A master in the art of reverse painting on plexiglas, Ringquist paints building the image from the outside in. The result is a vibrant, colorful image that shines deep from within.

349 Commercial Street
Provincetown
508-776-5360
kyleringquistgallery.com

MATE Provincetown offers truly original and instantly iconic graphics on all types of swag, ranging from t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, tanks and hats. Stop on your Day Trip through Provincetown. Open every day until 11/1/22.

349 Commercial Street,
Provincetown
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The Inn at Cook Street

An experience you won't want to miss on your Day Trip to Provincetown. This warm and welcoming East End Inn will exceed your expectations with it's incomparable breakfasts, spacious, modern guest rooms and secluded, peaceful gardens. Your Innkeepers Spencer and Dustin make it hard to leave. You will understand why it has been voted a favorite by Cape Cod LIFE readers. Receive 10% off any stay in October with promo code: CapeCodLife on their website below.

7 Cook Street, Provincetown
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A perfect place to end your day, end your vacation, or even kick it off for that matter, is **The Club** at 193A Commercial Street as you head toward the West End. With a storied past as the popular Pied Piper bar from the last century, this former nightclub has experienced a rebirth under new owner Frank Christopher. Christopher and his partners, Lea DeLaria and Don Rapaport purchased the waterfront gem in 2018 and opened The Club in July of 2019. Coming from New York City where he had enjoyed years of success with his Jazz bar/supper club called Smoke, Christopher knows a thing or two about an entertainment venue, as well as an exciting culinary establishment, and fuses the two together, along with a stellar drink list, to create an inspired and memorable dining experience. An extensive list of appetizers, including two jaw-dropping versions of a seafood tower, offer something for almost any palate. A cocktail list which is almost as entertaining to read as consume, sets the mood to relax and enjoy the view. You would be hard-pressed to find any other venue in Provincetown that offers the spectacular view found at The Club.

More than half of the seating is on the deck with retractable awnings in case of less than desirable weather. Entrees are thoughtfully curated to appeal to a wide variety of tastes. Desserts are not neglected by any means, although accommodating them after the enticing, preceding



courses may be a challenge. Individual over-sized ramekins embrace key lime pie nestled under a mantle of freshly whipped cream or cheesecake with a thick chocolate cake-like layer under the rich cream cheese concoction. The crème brulee, simply said, rivals any, anywhere in the world. Maybe dessert isn't your thing, live music takes the stage every night. It really doesn't matter if you are headed to The Club for a great meal, or wandered in for a cocktail and some music, when you are there, you will be greeted with appreciation, served with style, fed with flair and entertained with energy and excitement. It is The Club, but really it is so much more.

A trip to the Outer Cape has a satisfying sense of completion to it. Even if you don't make it to the far West End of Commercial Street, you become aware of progressing down a deliberate path that forges straight ahead. There really aren't any "right" turns (or lefts for the matter) of any consequence. You are traveling to the land's end and there is much that awaits. 🏰



The Club

Located in a waterfront setting on picturesque Provincetown Harbor, this dining, drinking, dancing establishment is sure to impress. Extensive, creative cocktail menu with sumptuous appetizers and entree fare featuring fresh locally-sourced seafood and innovative twists on the traditional. A bit of a Carribean feel has influenced the cuisine, as well as the vibe. Live entertainment nightly morphs into a late night dance party with young D.J.s spinning the latest tracks. Lunch, dinner, brunch, cocktails and entertainment. This is The Club, but really it is so much more.

**193A Commercial Street
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The view from The Club, Provincetown

