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It's hard to miss this beautiful Low Country style home from the beach side in Debordieu Colony. The tapered columns, Old Carolina brick foundation and chimneys, copper chimney caps, and gas lanterns make this home stand out from the rest.

by Peggy Mishoe

Holding firm to his goal of providing outstanding experiences while building superior homes and commercial buildings, Berry Coggeshall built a tradition of excellence at BEC Construction, Inc. A Cheraw, S.C. native who earned a BS degree in Chemistry from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Business Administration from Appalachian State University, Berry worked as a real estate broker on the Grand Strand before he started building custom homes in 1986.

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The kitchen is often the focal point of many homes. This Debordieu oceanfront home in Pawleys Island, SC is no exception. The unique pendant lighting, basket weave copper hood and matching sink add a nice touch to the kitchen's overall décor.

"I've enjoyed being in a business where I can see quantifiable results on a daily basis and work closely with people," he said. His son, Beck Coggeshall, enjoys the building business for the same reasons.

Beck joined BEC Construction in January of 2013 after spending seven years in Upstate South Carolina. He earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Construction at Clemson University. Beck spent his last two years in the upstate working for a construction company while simultaneously earning a Master of Business Administration from Clemson at their Greenville campus, graduating

in August of 2012. “I enjoy the fact that I can see my work come to life. It’s always different and there are always challenges to face,” he says.

BEC Construction remains one of the most popular building companies on the southern Grand Strand and Berry doesn’t have any intentions of retiring any time soon. “I started out from the ground up, and it gives me a great sense of pride and satisfaction to know that I’ve built something that my son wants to carry on, and I am confident he will do well with it,” he says.

Many BEC Construction clients are professionals in the real estate business. They have various reasons for choosing BEC Construction, ranging from immediate cost savings on quality construction to long term energy savings.

When Ryan Swaim, general manager of Dunes Realty, and his sister decided to build a rental house on a beachfront lot in Garden City, they chose BEC Construction. Ryan says, “Berry is a

long-time friend of my family, and I live in a neighborhood where he has built many of the houses. He’s a fantastic builder.”

Their house not only had to be beautiful, but also needed to be durable; and like any structure built on oceanfront property, special

The upstairs living room in this Debordieu oceanfront home, built by BEC Construction, showcases several unique features. The handmade pickets, poplar wall paneling, stained wood arched ceilings with exposed beams and double ceiling fans all contribute to the Low Country theme.

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Cindy Swaim, the draftsman and owner of this Garden City Beach oceanfront vacation home, designed this bunk room for the top floor. It is always an instant favorite for all of the children that stay in the home.



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regulations had to be followed. Ryan noted that Berry was very familiar with those regulations, and he was able to make suggestions on products and procedures that help the house withstand the rigors of being a vacation rental property. He adds, "It was about as easy a process as I've ever experienced. One of the best things was that I never had to worry about scheduling any subcontractors."

Berry and most of his subcontractors have worked together for many years, and Berry gives them credit for helping BEC Construction attain success. "I've been fortunate enough to have established good relationships with subcontractors and suppliers through the years that have helped me deliver a quality product on a consistent basis," Berry said.

Berry's accounting and management methods are major reasons why his clients enjoy their building experiences. "I've devoted a lot of my time and efforts to utilizing my educational background



The cabinetry, countertops and custom tile all complement each other nicely in the master bathroom in this Debordieu oceanfront vacation home in Pawleys Island, SC. The rainhead shower fixture is always a great addition to a large walk-in shower.

in order to develop professional accounting procedures and management practices that allow us to operate more efficiently and cost-effectively," he said. "These cost savings are passed on directly to our clients."

It is of utmost importance for a client

to find a builder who works well with a team consisting of an architect, designer and other professionals. Berry, Beck and everyone at BEC Construction are team players and are devoted to making the building process an enjoyable experience.



This is the first home Berry Coggeshall built in the coveted neighborhood, Collins Creek Landing, which he also developed. It was also Berry's first taste of true modern architecture. He built this home for a good friend of his from Germany, whom he met several years ago when he agreed to build a previous home for him.



This North Litchfield vacation home on the oceanfront, built by BEC Construction, won a prestigious award for the architect. This home has become a popular rental home for many families since it was completed.



BEC Construction has completed several commercial projects and Berry took great pleasure in building the Litchfield By The Sea Clubhouse. The blue standing seam metal roof and yellow board and batten siding make this clubhouse stand out from the surrounding buildings on the oceanfront.

This was no different when John Green chose BEC Construction to build an upscale, eight bedroom, oceanfront house in North Litchfield to produce rental income for him and his wife, Leigh. John says, "Berry was very tuned into our wants and our needs. It was a total team effort. It was terrific."

According to John, Berry built a rental house that accommodates family members of all ages, allowing generations to come together and enjoy a vacation. With handicap access, an open and inviting layout that takes advantage of all the views, a metal hurricane resistant roof and many other features, the house has been enjoyed by many vacationing families.

John said they tried to do things that made sense to prevent the house from aging quickly with the constant occupancy of about 20 people each week. Berry was always willing to work with him to make any changes, including using paneling instead of sheetrock throughout the house. John noted that Berry and his team have an exceptional knowledge of a wide array of products. In addition to knowing the best or newest products to recommend, Berry can also find unique products. John said they wanted old heart pine floors



Driving up the gravel driveway to this Spanish Estancia style home in Waverly Plantation is nothing less than breathtaking. The slate shingles and copper gutters with brick and stucco siding, contribute to the unique theme of this residence. This dream home will be appreciated for many years to come by the homeowners who enjoyed long successful careers.

throughout their house. Berry was able to find the flooring in an old warehouse in North Carolina.

Berry has also been very successful in the real estate development industry, having created several quality neighborhoods, including Allston River Bluffs, Collins Creek Landing, Prince Creek West, Marsh Point and South Marsh. Developing an entire neighborhood and seeing it come to life is something that Beck finds intriguing. He is looking forward to offering BEC Construction's clients appealing options of places to live in the future.

BEC Construction has ventured into the world of commercial construction and continues to receive exceptional customer satisfaction. In this line of work, BEC projects include the construction and/or remodeling of various office buildings, condominium and apartment complexes, amenity centers and club houses such as the Litchfield by the Sea clubhouse and Conway National Bank branches.

Beck's first large project was managing the construction of the Garden City vacation home of Buddy and Carol Mozingo. "It was a great experience, and it is a beautiful house," Beck says. "They were really great people to work with. We established a friendship and I even join their family dinners on occasion."

Carol says, "Honestly, my husband and I had the same instant reaction to Berry. We chose him on the spot. It ended up being a win-win for everybody. BEC is unbelievably responsive to any concerns my husband and I have, and they always hold themselves responsible."

Buddy and Carol gave Beck a creative license to build a nautical themed bunk room in the children's room, and they didn't look inside until it was finished. Carol was more than happy with the end result. "He did the entire room by himself and it's wonderful," she said.



The exposed beams, arched entry way and unique custom lighting are appreciated by everyone who enters this beautiful Spanish style themed home in Waverly Plantation. The homeowners relied on the knowledge they obtained from their extensive travels over the years when coming up with ideas for their home.



The architect for the Mazingo residence used a unique combination of colors to give the house a bit of a hunting theme. This was very appealing to Dr. Mazingo and his sons.



Carol Mazingo gave Beck Coggeshall a creative license to build a nautical themed bunk room and she was extremely pleased with the end result. The Mazingo's grandchildren enjoy spending time in this room each time they come to visit. Portholes, poplar wall paneling and cleat drawer pulls all add to the nautical theme.

For years, Berry has been active in the Horry Georgetown Homebuilders Association (HGHBA). He has served on the board in several capacities, including serving as vice-president in 2013. He is also a member of the Homebuilders Association of South Carolina and the National Association of Homebuilders.

Winfield Johnson, a real estate attorney and a native of the area, chose Berry to build a new oceanfront house to replace an old one in Garden City that his family had enjoyed for many years. Winfield said he had heard many horror stories about builders and was concerned about finding one he could trust. He knew of Berry's impeccable reputation. Berry had built a house for one of Winfield's partners, who spoke very highly of BEC Construction.

Berry and Winfield met almost every week to review the project. "I trusted him explicitly," Winfield said. "They were Johnny-on-the-spot on everything. It was a very pleasant experience. Everything was always very well organized." As a real estate attorney, some of the best advice Winfield can give anyone is to find a trustworthy builder.

The home, which the Johnson family is now enjoying, is all they hoped it



Berry Coggeshall (2nd from left), his son Beck (far left), Winfield Johnson (far right) and his wife, Robin, enjoy spending time together on the Johnson's porch overlooking the ocean. After BEC Construction built their beachside vacation rental home in Garden City Beach several years ago, the Johnsons have become more than just clients. This is typically the case with BEC Construction customers.

would be. Winfield's wife, Robin, owner of Urban Interiors Inc., was responsible for the interior décor in the home. The Johnson home continues to be one of the most sought after vacation homes in Garden City Beach.

Berry has established a tradition of quality built on strength and integrity, and Beck has full intentions of carrying on that tradition for the next generation. Berry has worked diligently over the years to earn BEC Construction the

reputation of being reliable and trustworthy. He and his son are now a team that believes the honest way is the only way. Clients can rest assured that they are dealing with a company that is strong enough to give them the home or commercial building that they desire and stable enough to be there for them in the future. ■

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Robin Johnson, owner of Urban Interiors, Inc., was responsible for the interior design of the Johnson beach home. She chose a nautical theme throughout the home, which was a nice compliment to the living room with great views overlooking the ocean.



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