

PKS Homes Tour: New K4TW Event

By Jean McDanal

In last month's *Shoreline*, seven homes were highlighted that will be included in the Pine Knoll Shores Homes Tour to benefit Kayak for the Warriors. As promised, the remaining six are described here. The tour will be held on Thursday, June 5, from 3-7 p.m. Thirteen homes located on canals, the ocean or sound will be open for public viewing. The tickets are \$30 each, adults only. The ticket not only affords you the opportunity to see these beautiful homes, but also gives you admission to the silent and live auctions at the aquarium beginning at 7 p.m. Food and drink are provided. Remember that all proceeds go to Hope for the Warriors®. The homes described here are pictured on two websites: www.kayakforthewarriors.org and www.k4tw.org. Tickets are limited and are available at town hall or through our website, www.k4tw.org.

The following are brief descriptions of the remaining homes.

House No. 8, 128 White Ash Drive. This rambling yellow ranch home was designed to incorporate the outdoor and water views of the area. The large cathedral ceiling in the living room/sun room juts out from the rest of the house with three walls encompassed by ceiling-to-floor windows and four sky lights. All three bedrooms have views of the water and the master bath has a cathedral ceiling. Large picture windows grace the den, dining room and breakfast room, which also has a cathedral ceiling. Additional sky lights brighten the kitchen, den and screened-in porch. This house spans the entire width of the property, affording a view of the water from every room, and the many windows and sky lights create a bright and cheery atmosphere.

House No. 9, 130 White Ash Drive. This southern, low-country-style home was built in 2009 by local builder Bob Harrington of Homebuilders in Pine Knoll Shores. The home was designed by architect Arvis Barrow of New Bern, and features two floors of living space with ample room for entertaining guests and beautiful views of the canal. The great room is warmed by an over-sized fieldstone fireplace and features floor-to-ceiling windows that showcase the serene park-like setting. Off the master suite is a screened porch, which is a favorite place to relax in three seasons and provides a lovely view overlooking the canal and birdlife. Upstairs are three bedrooms, one with a private balcony.

House No. 10, 107 Pinewood Circle. This house on the ocean was built in 1996 by the original owners, Robert and Jane Page, from Vermont. Robert, an engineer, had considerable experience restoring colonial barns in New England, and the construction of this beach house on pilings is not unlike the post-and-beam construction often used in barns. The house has an open layout, with a loft-like open ceiling, lots of light, ceramic tile throughout for easy maintenance and 22 full-length windows facing the ocean. Sitting on 0.7 acres, this home has nearly 3,000

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Some Important DON'Ts When Buying a Home

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- Don't approach sellers directly. Call a professional REALTOR® and listen to his/her advice.
- Don't start until you have checked out neighborhoods. Know where you want to be. Remember, the three rules of real estate are Location, Location and Location.
- Don't compare your market with markets in other areas. Real estate is local.
- Don't insist on making a low-ball offer. Those days are over. Sellers are now asking reasonable prices in most cases. Making a low-ball offer may cost you the home of your dreams.
- Don't make an offer without knowing your financial position. Talk to your financial planner to see how much money you can easily move if you will be paying cash, or consult a loan officer to find out what you are qualified to borrow if you will need a loan.
- Don't start looking without a wish list. Know what things are absolute necessities for you and what things are negotiable.
- Don't look at homes way above your price comfort range. There may be a little negotiating room, but don't risk falling in love with a home you cannot afford.
- Don't buy so much house that you are house poor.
- Don't expect the seller to make an older home like new for you. Do expect reasonable repairs.
- Don't get emotionally attached. While buying a home is emotional, it also needs to be a good business decision.
- Don't assume anything. Make lists and ask lots of questions. If you don't understand the answer, ask again.

square feet of living space with three spacious bedrooms and three full baths—and an extra 1,500 square feet on the ground floor with room for four cars, a workshop and storage room.

House No. 11, 115 Pinewood Circle. This house, built in 1972, was designed by a local architect, James B. Willis, Jr., of Morehead City, as a beach vacation home for a family from Cleveland, Ohio. In considering the ocean environment, Mr. Willis selected raw cypress wood for the inside and outside of the house. Cypress was widely used in boat and ship construction in the 18th and 19th centuries because of its ability to deal with sea water. In the original design, much of a home's usual furniture, such as beds, cabinets and the dining table, is built into the structure. In 2005, house modifications designed by Richard Veseley made the house more comfortable for year-round residents while keeping the rustic theme.

House No. 12, 106 Chestnut Court. One step inside and it is obvious why guests call it the "Crayola House." Every wall in every room is a different jeweled color. Downstairs you will find artwork by local artists with a sprinkling of the owner's home state of Louisiana for a Cajun flavor. Love it or not, you certainly won't forget it. Built in 1983, its third owner welcomes you to feel a little bit of sunshine in your soul and benefit the wounded warriors at the same time.

House No. 13, 135 Roosevelt Drive. Found on the nostalgic sands once known as "The Isle of the Pines," this lovely oceanfront home at Roosevelt Beach sits where such landmarks as the John Yancey and The Pavilion once stood. The interior and exterior decor is inspired by the natural beauty of its surroundings. Margaret Nowell of Nowell and Company in Wilson has blended native colors, fabrics and classic interiors into a warm, enchanting home that accentuates the charm of Roosevelt Beach.