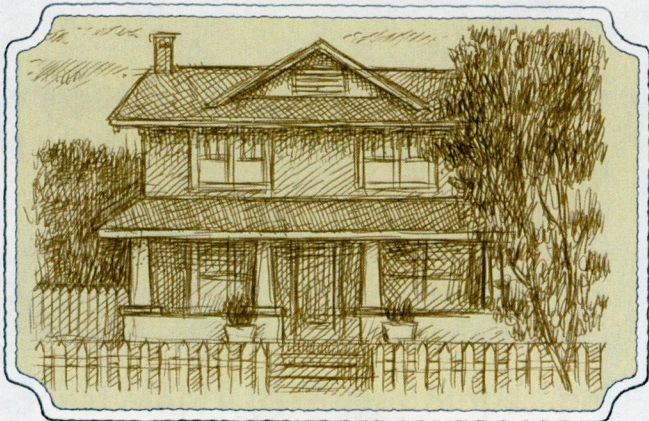
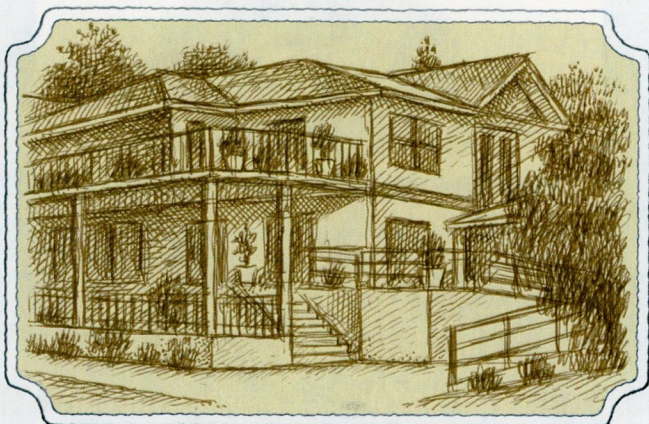


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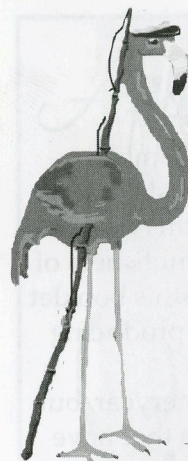


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March 7, 2009

## Welcome to our Community!

We are so glad that you have joined us today. Our team of Chamber of Commerce volunteers, the City of Gulfport, the Gulfport Historical Museum and some very dedicated homeowners have made this day possible. Our heartfelt appreciation to Ken & Debbie Reichart, publishers of our town newspaper, The Gabber, who volunteered to set up this booklet and to our wonderful local printers, at Olympus Printing for producing the final product.

We decided to show you not only our special treasures of yesteryear, but wanted to give credit to those hard working home renovators that have restored homes of all eras with great creativity. As a special bonus you will have the opportunity to meet and greet some of our Gulfport Artists that have set up mini shows at select homes on the tour!! We are proud of the abundance of talent in our neighborhood!

Please refer to the center map of your program to guide you to Parking, Trolley Stations, Restrooms, Shops, Restaurants, et al. You may do a self tour in any order, or use the trolley system that will run 10am-5pm.

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*Dolly Tickell, Event Coordinator*

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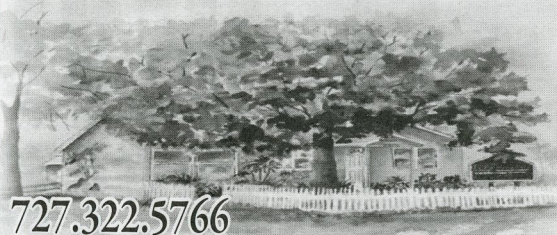
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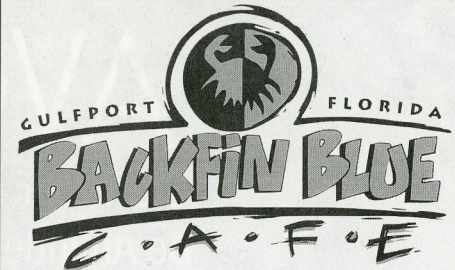
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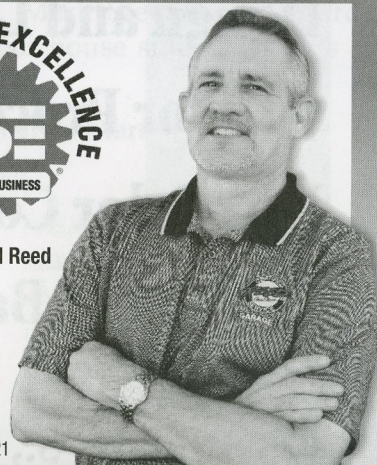
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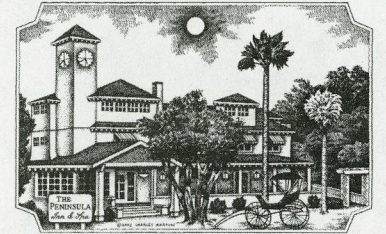


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**#1**

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**Welcome to the Museum,  
Gulfport Historical Society**



**#2**  
**2926 Clinton Street South (1949)**

*While vacationing in Clearwater (from Illinois & Georgia) Sarah & William saw an ad for a house in Gulfport. Told it was WAY far south, they were here in 55 minutes. Catherine Hickman was their realtor. They wanted a home in a town smaller than Clearwater and they found it!!!*

*Sarah and William describe their home (restored in 1964) as Conventional Frame. Looking at the home today, it is hardly "conventional", but very "Today"! The gabled entryway is supported by imposing white columns. The columns imitate a Frank Lloyd Wright design. To the left of the entry are three windows with striking blue eyebrow awnings in dramatic contrast to the otherwise white house. Their favorite indoor feature is the Great Room and outdoors their deck- "We entertain a lot!" Special emphasis was placed on the foliage, with 11 fruit trees of six different varieties.*

*Sarah and William continue to enjoy the small town atmosphere, no busy traffic and the friendliness of the people.*

**Welcome,  
 Sarah & William**



**#3**  
**5419 Delett Avenue South (1922)**

*This home is the second oldest on the tour, a 1922 Craftsman style with a tin roof, built for Edward & Mary Miller who lived there until the 1940's. Later in that decade it became the residence of William and Elaine Sampson. Their daughter, Leslie Waters was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1998, serving District 51 for the next 8 years.*

*New residents Hilda and Cathy now enjoy this as their winter home and have a Gallery/ Home in Provincetown, Massachusetts in the summer. Hilda Neily is an internationally known impressionistic artist. She and Cathy love having a home in the heart of downtown. They have done extensive work refinishing original moldings and woodwork. The classic features are the pine floors, double lighted doors and the staircase with period newel posts. In keeping with the pedigree of the house they have collected fine pieces of Craftsman furniture as well as Early American and Chinese pottery.*

*Hilda's favorite outdoor feature is having a separate small building that is her studio.*

*Hilda and Cathy agree what they like most about Gulfport is the sense of community.*

**Welcome,  
 Cathy & Hilda**



**#4**

**3062 Beach Boulevard South (1989)**

*Roberta and Jerry describe their home as a “modern Manhattan loft” that was built in 1989 and underwent a year of extensive renovation in 2007. A sign near the entry door says “Welcome to the Beach”, but even more welcoming are the double-decker star studded porches on the front of the home!*

*The couple found their home by researching and visiting many small Florida towns. Also on their wish list was a location that they could walk to the beach (which they now can see, one block away, from their porches). Purchasing their home here was serendipitous since they had spent their ‘first date’ in Gulfport!*

*The chandelier is their favorite item in the house. Outside, Roberta and Jerry’s favorite features include the downstairs deck, fountain and a Mexican bench. Outstanding architectural features include the railing systems on each deck, open beam ceilings, mahogany pavers and window sills and stained concrete floors in Gerry’s downstairs studio.*

*Roberta and Jerry appreciate how their community embraces its diversity.*

**Welcome,  
Roberta & Jerry**



**#5**

**3120 58th Street South (1959)**

*Sally’s home, built in 1959, is a 50’s Bungalow with sun-shiny yellow and coral trim and a mere block to the beach. She discovered Gulfport when she was working renovating Gulfport properties, biking and spending time in local eateries. She was attracted to the town by its quaintness and its “friendly neighborhood” feeling.*

*She rented this house in 1995 and purchased it in 2000 and continued her passion for renovating. She applied an exterior stucco finish over a phony brick front, replaced flooring and installed an enlarged master bath and spa.*

*The Bimini shutters on the windows of Sally’s home are not only practical, but are clearly reminiscent of the old south. She particularly enjoys the serenity of the rear part of her house and her screened in porch. A special exterior feature is a Madagascar Palm on the north side of the property.*

*What Sally continues appreciate is the art district and quaintness of Gulfport.*

**Welcome,  
Sally Szwec**



**#6**

**2720 58th Street South (1949)**

*I first came to here and rented this house quickly, as I needed residency to take on a job as City Manager for Gulfport. My wife, Stephanie, soon joined me and we began to get attached to our new location and made a call to the current owner, which led to an offer on the house that was accepted.*

*The bungalow was built in 1949 with beautiful pine floors, lots of windows, very small closets, but had a few built-in trunks against the walls for storage. We soon decided to not only modify the house, but to do an addition to the rear of the home. I think everyone should restore a house once in their lifetime! Our contractor paid special attention to matching details of artistically cut fascia boards on the perimeter of the house just under the roofline and a smooth transition from the original building to the addition. Our outdoor landscaping is grass-free, using drought tolerant plants and a combination of mulch, pebbles and crushed shell that has endured our recent water restrictions.*

*Our favorite feature is our view across the street to Wood Ibis Park and relaxing to the sound of the lighted fountain in the pond's center.*

*We feel that Gulfport's best asset is that time has seemed to pass it by, developers went elsewhere, thankfully! That left us with our quaint downtown and our restaurants & shops that draw so many visitors to enjoy yesteryear for a day.*

**Welcome, Stephanie & Tom**



**#7**

**2632 58th Street South (1952)**

*Judy and James' pale yellow 1952 Ranch home sits amid a lush tropical garden.*

*A terra cotta circular driveway leads to an inviting front porch with olive wicker chairs. The couple feels fortunate to have spotted this home on an Open House a year ago this month.*

*In the dining room, your eyes will be drawn to the large tropical mural painted by local artist Diane Kim. The interior windows have a classic shutter system delivering not only privacy, but style!*

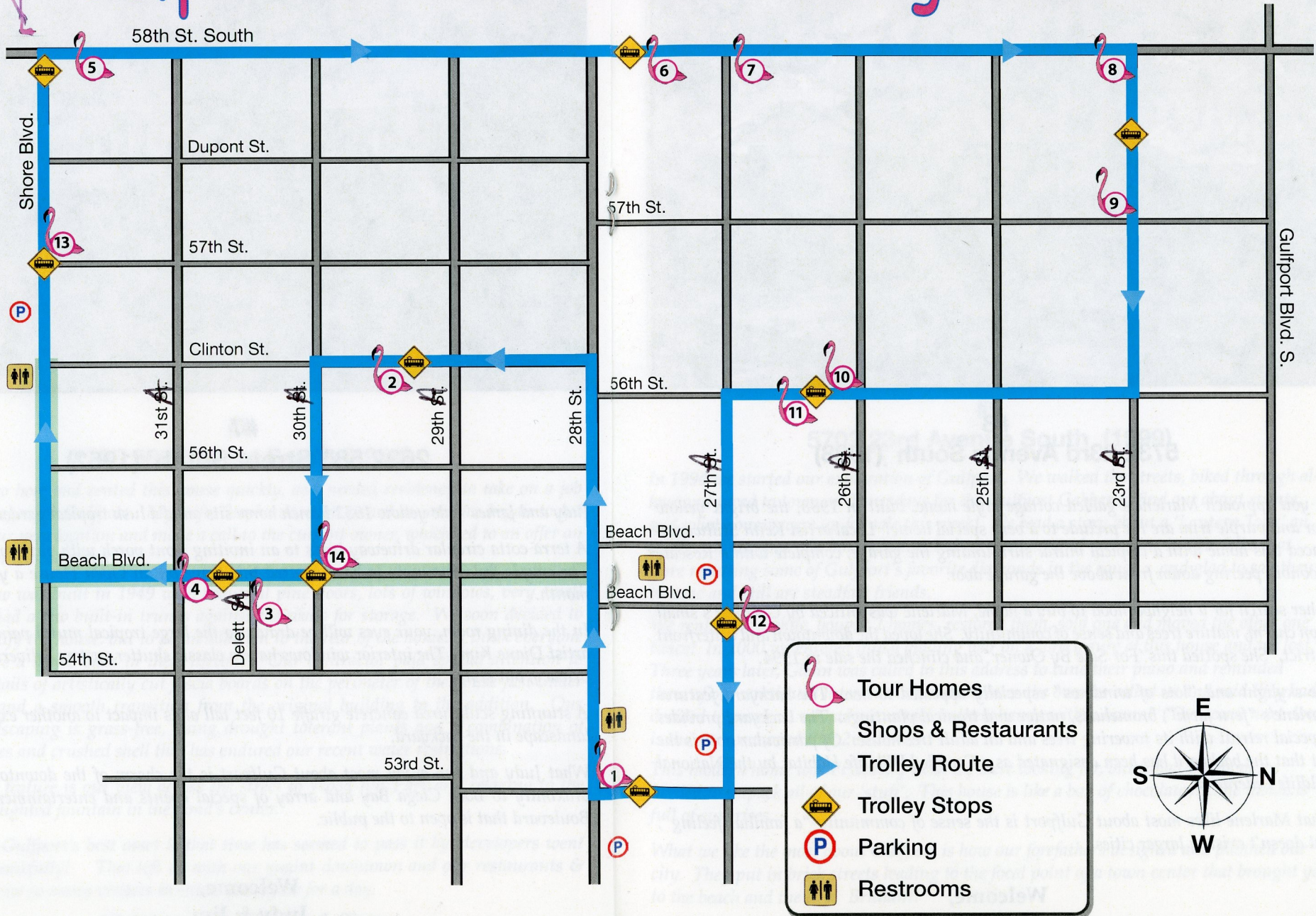
*A stunning sculptured concrete giraffe 10 feet tall adds impact to another exotic tropical landscape in the backyard.*

*What Judy and Jim enjoy most about Gulfport is the charm of the downtown district, proximity to Boca Ciega Bay and array of special events and entertainment on Beach Boulevard that is open to the public.*

**Welcome,  
Judy & Jim**



# Gulfport's 5th Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour





**#8**

**5732 23rd Avenue South (1988)**

*As you approach Marlene's gabled cottage style home, built in 1988, the bright yellow door and purple trim are the prelude to a very special home! Local artist Keith Stillwagon graced this home with a tropical mural surrounding the garage, complete with a Roseate Spoonbill peering down from above the garage door.*

*In her search for a neighborhood to buy a home, Marlene was enticed by Gulfport's small town charm, mature trees and sense of community. She loved the downtown and waterfront district. She spotted this 'For Sale By Owner' and clinched the sale in 1994.*

*The skylight and "lots of windows" especially appealed to her. The backyard features Marlene's "fern farm", bromeliads, native and tropical plantings. The backyard provides a special retreat with its towering trees and an adult tree house. Of particular note is the fact that the backyard has been designated as a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.*

*What Marlene likes most about Gulfport is the sense of community-"a familiar feeling", that doesn't exist in larger cities.*

**Welcome,  
Marlene**



**#9**

**5702 23rd Avenue South (1999)**

*In 1994 we started our exploration of Gulfport. We walked the streets, biked through alleys and raced to town on Thursdays for the Gulfport Gabber to find out about events... and what houses were up for sale this week! We read a story about a 'Lantern Tour' an evening home tour of 4 homes, we picked up our map and met some terrific folks that were restoring some of Gulfport's favorite diamonds in the rough...and glad to say they became and still are steadfast friends.*

*We rented for awhile, bought 2 homes, restored them, sold one and moved the other one twice! In 2000 we entered into a bidding war on a foreclosure of this house and we lost. Three years later, Glenn was called to this address to tune their piano and reminded them of our continued interest. One month later the owners called us and said they had decided to move.....we had a contract in their hands within hours! (The house next door is the one we moved that 2nd time!).*

*This modern home wasn't exactly what we were looking for, but it had the room we needed to unpack all of our 'stuff'. This house is like a box of chocolates....the inside is full of surprises.*

*What we like the most about Gulfport is how our forefathers designed and planned our city. They put in brick streets leading to the focal point of a town center that brought you to the beach and the bay! Brilliant!*

**Welcome, Dolly and Glenn**



**#10**  
**2601 56th Street South (1962)**

*In 1998 while looking for a property, I would pass this house and say, "I love that house", but it wasn't available. During that summer, while on an extended vacation, it did become available and my Realtor, Bill Sampson, worked his magic and it became mine! I bought it without ever seeing the inside!*

*It was built in 1960, by Rutenburg Builders and it remained the home of the Eschenbech family until 1998. It was fun to update the house and add some whimsy. One of my favorite changes is the spa bath in the Master Bedroom, which was once a walk-in closet.*

*The bricks at the garden gate, uncovered after years, were lining the previous owners' garden. It seemed fitting to have them to welcome people to the yard area. I hope Mrs. Eschenbech would like that.*

*All these years later and many updates, it has become my dream home and I can still say: "I love that house".*

**Welcome,  
 Margo**



**#11**  
**2614 56th Street South (1922)**

*I was just "along for the ride" when I went with my son to look at this house in 2002. The minute I saw it, I knew I couldn't let him buy it – I had to have it for myself! We made a deal; he got my old house, also in Gulfport and I moved in here.*

*This little house has a very long history, going back before the town was even incorporated. The Wintergill family arrived in Veteran City in 1907. Older brother Elmer would become the town's first Mayor, younger brother Lester would open the first Boca Ceiga Yacht Club, and they both built large homes on Beach Boulevard. Their sister Elizabeth, her husband Malcolm McRoberts and their family lived here, in what is now my home. Daughter Mary assisted her father the postmaster and son Harold had a wife and three little children.*

*When the house was completely renovated a few years ago, there was evidence that it was built with a dividing wall down the middle, to house both generations. Today you can still see the two front doors. Many people have lived here from that time to this. I'm so glad to be one of them.*

**Welcome,  
 Nanci**



**#12**  
**2632 Beach Boulevard (1906)**

*Gail and Robert were in contract to buy a townhouse in Northeast St. Petersburg. Therefore, a realtor found them temporary housing, a small cottage in Gulfport until the townhouse was completed. After living in Gulfport, they were relieved when the townhouse project was cancelled "because we liked the arts district of Gulfport so much".*

*In 2005 they purchased this two-story Frame Vernacular home, the oldest private residence on today's tour. Lynne Brown, local historian, tells us the house was built in 1906, when the original owner paid \$250.00 for two of the original lots in Veteran City (one of Gulfport's earlier names). Gulfport's Historical Society has a picture post card of the home sent in 1917 by the original owners to friends up north.*

*Gail and Robert cherish the original hardwood floors comprised of 200 year old wood. It's a contrast to their newly remodeled kitchen.*

*The much used front porch is unquestionably a favorite part of the home. They tried to recreate a garden that could have been possible when the house was built, with native plants such as magnolia, decorative grasses, citrus and shell walkways, which were typical in 1906.*

**Welcome,  
 Gail & Robert**



**#13**  
**Seabreeze Manor Bed & Breakfast**  
**5701 Shore Boulevard South (1923)**

*In October 2002, I went from being a condo dweller with one houseplant in downtown Washington, D.C. to owning a seven-suite Inn with a full tropical garden in a small waterfront artists' community of Gulfport. This 1923 house had just been lovingly renovated by Lawrence and Patty Burke, who turned a family home into an inviting bed and breakfast. The Key West-style cottage had once been used as a schoolhouse for the family's handicapped child. There are many antiques scattered throughout the house, as well as mementos from my travels and previous career in Washington. There are also several works by local artisans, especially in a small gallery in an upstairs hallway. Each suite has its own balcony or patio, giving you a sense of privacy unusual for a bed and breakfast. The theme for the seven sites is tropical and each room has a name that evokes the décor: Aruba, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Jamaica, Key Largo and Key West. No matter where you are on the grounds, there is always something blooming at all times of the year. From bananas to hibiscus, the Manor showcases them all. Sea Breeze Manor is thrilled to show itself off to the participants of the Pink Flamingo Home Tour. Relax and enjoy the combination of sophistication and whimsy.*

**Welcome,  
 Lori Rosso**



#14

**PENINSULA INN 2937 Beach Boulevard South (1914)**

*In April 1914, ground was broken for the "thoroughly modern" Bay View Hotel, with lobbies, parlors, dining rooms and two floors of sleeping rooms and baths, as well as its own pumping station and water tower, designed to provide guests with the uncommon luxury of running water. Advertised as offering, "fine fishing and bathing on the shore of Boca Ceiga Bay," the "magnificent" new \$15,000 hotel opened on November 12th with a banquet for Gulfport's Board of Trade, a forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce. The Hotel soon became the center of the town's social life, hosting parties, political meetings and school fundraisers throughout the next three decades, two world wars, the devastating 1921 hurricane and the Great Depression. In the mid-1940's it became a "restorium" and later the Cedars Hospital.*

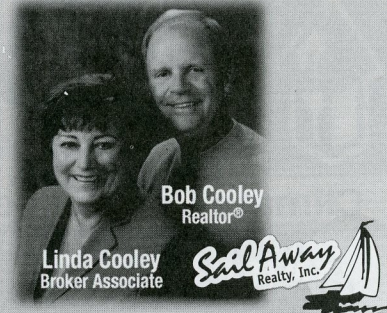
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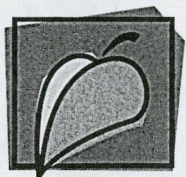


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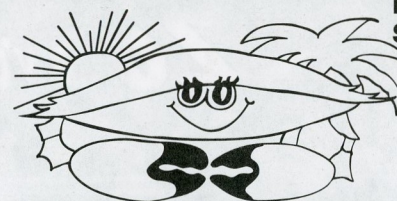
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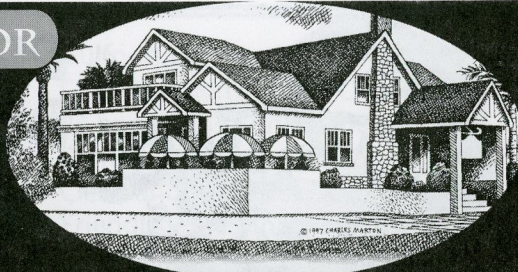


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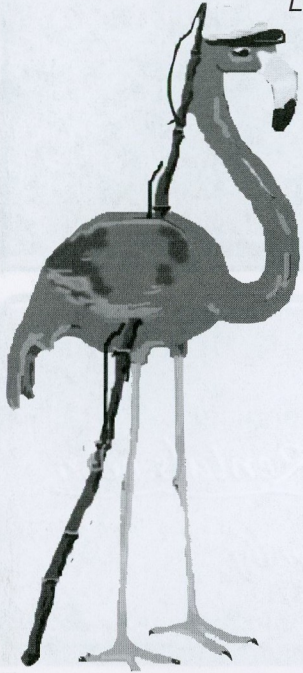
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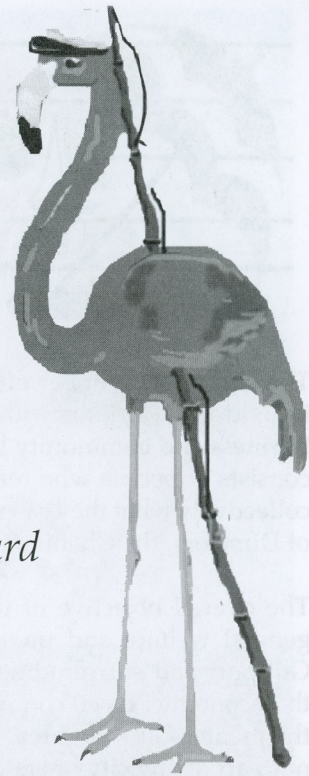
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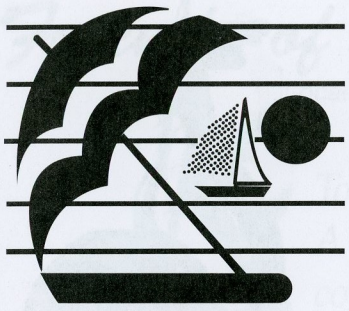
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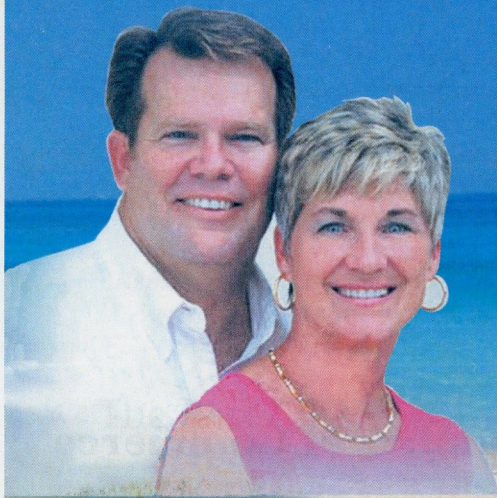
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