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On behalf of the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, again thank you for joining us today, I encourage you to come to another of our many events, our monthly networking mixers or simply visit the Welcome Center. You will be glad you did.

Barry Rubin
President

Many thanks to all our wonderful Gulfport homeowners who are opening up their homes to us. Thanks also to the City of Gulfport and its staff for their cooperation and assistance in making this event possible, and to the Boca Ciega Yacht Club for opening up their doors to us providing us with a sheltered registration area and restrooms. This event would not be possible without the financial support of our advertisers, please let them know that you saw their ad in this program.

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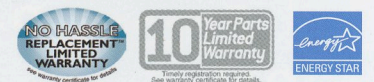


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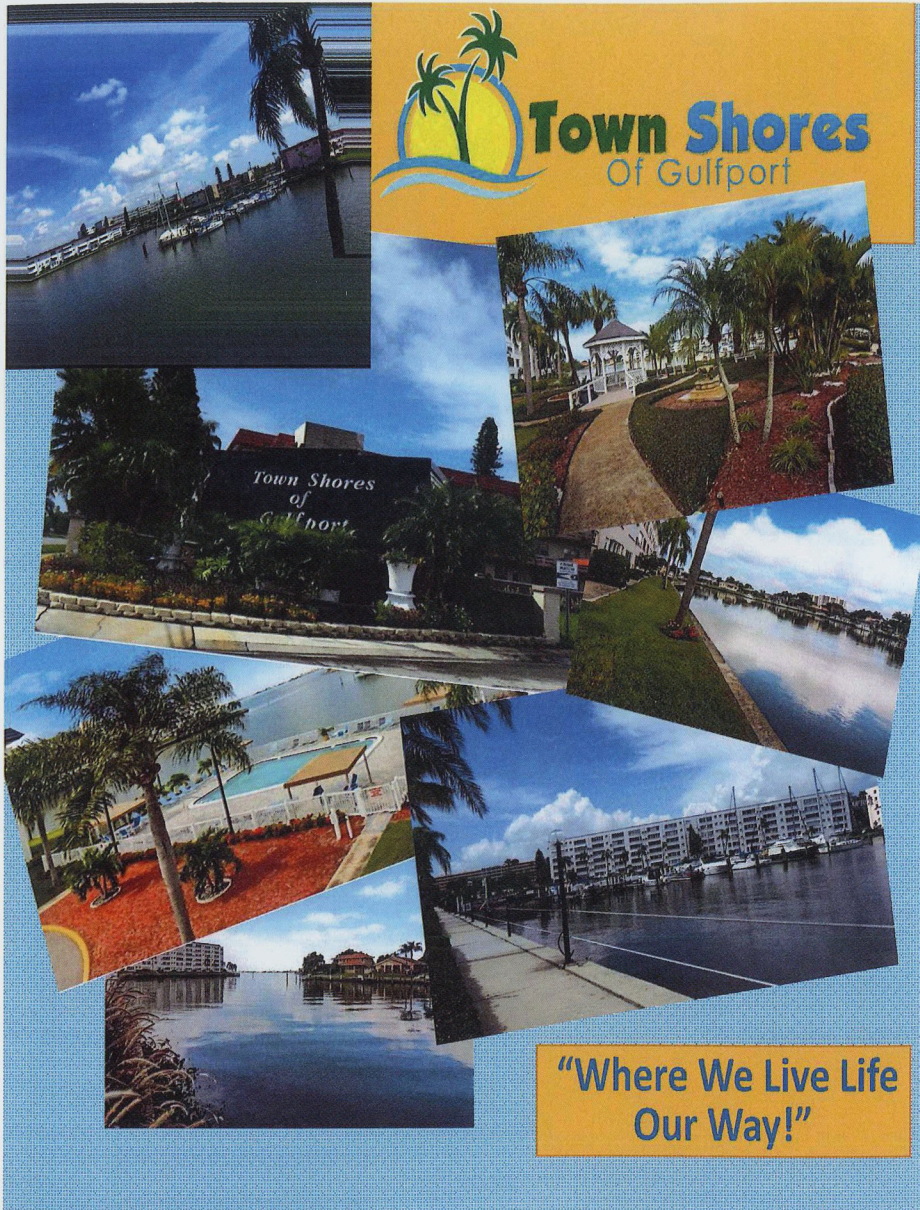
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BCYC's annual Lighted Boat Parade is so popular that house parties are scheduled around it, restaurants with water views are packed and hundreds of people line the shore route. Another club highlight is the New Year's Hootenanny party with the famous champagne cooler dropping at midnight from the boat hoist!

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4758 Baywood Point Drive South

This hidden and singular street, a block-long peninsula, is, in itself, a gem! Rose-Marie and Bill's mid-century modern home with its old Florida landscaping is somewhat reminiscent of the "Golden Girls" abode. In 2013, they discovered and immediately purchased the home with its water views and tropical vistas from every room. Loving the personality of older homes, they chose gentle upgrades, "a life-style lift instead of a Hollywood face-lift."

Rose-Marie, who loves cooking, determined that the entry room should be the dining room, where guests have full view of the new kitchen whose contemporary design contrasts boldly with the '60s architecture. The ample size of the hand-crafted maple dining table is offset by the delicate lines of a hand-painted European Secretary desk. Vistas from the front of the home offer super sunsets reflected in Boca Ciega Bay.

The owners aimed for a real beach house feel, accomplished with light colors, seashells, nautical touches and flop-down-on comfy furniture! They enjoyed the decorating challenge of working with the tile colors in the vintage bathrooms. The master bedroom's focus was changed to become an office, relaxing family room and part-time guest room. Artworks are largely those of Rose-Marie and son Jason as well as local artists.

Out back is where much time is spent entertaining poolside. The remarkable view from this cove, with so many boats and so much boating activity, is suggestive of a New England fishing village - the ultimate in relaxation!

Welcome to our home! Rose-Marie and Bill Seawall



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4727 27th Avenue South

Twenty-one years ago, when Stephanie saw and instantly fell in love with this 1947 home, relatives and friends, who only saw a derelict property, seriously questioned her judgment. Not intimidated by muddy floors and leaky ceilings, Stephanie, a daytime nurse and weekend decorator, was undeterred as she launched this project!

Today, as you approach the home, you will note the unusual color palette with the striking blue accents. Some of the myriad of tropical plants surrounding the property were cultivated by Stephanie from tiny house plants.

The front porch, which was added, leads into the living room where you get the first glimpse of a love for color and for jazz! Cherry, a hip-hop enthusiast, added her own touch with window treatments, adding a soft note to Stephanie's jazzy beat. Artwork abounds throughout. Stephanie's love for cooking resulted in her resituating the dining room, so that guests may sit comfortably in the original eating area, keeping her company while the meal progresses.

The electric blue exterior trim color is echoed in subtle touches in the home, including a glass collection in the kitchen window. The jazz theme steps up a notch in the welcoming great room where designer rugs ooze jazz as do the stylized statues of musicians who appear to be ascending a wall! One window is filled with a mélange of stained glass pieces.

Adjacent to a delightful cathedral-ceilinged guest cottage, a built-for-comfort patio sports a sign saying "Time to Relax," which says it all!

Welcome to our home! Stephanie Bartolotta and Cherry Merrill



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2709 Upton Street South

Hoping to escape the cold, Judy and Bill have put their gentleman's farm in Maryland on the market. Having wintered in various parts of Florida, even living on their boat, they came upon Gulfport and decided this was the place to set their roots. They bought property nearby to build their dream home, but needed a home during the interim. This cottage, which needed much attention, would meet their immediate needs. With renovation still underway, they moved here only three months ago!

Ripping up carpet revealed the fine original oak floors. The removal of one wall and installation of a compact but highly efficient kitchen afforded place for a breakfast bar. Bumping a bathroom wall just one foot into the kitchen allowed a more ample space for this sleek modern bath.

A locally purchased carpet in the living room not only established the color palette for the home but also introduced the nautical theme which echoes throughout. A striking coral bedroom is specifically designed for visiting grandchildren. The art and light filled sunroom provides dining and lounging space. Tropical foliage supplies privacy for additional outdoor dining options. A petite colonnade leads from the sunroom to perhaps the home's most surprising element -- a former garage just recently reclaimed as an enviable super-modern master bedroom suite with all the comforts of a fine hotel. When visiting family and friends enjoy the laidback comfort of the front house, Judy and Bill can retreat to their awesome new world. Paradise found!

Welcome to our home! Judy and Bill Kuhn



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2630 47th Street South

After living on a sailboat in the Bahamas for seven years, settling down anywhere would seem bizarre, but Gulfport seemed to fit the bill! This 1952 home has the original oak floors, coved ceilings and other attributes that attracted the couple in spite of the absence of landscaping and “20 years of deferred maintenance.”

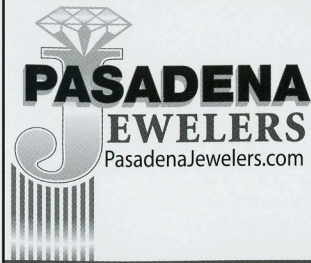
Purchasing the home in 2009, and beginning rehabilitation in 2011, Neal and Stephanie did most of the work themselves, resulting in a “cost conscious rehab to return the house close to original.”

The exterior colors offer a delicious blend of sage and vanilla topped with plum. Entering into the dining room, in a space where a coal stove formerly resided, a peace plant is flanked by two whimsical “giraffes” created by local artisan Matt Worsham. Works of other local artists mix with artworks brought back from Southeast Asia travels.

The kitchen had a full makeover with special effort to rehab the original cabinets. The room was configured to maximize light and open it to the living room where light-colored furnishings stand out against the warm original knotty pine walls.

Out back, creative paving surrounds an above-ground pool which is largely buried for easy access. The playful outdoor shower constructed with bamboo is enhanced with stained glass and flowering overhangs. The natural landscaping was “inspired by Jurassic Park”. Stephanie and Neal wanted the “indoors and outdoors to flow together as one.” Tropical vistas from every room attest to their success!

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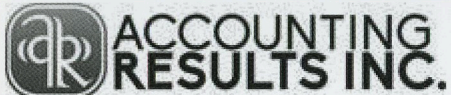


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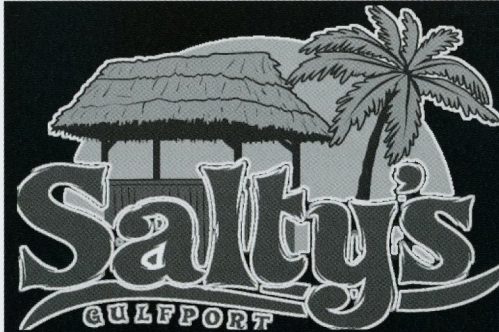
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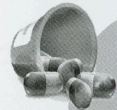
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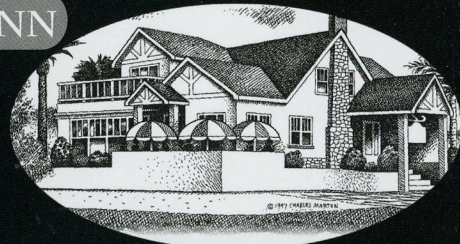
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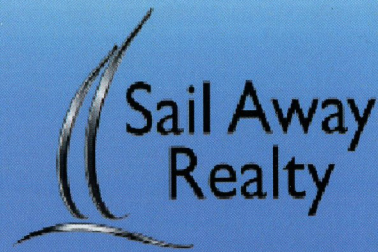
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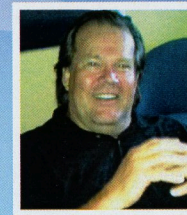
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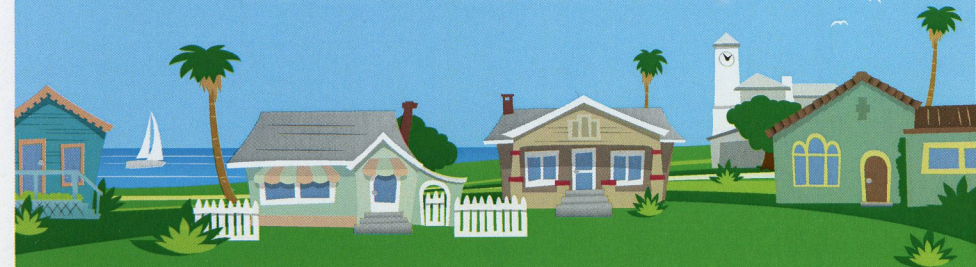


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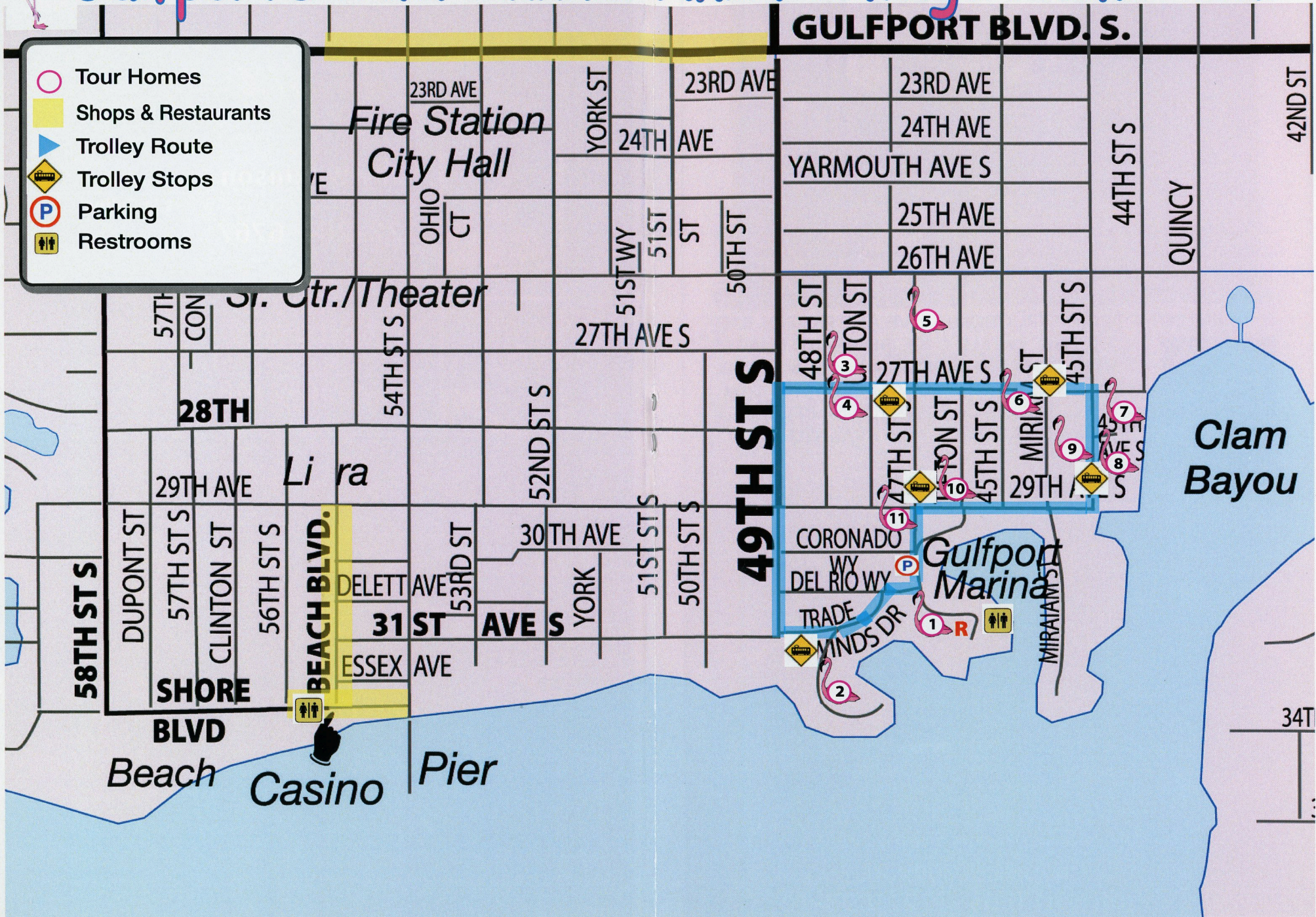
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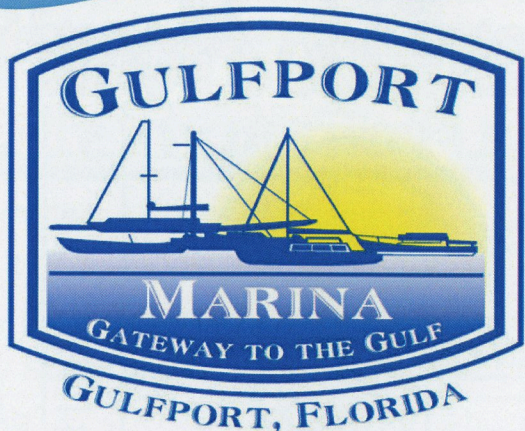




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4526 27th Avenue South

Scaling down from a larger home in Lakeland, Florida, Deb and Mark rented a home in Gulfport's Marina District while they zeroed in on an area to purchase a new home. Deb says "Gulfport is a lifestyle" whose laid back, friendly, artsy feel charmed them into buying here. This brave pair, who only moved in three months ago, agreed both to be on the home tour and to completely transform the kitchen in time for the tour!

The Spanish-tiled roof, the lush landscaping, the mellow yellow color and classic white-columned entry sold them on this 1957 home. Entering this open-concept and sun-filled living space you will observe Deb's passion for strong colors in furniture, oriental carpets as well as Turkish and Moroccan textiles. The lucite and glass coffee table and lamp are mid-century, perfectly compatible with the home's age as are the Danish pieces in the dining area. Artworks, dominated by abstract works and various interpretations of women, introduce more vivacious colors through the home. A private patio off the master suite boasts a uniquely whimsical outdoor shower you are not likely to forget! Don't miss it!

A second equally private walled and well-landscaped patio off the living room provides running space for Deb and Mark's two dogs and relaxing entertaining space for hosts and guests. Mark, an avid cook, is eager to add an outdoor kitchen, which is the next item on his agenda. This retreat gets better and better!

Welcome to our home! Deb and Mark Adkins



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2790 45th Street South

Purchasing this home in 2002, Al and Cindy Davis brought some of their diverse collections of fun and fantastic finds! With Al's passing in 2014, Cindy felt it was time to share some of their mementoes and memories. Slow your pace to peruse the amazing world they created!!!

Before entering the home, you will observe nautical signs - the courtyard to the right is a repository of amusing antique signs! Enter the home only to find a dining room surrounded by rare nautical memorabilia – the nautical theme continues throughout. Dining room seating includes a quirky seat from a Ferris Wheel!

Don't miss the unique custom kitchen counter tops containing endless numbers of driveway shells.

Rabbit themes also prevail – a tribute to the rescue bunnies who live here – as well as three cats. Expect the unexpected in the living room: read through the glass top of the coffee table, try to make a call from the NYC Bicentennial phone booth or buy chips at the Las Vegas Change Cart or “ride” the carousel horse.

Fine artworks, mostly nautical, include three steel sculptures by local artist Denis Frain.

The yard, with its open water view of Clam Bayou, is incomparably serene. Amid the beauty of Florida native and Florida friendly plantings and vine-covered arbors, it offers a relaxing haven from the real world! A surprise dividend is the adjoining one-bedroom guesthouse – a resort-like retreat, delightfully furnished, with wide water views and gracious outdoor dining space. How lucky can guests be!

Welcome to my home! Cindy Davis



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2800 45th Street South

Approaching the home, notice the trompe l'oeil “windows” on the left wall – there will be more surprises! Twenty steps await the hardy, while an elevator is available for persons with mobility issues.

In 2010, Gerry and son, Iver, moved into their re-built home, a modular, delivered in three sections, each lifted by a crane and set atop the support structure. On entering this light-filled home catch the first glimpse of water views. The all white kitchen contains assorted collections, including cookie jars (look up!). Iver will likely detour you into his room with memorabilia from his native Peru.

Eclectic is the operant word throughout, with an eighteenth century gilt-famed mirror next to a modern dining table. Under the table look for the faux “oriental carpet”. Overhead is one of two faux “skylights” painted by local artist Cheryll Grogan. An amazing contemporary glass-top table, supported by bicycle-like wheels, is placed alongside an antique European sofa. Next to the self-playing grand piano, an etagere houses collections of antique toys.

Varied artworks include World War I, vaudeville and theatre posters, antique photographs and you-name-it! The colorful art-filled guest room, with collections of old advertising items, leads to a 40 foot deck overlooking Clam Bayou. Serenity prevails!

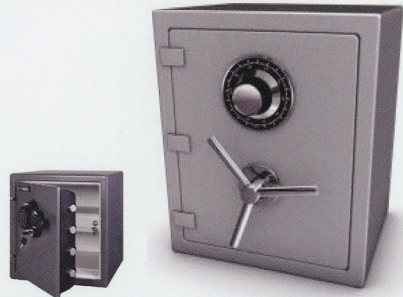
The sunroom, filled with bird images, has masterful water views on two sides. In the master bedroom, a reclining Buddha keeps watch from overhead. Old advertising art (for Arrow Collars) hangs over an antique bookcase. Family photos abound. Dominating the master bath, a tropical painting strongly suggests Florida – a wonderful way of life!

Welcome to our home! Gerry O'Regan and Iver Huiincho

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The smooth Carribean-inspired colors of this 1988 stick-built home are dominated by the carefully constrained use of a vibrant yellow. Seasoned renovators who have lived in and restored 24 homes, Janet and Larry added a wing to the home to include the entry, stairway, upstairs hallway and master bedroom. The lower level is fun-space including a playroom with bar, Janet's artist studio (off limits!), patio and above-ground pool. Throughout this home there is an abundance of art, mostly the works of Janet and other local artists.

Replacing the stairway to the upstairs living quarters, Janet envisioned the theme: Clam Bayou mangroves. In executing the project, local metal artist Frank Skrunk and carpenter Vince Pompeii created a fabulous work of art! The pair brought life to Janet's vision with the intertwining of wood and metal.

Bamboo floors and cabinetry grace the great room and kitchen with its coordinated granite counters. The couple's décor, described as "re-use, restore and repurpose," reflects in the easy blend of Oriental furniture, family heirlooms and modern pieces.

In the center of the master bath, Larry's uniquely-designed back-to-back vanities add a dramatic touch. The imaginative non-traditional configuration of the wall tiles is Janet's design.

From the master suite a door leads to the serene privacy of a deck which wraps around three sides of the home with additional entrances to a guest room and to the great room. The deck floor is enhanced by a hand-painted "path" replete with giant Poppies - a tropical oasis!

Welcome to our home! Janet and Larry Shepherd

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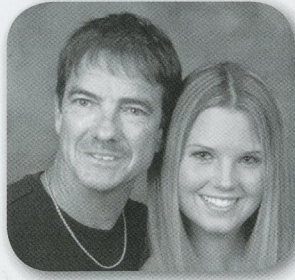
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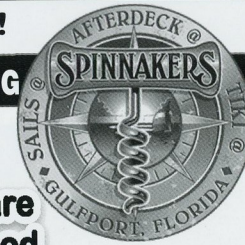
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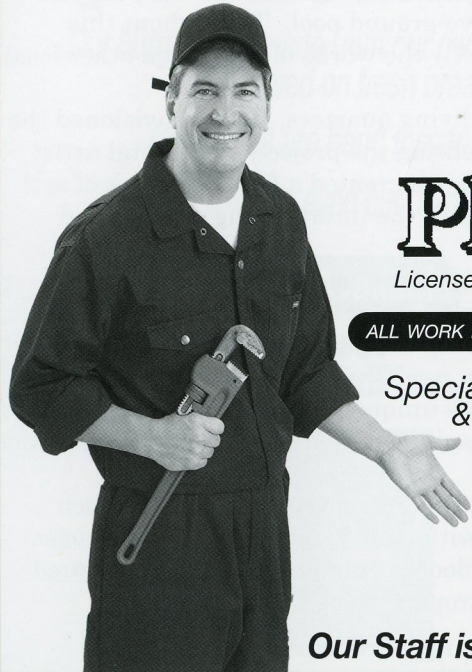


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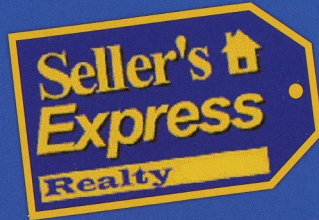
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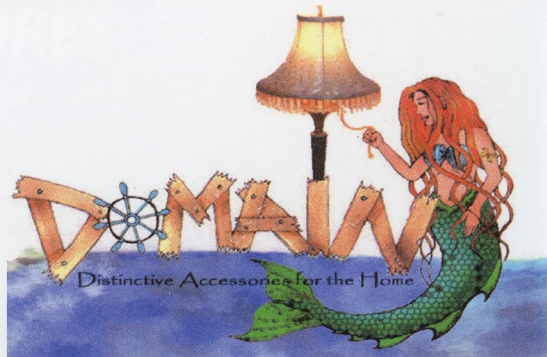
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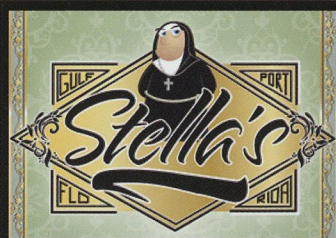
When Eileen and Ken's very close friends and neighbors in Philadelphia moved to Gulfport, they started spending their winter holidays here. The city just grows on people and seven years ago they purchased this 1955 cottage just steps from the Gulfport Marina. Recently retired, they now bask in Florida year-round.

Bonus features of the home include a Spanish tile roof and stunning off-white terrazzo floors. Eileen and Ken, aware that the house needed to forge ahead into the 21st century, have achieved their goal. Fresh pavers and landscaping add visual interest while white plantation shutters throughout lend a sophisticated air to the home. Removal of one kitchen wall opened up the space for a new open concept kitchen where modern white cabinets meet sleek black soapstone counters and integral sink.

Artworks, which reinforce tropical and nautical themes, include a print in the living room by Gulfport artist August Vernon. A signed David Marshall mirror in the coral bedroom incorporates a stylized blue heron in various hues of mirror and glass.

A versatile sunroom which serves as dining and lounging space, leads to a large yard whose terra cotta privacy fence mimics stone. The yard is much cherished by Eileen and Ken's two charming dogs who willingly share it with two-legged species!

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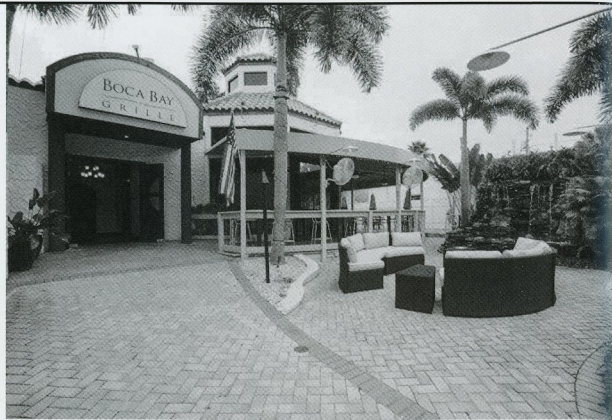
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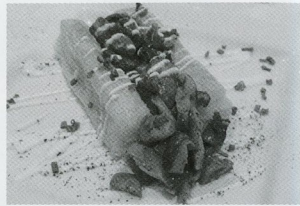
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Lynn and Denis purchased the home two years ago and thrust full speed ahead on a total renovation. Dated stonework on the face of the home was replaced with stucco and an accent of horizontal Douglas Fir stained espresso color. Dramatic charcoal gray adds a sleek touch to a now, very contemporary home. Denis’s artistry is evidenced in the metal sculptures he created for the mailbox and the entryway.

Softer gray tones repeat inside the home in sharp contrast with white and lively blue highlights. The owner-designed corner fireplace with multiple layers of deep gray slate is a focal point in the living room and the kitchen where stylish espresso cabinets and white quartz countertops scream “today”.

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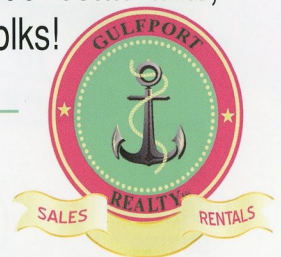
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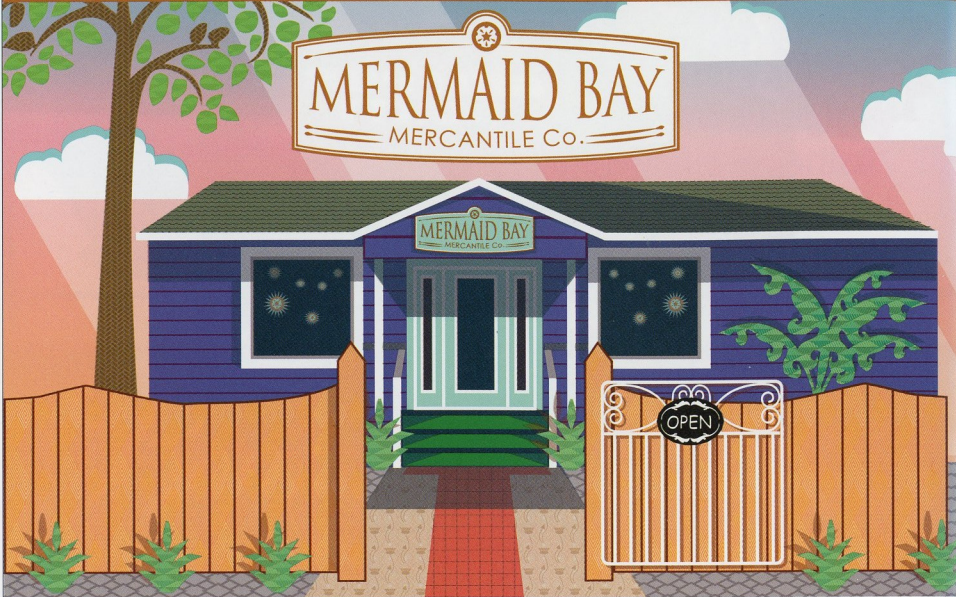
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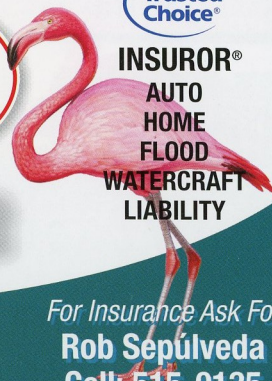
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