



(above) The groin-vault ceiling in the entry features an American clay finish, which absorbs sound and humidity. (right) William C. Pritchard Co. custom designed all of the extensive cabinetry and bookshelves in the home, including the china cabinet and entertainment center shown in this cozy living room.

# A Match Made in Heaven

Sullivan's Island home-building businesses Sea Island Builders and Herlong and Associates partnered successfully for a dramatic Wild Dunes remodel.

As any custom-home owner knows, a newly constructed house is only as good as the team that built it. The ability to communicate details, share work efficiently without overlap, and (let's be honest) get along, are all important to the success of a project. So, one of the most reputable architect firms

paired with one of the hardest working builders in town does not always guarantee a match made in heaven. In the case of Barbara and Nick Santella's Wild Dunes remodel, however, the stars aligned when Sea Island Builders and Herlong and Associates were chosen. Together

they produced an amazing result. Of the partnership, Jeff Mathis of Sea Island Builders describes, "When a homeowner decides to invest in an all-in-one design firm, like Herlong and Associates, the homebuilding process is really a lot easier not only for the homeowner, but also for us." Theresa Bishopp, interior designer

(above left) What was planned to be a screened-in porch became a sunroom after the homeowners decided that they would get much more use of the room, which overlooks a Wild Dunes Links Course green. (top right) The Santellas' masculine office features walnut floors and textured wallpaper. (bottom right) Hanging from the v-groove wood, tray ceiling is an incredible custom-made chandelier by Avrett Fine Furniture and Lighting.

for Herlong and Associates, adds, "We love working with Sea Island Builders. One of the reasons we like them so much is because they will commit the resources—time and manpower. Both firms are very much team focused."

Starting with a great team as the foundation, Sea Island Builders

transformed the look of the home by bringing down dated dividing walls, adding 450 square feet, and generally beautifying every surface of the home. "We touched every square inch of the home," says Jeff. "Everything inside was completely redone. The trim package is extensive. Every room has a lot of wood, including

high wainscots, v-groove, and shiplap on the walls and walnut on the floors." Of course, the fact that the homeowners (with the help of Theresa and her coworkers Heather Allison and Sarah Rolfes) chose some truly distinct finishes helped make the home stand out. Most of the hardware was custom designed by Fox-



(above, from left) Interior Designer Sarah Rolfes with Homeowner Barbara Santella and Sea Island Builders' Jeff Mathis (left) The exterior of the home was re-skinned, and a new Galvalume roof was connected to the existing structure. (right) The Santellas' luxurious soaking tub was provided by Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery.



worth Decorative Hardware and the light fixtures were chosen from Circa Lighting and Carolina Lanterns.

So much of the home was changed, in fact, that the result is almost unrecognizable. "We literally took this house down to the studs," Jeff explains. "It's a huge undertaking when you do a renovation to this extent. It really shows

the time that we're able to give to each client." Sea Island Builders and Herlong's team of architects, interior architects, and interior designers achieved what not all pairings can—a home as solid as their professional bond. ♦

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Company: Sea Island Builders  
Project Type: Remodel  
Location: Isle of Palms





▲ **Lowcountry Locale:** Isle of Palms | **Builder:** Sea Island Builders | **Architect and Interior Design:** Herlong and Associates | **Tile:** Palmetto Tile | **Tile Installation:** Floating Services  
**Cabinetry:** Wilkam C. Pritchard Co. | **Decorative Hardware:** Facework Decorative Hardware | **Trim and Andersen Windows:** Southern Lumber and Millwork | **Trim Installation:** JEM Construction  
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**Interior Designer:** Eliza Linton | **Flooring and Tile:** Melzar Tile | **"Rhino White" Marble Countertops:** MVP Marble and Granite | **Plumbing Fixtures:** Moluf's | **Lighting:** Lowcountry Lighting Center | **Paint:** Sherwin-Williams | For more information, call Anneiggs at (843) 637-4311 or visit [anneiggs.com](http://anneiggs.com).



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