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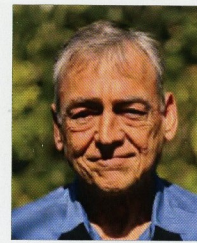
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Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Curious House Enthusiasts,

Welcome to the 20th Annual Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes! That's right—twenty years of peeking behind doors, admiring eclectic spaces, and celebrating the unique character of Gulfport.

To be honest, we almost didn't do it this year. After the storms, we wondered if a home tour was the right call. Would it feel out of place? Would people be ready? But as we talked to neighbors, homeowners, and longtime supporters, we realized something important: this tour isn't just about our homes—it's about our community. It's about coming together, celebrating what makes Gulfport special, and recognizing the resilience, creativity, and spirit that keep us moving forward. It is this very special sense of community that made me fall in love with Gulfport and I couldn't be more proud of our community than I am today.

As you walk through each home, we invite you to take in the architectural details, hear the personal histories of those who have cared for these properties and appreciate the efforts that have gone into restoring and protecting them.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredible homeowners who have graciously opened their doors, the hardworking City staff who keep everything running smoothly, and the dedicated community volunteers who make this event happen year after year. Their passion, generosity, and commitment remind us why this tour has been a beloved tradition for two decades.

So today, we celebrate twenty years of charm, history, and homes filled with heart. The spaces you'll see reflect the soul of our town—each one with its own story, its own style, and that unmistakable Gulfport quirkiness.

Gulfport is here...and we are Still Shining!

Thank you,

Scott Linde, President
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Linda and Ray Domingo

Relocating from St. Petersburg 10 years ago, Linda and Ray took on a 3-year project, redesigning the whole property to meet their needs.

An internationally acclaimed artist, Ray is a true Renaissance man. In his earlier life, he was the lead singer and guitarist with “Domingo and the Dolphins,” an omen of his art, which often features huge sea mammals, including dolphins. The original 100-year-old home, owned by a goat farmer, was completely rebuilt with a fresh update, including porches with unique horizontal electrical conduit railings and a strikingly modern touch throughout. The home’s interior decor is minimalist, with a neutral living room and bold-colored bedrooms. The guest room hosts a collection of images of lovely ladies. The enlarged white kitchen with greatly enhanced storage has dramatic flair with a lollipop-red sink.



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Exiting the serenity of the side porch, step down to the attractive, low-maintenance garden. The wall at the rear displays Ray’s astonishingly large mural of a Marlin out for a swim. Eureka! You’ve reached Ray’s studio (formally, a condemned dirt-floor garage). The studio displays the artist’s versatility: marine life, Western wildlife, and life-sized and life-like portraits, including Elvis. Make sure to look for Linda’s creations: handmade colorful Shreds (scarves). This talented, retired paralegal is also Ray’s marketing guru.



You have likely already viewed Ray’s art to the right of the Gulfport Historic Casino. Ray’s creation, lovingly known as “G. Gordon McFly,” is a towering, 14-foot sculpture. This whimsical gecko on a surfboard makes for a fabulous photo op for residents and visitors alike.

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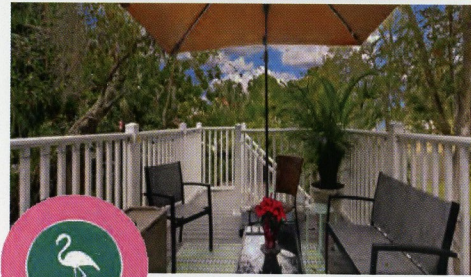
- Linda and Ray

Michael Asbury and Joshua Fischer

Nestled among mature trees and lush natural gardens, this 1944 home has been called “The Treehouse.” In 2016, Mike and Josh, Snowbirds from Knoxville, TN, purchased what they call a “disaster” with boundless overgrowth and seemingly endless projects.

Approaching the home today, you pass through stunning gates - iron sculptures of two huge leaves, which Josh converted to gates. Across

from the 2nd-floor main entrance, a larger-than-life metal sculpture of a peacock perched on the balcony



2509 52nd Street South

railing appears to be looking down as if guarding their home. The living room houses a trove of eclectic art and artifacts, including a rare collection of posters for Circus McGurkis, a circus of Quaker origins (1971-2019). Josh’s aunt, a Gulfport resident, was one of the founders. On display are before-renovation pictures of the home, including a 70’s postcard in which it is featured.

Providing an outdoorsy element throughout the home are artfully placed natural tree branches, some decorated with Josh’s handmade mini treehouses. One tree limb, now rooted in concrete, serves as a coat rack. Mike and Josh greatly enhanced the living room by literally raising the roof, creating a cathedral ceiling. Passing through the dining and kitchen area with artwork galore is the main bedroom and sleeping loft.

The hand-crafted bathroom door is another one-of-a-kind piece worth noticing. You pass a spiral staircase on your way to two bedrooms and a huge abstract painting leading to the office where Josh makes paper creations and pop-up cards. The downstairs is also available for viewing, hosting three bedrooms, a common area, second bath, and a generous laundry.

We’re glad you came to see the Treehouse! - Mike and Josh

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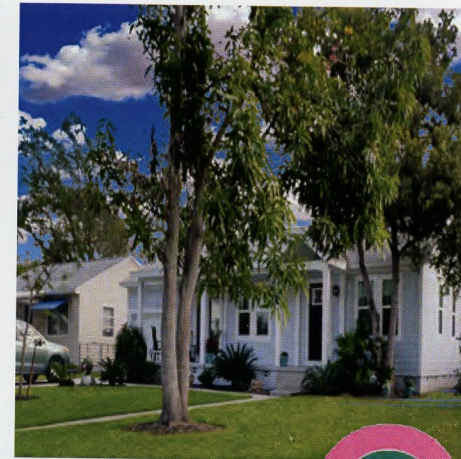
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Nancy Tovey and Gregg Reynolds

When Vermont snowbirds Nancy and Gregg bought this 1946 bungalow in 2019, it had been woefully neglected. Recognizing the extent of the work needed, Gregg's brother, Welby, and Kay, his sister-in-law, joined the restoration team. The experience they all honed on their family farm gave them the skills they needed to undertake all aspects of this major renovation.



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Changing the flat-roof garage to a pitched roof and adding a new gable added symmetry, matching the pre-existing gable. The addition of an inviting front porch was a priceless touch and remains a cherished part of the home. In the entry, a well-preserved circa 1940s, all-glass chandelier gives testament to the home's age.

Moving the kitchen from the rear to a prominent front room transformed the whole house, providing the open concept many people enjoy. An original arched entry leads from the living room to the dining area and kitchen. Above the added sliding glass doors in the kitchen hangs a sign, crafted by Welby, saying "George's Winter Blend." Nancy recalls her father, George, an oil engineer, made a special blend for her car to survive the Vermont winters. Every effort was made to preserve the integrity of the original home with its red oak floors and dark-stained interior doors and trim, along with very functional matching built-ins. Their eclectic art includes a unique wooden marine scene, skillfully handcrafted by Nancy's mother. You may never see another example of this rare art form. Delighted to share our home with you!



- Nancy and Gregg



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Coleen and Dan Walsh

Coleen and Dan are just as welcoming as their charming beach home.

Coming from Springfield, MA, to Gulfport, FL, we can thank Dan's brother Tom, who lives in Gulfport's Town Shores condo community, for introducing them to all that Gulfport has to offer. Visiting here for 15 years, they were not planning to move to Gulfport until a realtor showed them a video in 2021 of this location. When they actually saw the porch and then opened the front door, they knew moving to Gulfport was more than a possibility. The original owner and builder of the house, who only lived here for a year, had the same fireplace with its carved wooden mantle, which still can give off a bit of heat when needed. The beautiful oak floors and staircase add to their home's cozy ambiance.

Coming up to their home, you will notice the casual and comfortable beach decor is all about Florida. Coleen and Dan's primary bedroom is downstairs, with plenty of room upstairs for their three children and grandkids to hang out when visiting. The outside shower is a bonus. Dan says his porch is king, and even though they do not have pets, dog treats are set out there for the neighborhood fur kids walking by. Speaking of walking, Dan, a former Director of Athletics and Health, and Coleen, a former Director of Health and Physical Education, are avid walkers who recently hiked across England and Provence, France.

Everything they love, such as the Tuesday Market, restaurants, pickle ball courts, and bike trails, is within walking or biking distance. Their neighbors are the favorite things about living in our eclectic community, as well as the weather (most of the time), plus all the activities our town has to offer. Enjoy your visit!

- Coleen and Dan

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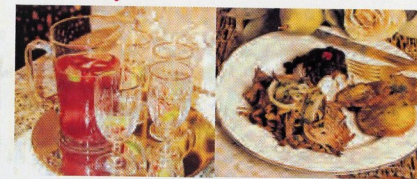
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Debi and Bill Harrie

Brave homeowners, Debi and Bill, acquired their Gulfport home sight unseen in 2019. After living on Pine Island in the winter months, they wanted a small, walkable town with an Old-Florida vibe. Gulfport was a perfect fit.

Debi was attracted to the thick vegetation stretching from 52nd Street to York Street. They sorted out the inside of the house and garage and hired a landscape nursery to unwind the vines and vegetation outside. The work required patience, and the result is inspiring.

Debi and Bill spend the summer months in Maine. Their home, offering casual elegance, has a Moroccan theme with colorful rugs and a goatskin lamp at the end of the hallway. There are two guest rooms. One is en suite with vintage tiles in the bath; the other is a fun room for their grandchildren, with a crib full of stuffed animals, especially Mickey Mouse. Bill's office has a beautiful floor and African masks, speaking of warmth and travel.



The remodeled, opened-up kitchen created a large galley island where Debi enjoys cooking. Windows offer light and views of the pool, which has a cabana room with a shower, half bath, and laundry. The spacious den and Florida room lead outdoors to the expansive backyard, where a frog practicing yoga catches your eye. Enjoy your visit!

- Debi and Bill



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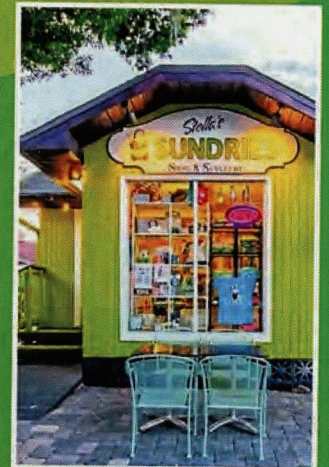
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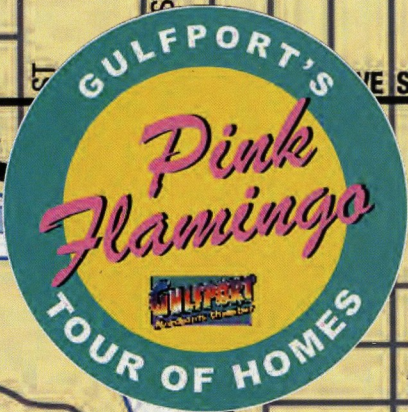
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Dean Lowry and his mother, Shirley Lowry

On a 2006 visit, Dean, a New Hampshire native, fell in love with Gulfport and this home, a circa 1948 Spanish gem that had fallen in disrepair. He welcomed

the challenge. Dan and his mother, Shirley, reside in what has become a showplace, where the lush

landscaping abounds with colorful bromeliads and many rare palms. To the left of the entry are two of the four en suite bedrooms. In the elegantly furnished living room and throughout the home, you will enjoy an eclectic mix of art, antiques, and special

collections. The adjoining round room with its original windows is designed for comfort. The kitchen, with its built-in circular breakfast nook, contains one surprise element- the pantry door was formerly the door to a Catholic Church confessional, heavily carved, with the inscription "Peace Be With You" in Latin.

Of special interest in the primary bedroom's bath is the exquisite use of stain glass. Suspended over the French doors leading to the garden is an antique canoe by a famous canoe maker.

Outside, a breathtaking waterfall cascades into a huge pond with 20 Koi splashed with color. Not easily seen are the 14 tortoises and three aquatic turtles that share the pond. Wander the gardens and enjoy the serenity of this Shangri-La retreat, with an aviary for parakeets, plus its awesome garden pieces and seating areas.

Hope you enjoy your visit!

- Dean and his mother, Shirley



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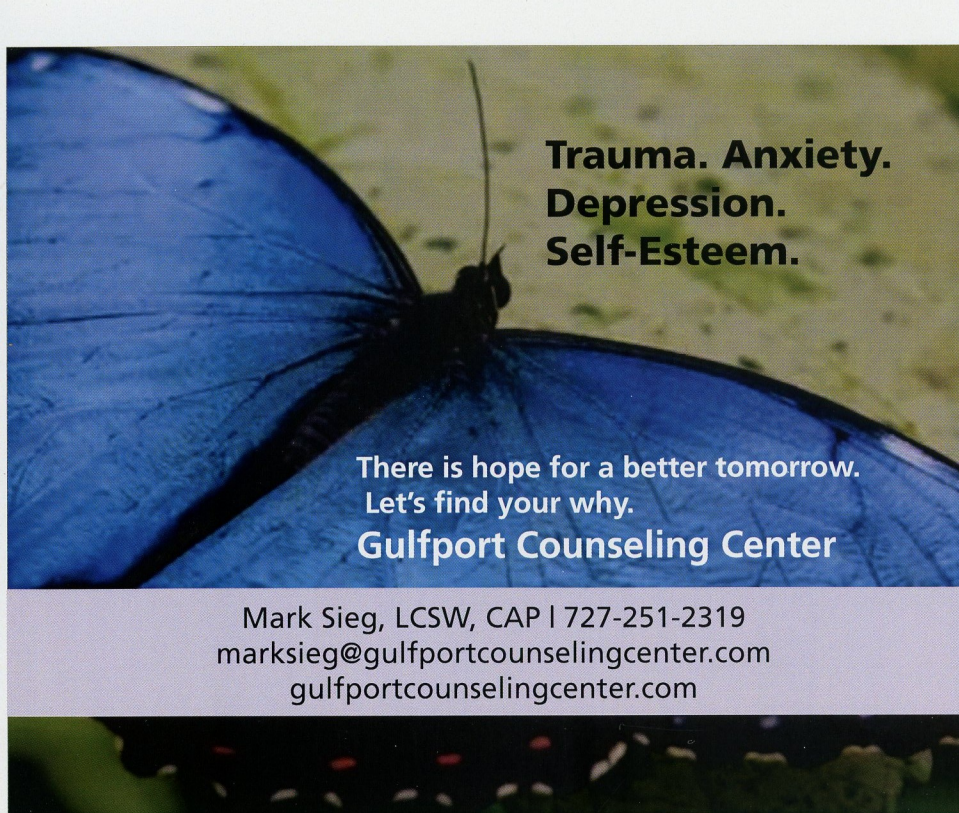
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Priscilla and Nathaniel Kidder

Built in 1924, this home is celebrating its 101st birthday. In 1987, newlyweds Priscilla and Nat discovered the overgrown property while biking around Gulfport. The realtor happened to be there, so they entered the home and were immediately sold, becoming only the 3rd homeowners. They have an original newspaper ad that describes the home as a “Hansel and Gretel House.” The fairy-tale home would require massive renovation, which failed to deter them. The very inviting and character-laden living room boasts a dark-beamed cathedral ceiling, a huge stone fireplace, original yellow pine floors, and a massive front door. The adjacent dining room’s handsome tiled floor continues into the enlarged, updated kitchen with a barn-door pantry entry and a view of Boca Ciega Bay.

Nat’s law office and a bedroom are located on the first floor. Their primary bedroom suite is on the second floor, opening to a balcony. The garage, being too small for today’s autos, afforded space for Priscilla’s business, Be-bops, where she creates ladies custom swimsuits. A large patio and screened-in pool offer a perfect place to gather with their five grown children and seven grandkids.

Welcome to our home! - *Priscilla and Nat*



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Ivy Levy

Ivy is living her dream. After being flooded out of her home in Jungle Prada when Hurricane Irma hit in 2017, this former Long Island native fell in love with the friendly Gulfport vibe. She still keeps in touch with the 94-year-old woman she purchased her home from. A professed perfectionist, Ivy has created a paradise that celebrates bright colors, beaches, and a good time. She even has a theme for each room in her house, where flamingos, starfish, and fish images abound.

The cheerful landscape was done by Ivy, and the vivid outdoor murals invite you to enter her home. Her comfortable living room has hardwood floors and coastal decor. In the adjoining room, a table is set for fine dining on a unique wooden table from the Biltmore Hotel, which was created from a vintage freezer door. When the floor-to-ceiling plantation shutters are open, her home is flooded with light. Ivy's modern kitchen opens onto a long deck, where you find a beach complete with a roomy outdoor shower. There is spacious deck seating in the privacy of her fenced yard, a large grill for backyard feasts, and a tiny cabana for her dog.

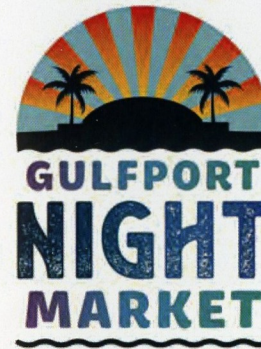
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Carole Ritorto



Carole, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native, came to Gulfport via Indian Shores in 2011. In 2008, her late husband was on a golfing trip and called to tell her he had purchased a beach cottage. They soon sold it, buying a condo there, but Carole wanted more of a community to walk, shop, play, eat, and enjoy. A friend mentioned Gulfport, and that was it. Right off Beach Blvd. in the heart of the Arts District, Carole had a great vision because “Magnolia Cottage” was then a dilapidated structure with a for-sale sign and a board across the window that said, “Don’t even think of breaking in, everything is gone.” The yard was overgrown with no curb appeal, but she fell in love with this 1923 beach cottage, one of the oldest homes listed in Gulfport’s historical books.

Having owned a title company, Carole was familiar with real estate and felt the building, with everything original, had “the best bones.” It had been on the market as a foreclosure with lenders unwilling to finance because of its condition, so after a year with her offer being in to the realtor, it was accepted.

This two-bedroom, one-bath cottage has enough beds downstairs and upstairs for a big family sleepover that includes her son, daughter, six grandchildren, and Finn, her long-hair dachshund. The open concept features a spiral staircase, original flooring and windows, a claw bathtub, and beautiful pendant lights and chandeliers. This property offers many additions besides the cottage: a studio apartment, storage shed, carport, hot tub, patio furniture, beautiful plants, and, of course, the magnificent magnolia.

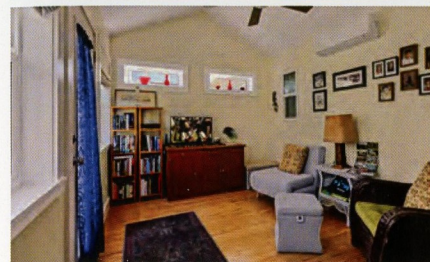
Enjoy your Visit! - Carole



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2908 56th Street South

Gregg Reynolds and Nancy Tovey



DIY owners Gregg and Nancy took on quite a project, remodeling this 1938 dwelling themselves. Originally, it was a 4-room structure whose builders lived in for 25 years until 1963.

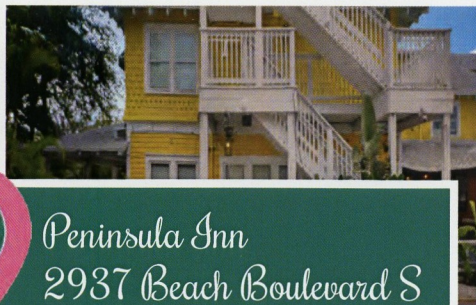


Gregg and Nancy moved to Gulfport to join his brothers, who also have homes in this town. They searched daily for a home to buy while renting this house. Eventually, they realized they loved being right where they were, just off Beach Boulevard near Stella’s, and in the heart of the action. Spending part of the year in Vermont, they began a thirteen-year project. Multiple add-ons were remodeled or built. The original chimney was removed to allow for the open-concept kitchen. They loved the southern yellow pine flooring throughout the original house, so they included locally sourced and milled flooring in the additions.

The last room to complete their endeavor is right inside the front door. Original siding on the right creates a unique accent wall along with the original double glass doors. Retro subway tiles and modern fixtures grace the bath. An antique armoire adds storage, along with large open closets. A contemporary kitchen, opened up for easy access, and the addition of barn doors in two rooms adds to the mix of new and vintage charm. Nancy’s family’s art and furniture are treasures throughout their home.

Enjoy our labor of love!

- Gregg and Nancy



Peninsula Inn
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Few structures in Gulfport have a past as varied as this yellow, three-story building on the corner of Beach Boulevard and 30th Avenue South. Constructed in 1905, the British Colonial-style building operated as the 40-room Bayview Hotel. During WW I and II, it became a hospital for wounded veterans and later was used as a rehab center and retirement home for men.

One hundred and twenty years later, the Peninsula Bed and Cocktails Boutique Hotel is all dressed up and ready to party! New owners purchased the building in 2022 and began a renovation that honors the authentic charm of Old Florida while creating a unique, upscale appearance for Gulfport's visitors and residents.

Located in the center of the Historic Waterfront District, this is not a cookie-cutter chain hotel. Renovations were completed in January 2024, and since then, the hotel has been treating guests to cocktail-themed rooms that are fun, spacious, and uber-luxurious. The bar is open to the public Wednesday to Sunday, 3-9 p.m., for some of the most creative and delicious craft cocktails in the Tampa Bay Area.

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Just like our little town that has undergone many transformations over the years, The Peninsula Bed and Cocktails continues to exemplify the soul and spirit of Gulfport. Thank you to Kayla Burch, Property Manager, for a peek at this amazing treasure in the heart of Gulfport.

Cheers, and enjoy your visit! - *Kayla Burch*



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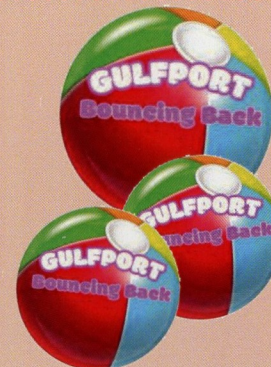
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