

2007 Anna Maria Island

Tour of Homes: Behind the doors

Look what's inside some of the Island's most distinctive homes during the Anna Maria Island Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 17.

This year's tour features six select Island properties in Anna Maria and Holmes Beach.

The homes reflect various styles of island living and offer unique, "Islandy," ideas for interior decorating and entertainment.

Complete the tour with visits to the Boutique and Food Pantry at the home of John and Penny Reinholz, 6503 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, from noon to 3 p.m. offering original arts and crafts.

The Beach Bistro will be holding a wine tasting with delicious bites at the restaurant for a \$10 donation during the tour. A quilt handmade by the "Eyeland Quilters" will be raffled at the Reinholz house at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available before the drawing. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 on the day of the

tour. All proceeds benefit the Anna Maria Island Community Center, which offers more than 5,000 children, families and seniors of this community programs and services that otherwise would not be available.



OWNERS: John & Penny Reinholz

6503
Marina Drive
Holmes Beach

Hand-painted geometric designs in shades of rose and pink greet the visitor to this home. Notice the shell sconces and mirror designed and crafted by the owners. An array of mosaic tiles is displayed in the doorways, kitchen and baths. Black granite surrounds the fireplace and is repeated on the dining room table. Look for the back-to-back glass shower wall common to both the master and guest bathrooms.

The lanai, with a sky motif and hurricane pattern ceiling, leads to the pool and garden area overlooking the canal to form a hideaway cabana that is perfect for an afternoon siesta.



OWNERS: Ken & Clif Venters

6805
Holmes Blvd.
Holmes Beach

The owners, a retired interior designer and a retired college professor, share a love of unique items which are on display in this remodeled 1950s home. From the collection of antique pencil sharpeners and grand roll-top desk in the office area to the family heirloom furniture, this home exudes warmth and charm. Note the charming sitting areas and delightful kitchen highlighted by one-of-a-kind finds.

The light and bright sunroom affords views to Spring Lake, one of Anna Maria's best kept secrets, and is a perfect respite to catch a glimpse of island wildlife.



OWNER: Mark Kimball

6405
Gulf Drive
Holmes Beach

Cut stone tile floors in the entry and formal areas welcome you to this totally remodeled house. The spacious kitchen features amber glazed cabinetry, granite counters and a dramatic pot rack. Over-counter lighting adds a decorative touch to the prep areas.

Peek through the window to view the complete outdoor kitchen area – perfect for family gatherings and entertaining by the pool.

Ascending the stairway, you'll notice the stained glass designed by the owner and crafted by a local artist. The upstairs bedrooms and office feature pecan hardwood flooring.



OWNERS: Dennis & Frances Bello

809
North Shore Dr.
Anna Maria

Take one old Florida fishing shack, add an extensive remodel, fill with an assortment of finds from estate sales and auctions and you get the best of the old, the new and treasures from around the world.



Particularly noteworthy is the restored oak and cherry antique fireplace mantle. The brass screen is a family heirloom from the owner's mother. A gate legged dining table is totally collapsible and seats 12, with chairs from the 1920s and 1930s. Pakistan is the origin of the marble topped buffet. Other Middle-Eastern accents include the hand carved figures of royalty on the teak headboard from Indonesia.

The front sunroom, which was the carport, displays custom mosaic tile art designed and made by Florida artisans. The pattern shows Caribbean dancers and native cottages.



OWNERS: Donald & Anna Rully

103
75th St.
Holmes Beach

This home amounts to what would happen if an avid sailor rebuilt his home, taking out all but three walls. You'll enjoy this grand home's casual, shabby chic décor and comfortable, relaxed island family living.

The open, gourmet kitchen and dining room were designed with family in mind, allowing the cook to enjoy and take part in all the festivities. The spacious dining table, with no leaves, seats all 10 family members comfortably.

The upstairs master bedroom is accented by a sculpture crafted by a local artist, reminding the owners of their New England autumns. Lovely treetop views from balconies off the family room, master bedroom and office provide gentle island breezes.



801
North Shore Dr.
Anna Maria

OWNERS: Jim & Gayle DePorre

Spectacular views to the Gulf of Mexico from the formal areas of this newer, three-story Island home will capture your imagination. To capture your heart, there is a tropical lagoon with a dark bottom pool and sparkling waterfall. A series of screens slide to provide privacy and sun control.

The living/dining rooms, on the second level feature a fireplace and dra-

matic cherry cabinetry. Stunning ceiling murals were painted by a well-known local artist. Also on this level, is a library/guest room.

The sumptuous master suite is on the third level, in addition to an outdoor fireplace (one of four) and endless pool tub on the balcony. A children's area and a guest room are also on the third floor.

