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5 real estate listings with photos and prices:

- 1. \$1,980,000
- 2. \$670,000
- 3. \$866,000
- 4. \$3.5 million
- 5. \$1.35 million

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HOLLYWOOD HISTORY 1. The Gerald Colcord-designed home **2.** The library **3.** An informal seating area **4.** Living room **5.** A 1952 photo of Jerry Wald, left, with sons Robbie, center, and Andrew, right, cycling in Beverly Hills.

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A HOUSE TO REMEMBER

The Beverly Hills home of producer Jerry Wald hosted stars like Gary Cooper, Clark Gable and Joan Crawford; an upstairs bedroom known as 'Audrey's Room'

BY SARAH TILTON

PRODUCER ANDREW WALD'S Beverly Hills home has five bedrooms, 6½ bathrooms—and memories of Old Hollywood.

The Gerard Colcord-designed home was purchased in 1943 by Mr. Wald's parents, Jerry and Connie Wald, for \$25,000. Jerry Wald was a writer and producer, with credits including "An Affair to Remember," "Peyton Place" and "Mildred Pierce."

"People thought they'd overpaid. My parents were thrilled with it," says Andrew Wald, 68, whose own work includes the movies "Disclosure" and "Sphere." He is listing the 5,443-square-foot home for \$7.495 million to downsize. When the home sells, he'll take along countless memories of Hollywood's elite.

When Mr. Wald was young, Gary Cooper would come over for a screening, and Clark Gable and Joan Crawford dropped by to have coffee, Mr. Wald says. Family traditions included his mother, a model, cooking Christmas Eve dinner for friends like Jimmy Stewart and his family.

"My mother's best friend was Audrey Hepburn, and whenever she was here she'd stay with us," Mr. Wald said. An upstairs bedroom became what the family called "Audrey's room," he adds.

Actor Robert Wolders, whose credits include "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." and "Laredo," says his longtime romantic relationship with Ms. Hepburn was sparked over dinner at the Wald home. His first wife, actress Merle Oberon, had died six months before and he was "hibernating" when Mrs. Wald invited him for a "family" dinner.

"I went and then I found it was Audrey and Billy Wilder and Jimmy

Stewart and Henry Fonda, but she regarded them as family," Mr. Wolders says. "It was a remarkable evening."

Mr. Wald says guests often gathered in the library for cocktails. "My mother loved the library—it has the beautiful fireplace," he says.

Mr. Wald says that his mother did have a favorite guest: French actor Maurice Chevalier. "She thought he was the greatest," he says. After one of Mr. Chevalier's visits, she pressed a carnation from the flowers that he sent the next day.

The house was built in 1939. "It's a Colonial Revival in the Pennsylvania Dutch style," says Bret Parsons, a Coldwell Banker Beverly Hills agent who has the listing.

Over the years, the Walds added a screening room, a pool and made the garage into a guesthouse.

Jerry Wald died in 1962 at the age of 50. Connie Wald died in 2012 at age 96.



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