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## **Architect's Tour of Homes**



Local architect Wayne Windham won a Best in American Living 2008 Home of the Year Award for this house in Palmetto Bluff, which is one of the stops on the Architects Selected Preview of Homes tour March 28. J. T. Turner Construction, Inc. built the house.

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## Tour homes by local architects

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The Island Packet

Good design enhances the way we live, and the houses on this year's architects' tour of homes have elevated domestic life to an art.

Back in 1986, the first local "Architects' Selected Preview of Homes" was successful, and the tour has become an annual event coinciding with spring in the Lowcountry. On March 28, the public will have the chance to visit five outstanding homes in Palmetto Bluff and one just around the corner from Palmetto Bluff, on the backwaters of the May River. All were designed by local architects who will be at the houses to greet guests.

The homes on the tour were designed by Hall & Hull Architects and Wayne Windham Architect P.A. Some include environmentally friendly features such as tank-less



Special to the Packet

The 24th annual Architects' Selected Preview of Homes is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 and features five homes in Palmetto Bluff and one nearby on the banks of the May River.

water heaters. One home is a 24-acre plantation-style estate compound bordered by a black water pond and salt marsh.

The 24th annual tour is sponsored by Hilton Head Architectural & Construction Administrators, a local group of personnel employed by architects, contractors, subcontractors and architectural review boards. Proceeds from the tour fund scholarships for Beaufort County students for the study of architecture and construction. Over the past 23 years, the group has awarded more than \$170,000 in scholarships.

Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Remember to wear walking shoes. No interior photography permitted. Tickets are \$35 and are available at Pyramids on Main Street, Buffalo's Restaurant in Palmetto Bluffton, A Rare Find in Village at Wexford and The Store on Calhoun Street in Bluffton.

For more information, go to hiltonhead-hometour.org or call 843-689-9982.