

Situated on a 1.25 acre lot in a private community, this new residence was inspired by the historic homes in nearby Beaufort, South Carolina, and, like these homes, was designed and built with permanence in mind. Taking a page from Beaufort's riverfront architecture, this home boasts dual façades, providing a pleasing perspective from the front, as well as for those encountering the home via the golf course behind. Set on a traditional raised foundation of hand-moulded brick, the authentic Lowcountry exterior is true to the regional vernacular. However, in order to maximize the homeowners' enjoyment of the part-time residence, material selections focused on low maintenance options. These included James Hardie Artisan lap siding, custom milled PVC trim, generously proportioned clad windows, operable shutters made from a composite material and a standing seam metal roof.

Nestled beside a pond and oriented for views across the golf course, the home hugs the building setbacks to maximize its footprint, yet the vertical design was thoughtfully executed so as not to overwhelm the site. The main mass is two stories with flanking one story wings, 4,200 s.f. of conditioned space with an additional 1,400 s.f. of porches. The front porch leads into a humble stair hall, framing views through the home to the landscape. This cozy entry, however, unfolds into a spacious, open great room running the width of the two story mass and lined with French doors that open onto a screened porch. The adjacent one story wings house a master suite on one side and the kitchen, keeping room and breakfast room on the other. Ascending upstairs, a sitting room occupies the upper stair hall, while two guest suites are separated by a central hall and home office with views to the golf course. Echoing the wall of glass below, French doors from both bedroom suites and the office open onto the upper rear porch. From a service entry off of the kitchen, a 56' covered breezeway extends to a carriage house. With 2,800 s.f. of conditioned / unconditioned space, it accommodates three vehicle bays, an office, trophy room, and morning room on the main level and a private guest suite above. A pool is tucked discretely between the two structures, bordered by the breezeway and carriage house porch.

Craftsmanship is evident throughout the interior, from the extensive use of heart pine boards on the walls to custom trim, millwork and cabinetry. In the kitchen wing, a complex detail required a great deal of precision: a vaulted ceiling is detailed with chamfered timber beams, placed relatively close together and meeting at intricate angles. While decorative, the execution needed to be exact to create the impression of structural members. A successful collaboration between an architect and builder with a long track record of working together to create high quality custom residences, this home is also notable for what is not seen. The home incorporates the latest advancements in building science, including an encapsulated crawlspace and a technologically superior HVAC system, and an integrated Simpson tie-down threaded-rod system. In addition, great care was exercised in the sealing and waterproofing of the home, a meticulous effort that contributes to the overall solidity and integrity of the structure.