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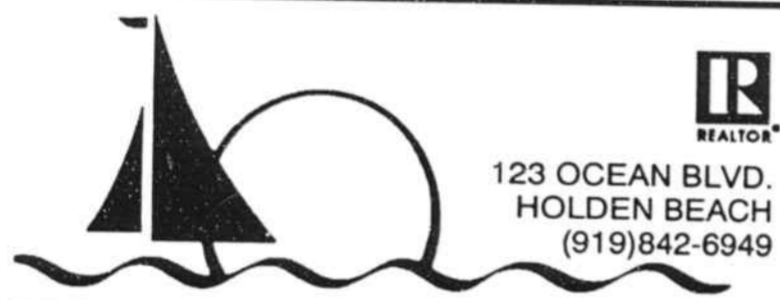
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AL AND BETTY Wooten take a break from their activities to show a visitor around their home.

## Caribbean-Style Home Reflects Couple's Work, Leisure Interests

BY LYNN CARLSON

I think we found the best spot in the world," Al Wooten responds contentedly when a visitor marvels at the view from his and Betty's great room. Who's to argue? Right out the expansive windows are Bonaparte's Creek and uninhabited Bird Island. And on this late winter day, it's not difficult to imagine the Wootens' enviable vantage point for enjoying the parade of power and sailing yachts on pilgrimage to and from points south every spring and fall.

"We can sit here and watch the cruise ships come in and out of Little Kiver Inlet," Al adds, pointing toward the state line just to the south. And that adds special allure

for this active, travel-loving couple whose favorite vacation was to Australia and New Zealand and whose next planned adventure is a trip to the Amazon.

The view inside is pretty special, too, the result of Al and Betty's total involvement in designing their pink stucco Caribbean-style bungalow at Sunset Beach. Al, a retired AT & T engineer, and Betty, an accomplished designer and space planner, settled on their perfect spot after years of diligent land-shopping. They built a home at Carolina Shores nine years ago when Al retired after 37 years at AT & T. They sold it and moved into their new home near Bonaparte's Landing two years ago.

"We knew we wanted a Caribbean-style house with lots of windows to take advantage of the view," Betty says. "We enjoy all the light and openness here. And we're off the road, so it's quiet and peaceful."

They chose a casual and orderly interior design in hues of muted teal and dusty rose contrasted with dramatic accents such as dark paisley and floral wallcoverings and upholstery. The touches are decidedly professional, reflecting Betty's background as a housing and home furnishings instructor at Salem College and as a designer and space planner for numerous schools, hospitals, banks, offices and auditoriums. (See PROFESSIONAL, Page 47)



PINK STUCCO with white trim, the Wootens' stylish home overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway and Bird Island.

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