

The Slovic residence at Palmetto Bluff is based upon the Charleston single house, distinguished by its three-bay gable end with a porch (piazza) running along the side of the home. This historical style is particularly well-suited for the narrow, but deep, corner lot. The design of the house evolved around the location of two existing live oaks, which now beautifully frame the front of the house with its more formal massing and articulated trim. Telescoping wings give the home a generational feel, as if it has been added onto over time. As the home unfolds toward the rear of the site, the massing becomes less formal with shed additions and a garage meant to look like an old smokehouse with its brick exterior and sliding barn doors.

From the side porch, four sets of French doors open into the formal living and dining spaces with dog-eared architraves and custom crown molding. Inside, a graciously wide stair with a large turned newel post and panelized trim opens directly off of the dining room and ascends to a more casual sitting room, an office, and two guest bedrooms at the upper level.

Central to the main level is the kitchen and keeping room with a built-in butler's pantry and a brick-faced fireplace wall. Adjacent to the kitchen is the scullery. This sizeable space accommodates the combined functions of a laundry room, mud room and pantry, yet it is designed with an unexpected level of fit and finish. The horizontally planked walls are stained in a deep rich hue and built-in cabinetry and shelving ensure order, allowing supplies and sundries to be neatly tucked away.

Toward the rear of the main level, pecky cypress doors with antique brass hardware lead from the keeping room into a glazed master sitting room. Here, the abundant windows, lap siding and brick floor are intentional design choices, implying the room was once a porch later enclosed for year-round use. The master wing is comprised of the master bedroom with a vaulted ceiling and milk-washed boards, a master bath with marble vanities and painted built-in cabinetry, and a separate wet room complete with marble floor and shower, as well as a freestanding tub overlooking the outdoor landscape.

At the rear of the site, custom iron gates and native vegetation frame a landscaped garden and lawn tucked between the master wing and the garage beyond. This tranquil outdoor room is the focal view from the master suite, providing a private, garden-like oasis, best enjoyed from one of the hanging swings on the rear porch.