



A TRULY INSPIRING HOME

THE FIRST FAMILY IN CAPE FEAR STATION'S SOUTHERN LIVING INSPIRED COMMUNITY HAS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. ENJOY A PEEK INSIDE THEIR ISLAND BASE AND STEAL A FEW IDEAS FOR YOUR OWN INSPIRED VACATION HOME GETAWAY.

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AS THE PARENTS OF THREE TEEN-AGED BOYS, NASHVILLE RESIDENTS SCOTT AND JENNIFER BLACKMAN TAKE HOMEWORK SERIOUSLY.

So when the time came to look for a second home at the beach, they did a thorough search, from Florida to the Carolinas.

“I have great memories of my own childhood, staying with my grandparents on the Carolina coast,” said Scott. “Bald Head Island reminds me of those simpler times.”

Once they were sold on Bald Head Island, they next had to choose which of its many neighborhoods suited them best.

“We made a point of renting in various environments, so we could experience the whole island,” said Scott. “We saw the Inspired Home when it was nearly completed and we loved it. Then this site, on the corner and across from The Common, was available, and it was perfect.”

As with all homeowners in the *Southern Living* Inspired Community at Cape Fear Station, the Blackmans worked closely with the builder and interior designer to make the home their own. With construction complete in May of 2016, the Blackmans moved in, becoming the community’s first family. Jennifer and the two youngest boys spent the entire summer on the island, while Scott and the oldest son balanced work and school commitments, visiting as often as possible.

“When we are on the island,” said Scott, “we are wholly immersed and inspired to live it up. We surf, fish, get out on the boat. Just like when I was a child, we’re outdoors all day, enjoying it all.”

STYLE MAKERS

Meet the team that creates the magic of the *Southern Living* Inspired Community at Cape Fear Station:

SOUTHERN STUDIO INTERIOR DESIGN

A nationally recognized, award-winning firm based in downtown Apex, N.C., the firm’s mission is to provide a high level of creativity, integrity and personalized attention to every project. They are members of the elite Designer Network.

“It’s a joy to work with the homeowners, to collaborate on what will work for their family and to make that happen.”
– Vicky Serany, Founder/Principal

WHITNEY BLAIR CUSTOM HOMES

2016 *Southern Living* Builder of the Year, this highly regarded company specializes in Southern vernacular design and construction on the Carolina coast. They balance form and function, with a focus on energy and environmental efficiency.

“Every feature needs to be well thought out. Ultimately, proper proportion and scale make a space feel just right.”
– Jeff Sanderson, Founder/President

ALLISON RAMSEY ARCHITECTS

Based in Beaufort, S.C., this esteemed firm is known for their Lowcountry-inspired home plans. Projects range from single-family homes to commercial mixed-use developments, and from design concepts to construction.

BALD HEAD ISLAND LIMITED, DEVELOPER

The *Southern Living* Inspired Community represents the culmination of Bald Head Island Limited’s vision:

To create a viable premier island community where people may live in harmony with nature and each other.





COLOR TO DYE FOR. THE LIGHT FIXTURES OVER THE KITCHEN ISLAND AND THE ADJACENT DINING ROOM TABLE ARE HANDMADE OF PAPIER MACHE BY STRAY DOG DESIGNS IN MEXICO, AND WERE CUSTOM ORDERED IN THAT EXQUISITE SHADE OF TURQUOISE.



CHECK OUT THE LEGS ON THIS BEAUTY. THAT DETAIL, PLUS THE UNIQUE SHAPE OF THE TABLETOP, SOLD JENNIFER, WHO FOUND IT AT ROOM SERVICE ON THE ISLAND.





Left page: The shiplap in the living areas carries through to the master bedroom. Sea mist green accents create the serenity vacationers dream of. This page, clockwise from left: The arched shower alcove took this upstairs bathroom from ordinary to extraordinary; to each his own—all three boys have a private retreat upstairs; a temperature-controlled wine closet is an indulgent surprise cleverly hidden under the stairs; the landing upstairs provides a morning bar (and midnight snack central) for the boys.