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WAYNE WINDHAM ARCHITECTS, PA TAKES GOLD FOR NATURES IMAGE BLUFFTON, SC

esigned by Wayne Windham Architects, PA and built by Johnson-Dulaney Builders this 8,000+ square foot compound, called Nature's Image, is located in a coastal development in Bluffton, SC that embraces nature, conservation and sustainability. Designed to epitomize the style

of a relaxed southern home through the many uses of architectural details and natural building materials.

Nature's Image is situated on a 24 acre parcel with a limited building area and abuts a

conservation meadow. Access to the property is via an existing 200 year old oak lined 2 rut sand drive. "To reduce the scale, we created a community of multiple buildings: the Main house has two bedrooms; the Guest House has 3 bedrooms; the 4-car Garage has a one bedroom apartment above; boat house; and an "oyster shed," said Architect

A large screened porch wraps the entire rear of this home to allow the owners to watch the wildlife in the meadow, while in comfort. The

Wayne Windham.

2-story part of this porch reaches to the sky to evoke the feeling of sitting in the pines.

Recycled wood flooring and beams have been used in the home: as well as renewable woods for the walls and ceilings.

The 2-story living room with "tabby" fireplace opens to the porch, the kitchen and the dining area. The Art Gallery Hall connects the main living area to the owner's studio and is a perfect location to highlight the owner's extensive art collection



"There is an obvious sensitivity to the site, from breaking up of the buildings to reduce the scale, to the natural landscaping and preservation. The simple geometry is quite dynamic, yet warm and human in scale, when infused with the architecture of the living spaces, recycled materials and natural light in the Great Spaces of this home."

> MIKE HOFMEISTER, MIRM, CMP, MCSP, CSP Gundacker New Homes Division



Wayne Windham Architect, P.A. Nature's Image, Bluffton, South Carolina TEAM MEMBERS: Johnson-Dulaney Builders, Inc., Plantation Interiors, Inc.







"Seldom do you see a house that fits so naturally into its surroundings. This is one of those rare occasions where the architectural design actually adds to the natural beauty of its environment. Its open layout, expansive glass and numerous porches literally bring the outside in. Who wouldn't want to live here during the day and listen to the tapping of rain on the roof at night?"

> - DAVID HOKE BLF Marketing

"The exterior and interior design produced an authentic representation of southern comfortable charm and hospitality down to every detail. The rear screened porch brought back memories of my childhood and made me homesick for South Carolina, Lespecially

appreciated the effort taken to keep the main house authentic in scale by designing separate buildings that would house guest, automobiles, boats and of course the "oyster shed": and the use of recycled materials."

"For me the big wow of the Natures Image Home is its authenticity ..."

> - BRENDA KUNKEL MIRM CMP Kunkel Real Estate Strategies

"While some of the other top entries were very well done, many of them relied on superfluous ornamentation to help with the overall impression, the Nature's Image house in Bluffton, South Carolina was a great example of the honing down of details to the essential elements necessary to make this in my opinion the most creative design, appropriate to it's sensitive site."

> -LYLE BREEZE, AIBD Breeze & Associates

"Nature's Image represents the whole package. It is a home to be lived in and in times like this we all want a home that fits. This house fits not only the surroundings, but it fits as a home for its inhabitants. It is like a cocoon - wrapping you in its walls and inviting you to remain."

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