

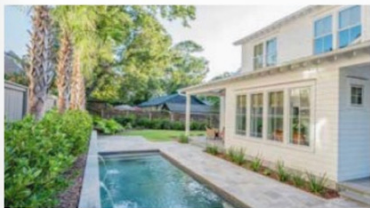
Old Village

A Lowcountry Haven

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Perhaps it was the sounds that sold Alan Smith of Smith Design Group on the idea of building in Mount Pleasant's Old Village — sounds of passing ships as they head to Charleston Harbor. Or maybe it was the smell of salty air. Or it could have even been the sight of the marsh, which was a short stroll from his front door. No matter the reason, Smith found a gem in this — appropriately named — Friend Street location, built by Sea Island Builders.

The 3,540-square-foot cottage-style home features 4 bedrooms and 4.5 baths and appeals to the Lowcountry



vernacular in its laid-back and welcoming character. Construction began in 2018 and was quickly completed in fall 2019. The home is outfitted with shiplap walls and rough-hewn white oak flooring throughout. Its open-plan design with continuous flow between the rooms allows the home's interior to "live large."

Smith pointed out the wine cellar, cleverly housed



under the main staircase; clerestory windows, which provide plenty of natural light; and the relaxed finishes that define the home's essence. But he admitted that his favorite part of this award-winning project is the backyard oasis, outfitted with a pool and integral waterfall features.

"I love to take it all in — the live oaks and palm trees. It is truly a Lowcountry haven and a Southern retreat."

This home was awarded a Home Builders Association of South Carolina 2020 Pinnacle Award for New Home Construction.



At a Glance

Built: 2018
Bedrooms: 4
Bathrooms: 4.5
Square Footage: 3,540
Builder: Sea Island Builders
Architect: Smith Design Group

