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Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes

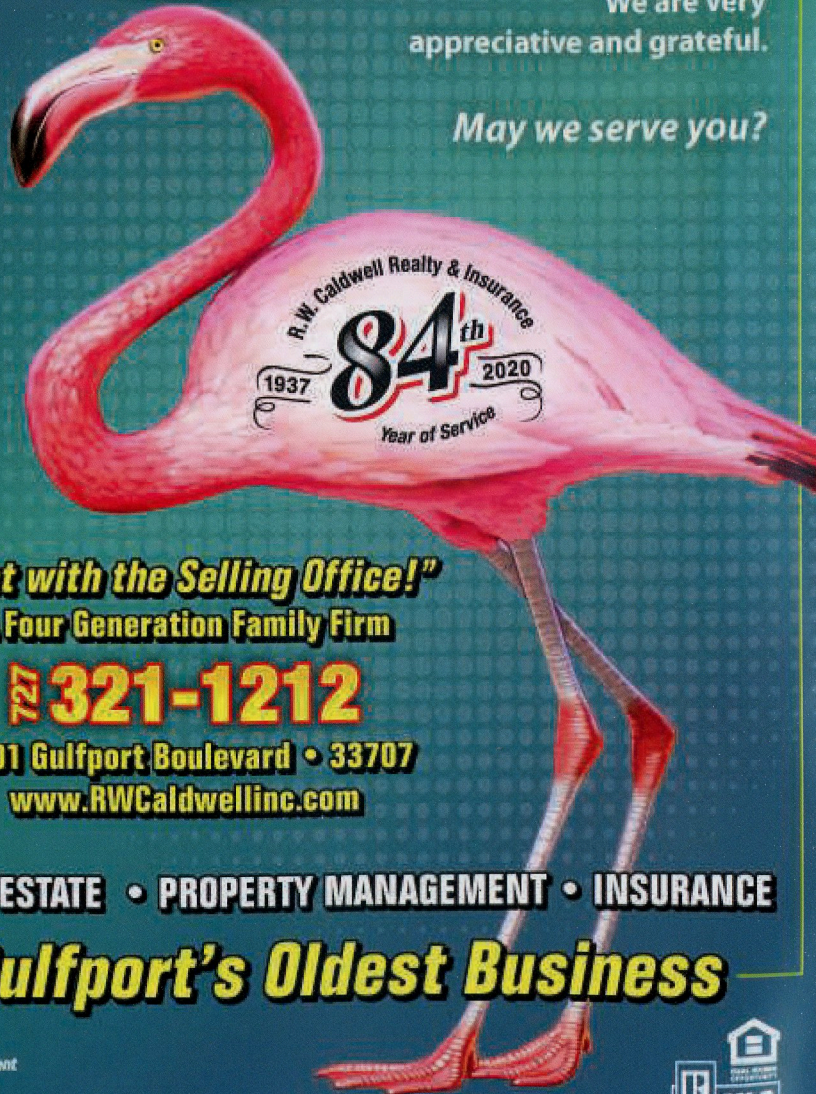


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On behalf of the Gulfport Merchants Chamber, welcome to Gulfport and thank you for coming to the Pink Flamingo Home Tour, one of our many events and a favorite of both locals and visitors.

The mission of the GMC is to help stimulate and support the well-being and economic growth of its members.

Every year we host or support events that bring visitors into Gulfport and the doorsteps of our businesses.

Here are some of our accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year. During 2019, we hosted events promoting art, animal rescue, and retail businesses. Proceeds from these events allowed us to provide over \$18,000 to non-profit/charitable organizations in our wonderful community. In 2020, we will host six major events, along with our weekly Tuesday Fresh Market. Stay tuned for an exciting change coming in June, when after 25 years we will revitalize 1st Friday & 3rd Saturday Art & Gallery Walk.

To learn more about the GMC or add our events to your calendar visit us at www.facebook.com/GulfportMerchantsChamber or www.visitgulfportflorida.com.

Enjoy the Tour and please come back and visit with us again soon!

Barbara Banno, President
Gulfport Merchants Chamber

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Gulfport History Museum **5301 28th Street South**

The Gulfport Historical Society runs the Gulfport History Museum. Built around 1910, the museum started its life as First United Methodist Church on the east side of 53rd Street. The congregation outgrew the church, and the city moved the building to its present location directly across the street. Over the years, the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol, and other civic groups used the building.

In 1984, the newly formed Gulfport Historical Society began leasing the building from the city for the ridiculous amount of one whole dollar a year. In exchange for that cherry lease, the Gulfport Historical Society agrees not to charge admission, which means the Society exists on donations.

On Labor Day morning, 2018, a mentally ill man set fire to the museum, but thanks to the quick response of a group meeting next door at Gulfport's Scout Hall, and thanks to the skill of Gulfport's firemen, the building only lost one artifact, along with its front porch. The Society, wary of the dangers from hurricanes and other acts of God or the universe, is currently raising money to digitize the historic records, photos, and artifacts.



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5320 Havana Court

Nathaniel and Priscilla Kidder are only the third owners of a century old home. Called the Morrison House after its owner, it was built in 1924. Newly married, Nat and Priscilla discovered the overgrown property on a bike ride. A real estate agent was showing the property to potential buyers and the Kidders joined in. They wanted a house with character. Knowing it needed repair, but full of young ambition, they bought it. The property was originally subdivided to be small lots for veterans and the original driveways are still there. The Kidders bought the property containing four of the lots.

Since 1987, Priscilla and Nathaniel have worked diligently to retain the architectural integrity of this unique home. Raising five children in this three bedroom, two bath home, as they tried to upgrade the property, was no easy task. Rotting timbers, leaks, and discovering only stucco holding a wall up, required frequent repairs. They expanded the kitchen and in 2001 a pool and porch addition with arches to match the house, as well as a new roof mimicking the Spanish tiles, were built.

The garage, Model T size, was split into a storage area and studio for Priscilla's company, Be-bops, that creates custom swim suits. Nathaniel is a family lawyer and graduate of Stetson Law School.

Look for high beamed ceilings with painted medallions, an original fireplace, and yellow pine floors in the bedrooms. There is also original tile, some carefully replaced and redone by Priscilla, Florida plants around the pool, and an enormous backyard with ancient trees. As Nat says, "The house loves the people and the people love the house".



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5221 Delette Avenue South

It was love at first sight when Jan and Clint Bowers saw this gem described in a 1947 newspaper as "Gulfport's most beautiful home". It is the last of 14 homes built by Alvah Roebuck when he ventured from Sears Roebuck, buying a tract of land he named "Roebuck Park". Advertised as a "Spanish Bungalow", it was built in 1925 and sold the following year for \$17,000.00.

Notice the many distinctive features of this grand home including the artistry of the iron entry gates, ornamented with birds. Jan took charge of decorating, recapturing a Mediterranean feel consistent with the home's architecture. The living room features a huge stone fireplace and a large gilt-framed mirror that came with the house. Like the dining room, the living room has the original floors, high ceilings and exposed beams with decorative painted escutcheons. The adjacent enclosed porch, providing much light, has a type of tiled floor prevalent in the 1920s. Look for an early water color painting of the home.

The kitchen is in a Tuscan style, with cathedral windows overlooking the garden and trompe l'oeil painted walls imitating old stone work, leading to a comfy built-in breakfast nook.

Exit to a covered porch area where a whimsical chandelier hangs, and then to the stunning privacy of a walled garden with multiple seating areas and a fairy tale cottage Clint uses as a potting shed. A pond, hazardous to their two small dogs, was replaced with a hot tub. There is so much to absorb with all the statuary, fountains and infinite detail in this tranquil retreat, you're going to hate having to leave!



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5213 Delette Avenue South

For Caron Schwartz it was love at first sight. After more than 30 years in Boulder, Colorado she wanted to retire somewhere warm near her octogenarian parents. Doing much research on line she embarked on a fact-finding mission to Gulfport, where “hippies go to retire” according to the internet.

When she arrived, a photo of a fascinating stucco house outside a realty office caught her eye. Built in the 1930’s, this Roebuck home had curved window frames, high ceilings and repeated archways, even a bell tower, which all amazed her. Original details included pecky cypress paneling and ceilings, wall sconces, tile floors, and ornate iron gates between living and dining room.

Caron has filled her home with antiques and art from her parents several downsize moves as well as many “finds” along the way. She relishes the past with artwork by Boulder artists Annie Gifford and Dvorah Kanegis. She celebrates the present with local Gulfport artists Brenda McMahon’s ceramic wall hanging and paintings by Keith Stillwagon and Angus Macauley. Her kitchen with marinate granite countertops that resemble river rock as well as her comfy screened porch complete her amazing home.

After four years of upgrades, replacements, experiments, and intermittent leaks, she’s still in love. Caron now feels this house owns her, much like one is owned by a cat—always at its service.



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2905 52nd Street South

While Lynne Donahoe was born in St. Pete, she had rarely been to Gulfport in her youth. After a career including 20+ years acting and singing in Hollywood, she returned in quest of buying a home. She happened on Gulfport and purchased this Deco bungalow which had quite a bit of ‘deferred maintenance’. Using her current career in Project Management she undertook the challenge.

The home’s curb appeal and FL friendly landscaping are the first clues of the enormous work Lynne undertook updating and personalizing her “new” home.

The ceiling of the home’s entry, a former open porch, was raised and a kitchen wall was removed, replaced by a dramatic railing that defines the dining area. The Deco design of the silver wrought iron railing perfectly captures the home’s roots as does the Murano glass chandelier that glows over the dining table. Straight ahead is a tastefully modernized and efficient kitchen.

On the right, a very ample living room with a fireplace which has been converted to gas. One wall was opened up, further enhancing the open plan. A small hallway, containing pictures/mementos of Lynne’s theatrical career, leads to three attractive guest rooms and a stunningly up-dated guest bath.

Beyond the kitchen are an outdoor porch ready for partying and also a private screened porch off the Master. This 1980’s addition contains a sumptuous master bedroom. Lynne converted some previously unused space into a fabulous en suite bath. Beyond the bath is Lynne’s home office, a hidden get-away.

You just may see Lynne again as she continues her musical pursuit with the Florida Orchestra’s Tampa Bay Master Chorale!

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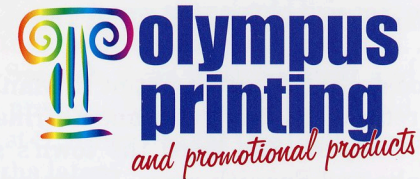
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3001 York Street South

Thought to have originally been built as barracks for soldiers in 1923, this home was transported to Gulfport after WWII. The home was over her budget, but in 2009, Annette Clarke-Jervoise went for it. It's cottage charm and Florida plantings won her over.

She moved from Woodstock, N.Y. after a stint in Manhattan. New Orleans was her first choice for retirement, but Hurricane Katrina intervened. A friend invited her to explore Gulfport. She loved the town's small cottages, quiet neighborhoods, Live Oaks and Spanish moss. Becoming an American citizen last year, this British transplant is now a certified Gulfportian.

Her charming find opens onto a screened front porch that is a comfortable respite for morning coffee. The home retains many of its original features including its wood floors. The bath was expanded by tearing out two closets to make room for a walk-in shower followed by the renovation of a large tastefully decorated kitchen. Look for artwork throughout the house that embody Annette's British humor.

Heinz Hinrichs did the landscaping, removing a diseased tree, one too close to the house, and replacing everything with a wonderland of Florida plants, including a delicious pineapple. Outside you will also find an inviting outdoor lanai with a swim spa as well as a raised bed garden and a pond with a waterfall feature nestled among shade trees.

Last year began the demolition of an old addition on the back of the house which is now a modern wing with a raised ceiling, new den, fabulous bathroom with rain shower, guest bedroom and a kitchenette with white subway tiles leading to an enclosed screened porch.



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Photo by Tropical Focus

3044 51st Street South

When Chrisan Herrod and Colleen Murphy returned to Gulfport after a few years in Rockport, TX, they knew they would live only on 51nd St. S. in Gulfport. From 2005 to 2008, their address was 3011 51st St. S. "The charm of the street with the trees and Spanish moss feels mystical and tropical," said Chrisan. The owners of their previous home, now friends, told them about the pending sale of a house on 51st S.,--they bought the 1950s-era duplex, remodeled it, and moved in eight months later.

Colleen designed the remodeled home. The 1,400-square-foot house features three seating areas – the living room, a den off the office/guestroom leading to the driveway and another former porch furnished as a den.

In the kitchen, Colleen specializes in Texas barbecue and Chrisan likes to make anything Italian. They opened a wall in the kitchen and installed IKEA cabinets to create a small, but efficient work area. The living room in the second unit became a dual-purpose room - an office and a guestroom with a Murphy bed.

Local artists are featured throughout the house. In the den off the living room, an octopus, and a gecko carved by Chrisan's father, lend a beachy touch to the orange and white colors of the Texas Longhorn's football team. Chrisan insists that there's a friendly spirit, known as a Pooka, emanating from the antique jelly cabinet in the dining room. She says often the spirit leaves a drawer open and has been known to flip over dog bowls and turn on lights.



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5013 27th Avenue South

Although Suzanne and Larry Kennedy had lived in Connecticut, they had been visiting relatives in Gulfport since the 1970s and inevitably chose to relocate here.

As the sign on this lovingly cared-for home informs you, it's named the "Lavender Love Shack" (albeit neighbors had earlier dubbed it the "Easter Egg House"). When Suzanne and Larry purchased the home in 2015, it was crying out for renovation, to which they immediately responded.

The finished product is a home brought into the 21st century with subtle touches reminiscent of its Art Deco roots. These include the arches from the living room and, halfway down the hall, a small niche designed to house the family phone.

Your first impression of a small cottage changes as you enter an open living and dining room with full view of the transformed all white kitchen with an exquisite turquoise glass tile backsplash. In marked relief are the coffee colored oak floors everywhere, most of which are original.

A dramatic geometric print wallpaper in the Master is echoed in carpet and curtains. Of the two full baths, one was "created" by the Kennedys from a former pantry. The other was the original and both are now super modern. Two inviting bedrooms accommodate guests and grandchildren.

A comfortable indoor porch room abuts possibly the world's cleanest garage. From there you exit into another world!

Lush privacy-affording landscaping abounds, leading to a cathedral-like lanai with a long, gracefully designed pool, providing ample space for sunning and entertaining. A bit of Paradise in Gulfport!



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2521 York Street

This colorful cottage is brand spanking new. Heidi and Bill Oetting worked with Winway Builders to custom design and build their beach-style home. After scouring the west coast of Florida for a place to settle, they kept coming back to Gulfport, our friendly and walkable town. After returning to Maryland and unpacking their car during a March blizzard a year or so ago, they decided they had enough of winter in the Northeast. They found the property on York, tore down the dilapidated house, and starting building, moving in last October.

This home is more than a cottage; it's a big house on a long lot. The welcoming Key West-style front porch leads into functional comfort with lots of light and space. The large, open floor plan is full of sunlight. The kitchen is perfect for entertaining and has a porcelain backsplash that looks like gleaming fish scales. There's tons of storage, a guest room, office, and big pantry. A secret door connects the laundry room to the master suite, where their black-and-white standard poodles, Lacey and Stevie Ray, have comfy beds. There's also a two-car garage with a workshop for Bill.

Outside Heidi and Bill's spacious new home is a sheltered patio for relaxing, which overlooks a sparkling pool and their newly landscaped yard complete with palm trees and white fencing. Their plan is to spend most of their time outdoors in the warm sun and tropical beauty. They especially love walking downtown, meeting up with new friends, and finding fun, beachy art of complement their gorgeous new home.



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2716 52nd Street South

A job transfer relocated Michael Grace from his native England to Puerto Rico and, later, to Ocala FL where he and Patty met. While Patty was visiting a friend in St. Pete Beach, they lunched at Pia's Trattoria and Patty "discovered" Gulfport. Within a year, Patty and Michael bought their home here. They only recently found that 1925 tax records reveal that the home was operated as a grocery store and continued as such until 1947.

Over the years, the home had experienced several additions but it was the previous owner's architect who propelled it into the 21st century. This was accomplished by raising the ceilings, moving the kitchen, now a cheerful all-white, overlooking the front dining/living room combo all of which are flooded with light from the multiple windows. French doors afford separation and privacy for Patty's home office.

Bedrooms and modern bathrooms were also moved, providing a greatly improved flow. The guest bedroom is enticingly ready for the grand-children with model cars and Spider Man motif.

There's an international flare observed in the art throughout the home with pieces from Mexico, the Caribbean, South America, England and Ireland. A commanding Haitian wooden carving hangs over the bed in the master bedroom.

The south yard affords ample space for their two dogs to romp, hang out and snooze. The paved north yard is designed for comfort and entertaining.



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Photo by Tropical Focus

2222 Beach Boulevard South

The sleek, modern kitchen that could grace a magazine cover captivated Jan and Brian Lambert's attention as soon as they walked into this house. They had been searching for a beach community near a large city after deciding South Carolina winters were too cold. After visiting Gulfport several times starting in 2012, they found their forever home in 2016.

The house had been recently remodeled by a couple; sadly, the wife's passing prevented them from enjoying the home and the fruits of their labor. That couple's vision and attention to detail are greatly appreciated by the Lamberts. The house "had everything on our checklist except for a screened porch," said Jan. The Lamberts, former owners of a wholesale bakery, are avid cooks. Jan is of Polish and Italian descent, and she specializes in these cuisines. The stunning kitchen, the centerpiece of the open floor plan, fills the bill for entertaining as well as their informal cooking classes. Sparkling pendant lights hang over the bar/island. An induction cook top is located against the far wall, right behind the island.

The contemporary feel of this house greets visitors at the front door. The concentric circles design uses beveled clear and opaque glass and platinum coming. This design reappears in all of the interior doors.

The double lot is almost a "compound" with a large garage and attached guest cottage. Not only will it accommodate visiting family, it doubles as a movie theater, replete with a vintage popcorn maker. Another feature is the iridescent backsplash made of reflective tiles adding a soft rainbow of colors to the small kitchen.

The Lamberts are continuing their landscaping of the back yard which includes adding a yoga platform and spa to their spacious oasis.



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2208 Beach Boulevard South

Karyn and Bob Kozak's cottage shows how a small duplex can be creatively converted to an open, light-filled, single-family home. Serendipity led Karyn to find their little gem. She was in this area when her flight home to Chicago was delayed. Not one to just sit around, she jumped into her rental car and ended up in Gulfport, "I felt like I'd been lost in time," she recalls. She looked at the 1957 duplex that day, bought it in 2001 and remodeled it in 2015.

The original structure had 1 bedroom and 1 bath in each of the 2 units. In the remodel they removed the wall dividing the two living rooms and kitchens making a large great room across the front of the building. Space from the extra kitchen was used to expand one bathroom.

The new master bathroom feels like a small spa with translucent aquamarine colored glass countertop and corresponding glass tiles. The oversized shower showcases more glass tile and a "river rock" floor.

The new kitchen opens to the great room's dining area. The granite countertop coordinates with the honey-toned cabinets. A humorous touch is in the form of a dinosaur figure on one wall with the word "EAT" above it.

Karyn and Bob were inspired by their new brick patio, rolled up their sleeves and installed a gravel and paver walkway alongside it.

After seeing the house, one isn't surprised to know that Karyn is an artist. Colorful art adorns the walls and she displays her colorful polymer clay jewelry. Also a glass artist, she plans to create a studio on the property.

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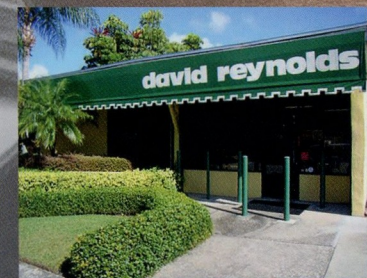
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