



This year, Galveston Historical Foundation's Homes Tour kicks off at Beachtown. It is interesting that a development as new as Beachtown would be the site of GHF's kick-off party. Traditionally, Galveston's history enthusiasts look forward to touring homes that often date back more than a hundred years and the launch party

starts at one of the historic homes.

Beachtown, an upscale coastal community on the Island's East End, is the new kid on the block with homes at only three to four years of age. The question is, how did Beachtown's homes find themselves among magnificent homes that that in some cases date back to the Civil War?

"In the architectural community, Galveston Historic District is the only place in Texas which can boast having its own architecture. Our commitment to honor the historic architecture of Galveston and seamlessly connect Beachtown to Galveston's Historic District has captured the attention of many visitors from all over the country," said Beachtown developer Tofigh Shirazi.

"Architecture is the reason we have the honor of hosting the kick-off party. Our architects have won many design awards for these homes which are all about preserving the elements of Galveston's architecture. If you look at them, you'll notice that these homes have used modern construction materials and

techniques in a very historically correct architecture."

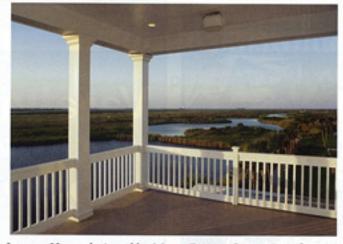
Shirazi said that there are five Beachtown properties that will be open at the kick-off party. "For us, it's a pleasure and honor to be part of this event and support the preservation of this Texas gem."

Dwayne Jones, Executive Director of Galveston Historical

Foundation. said that from the beginning, Beachtown has identified the character-defining elements of historic Galveston's architecture and put them skillfully into a modern format, "We work so hard to preserve those characterdefining qualities in Galveston, and he has managed to capture that at Beachtown," said Jones, "Other newer developments in Galveston are contemporary but do not have an eye toward the past, but Tofigh Shirazi used Galveston's past as the direction for designing Beachtown,"

Jones said that Beachtown is a reflection of a great deal of thoughtful development in designing homes that would fit into Galveston's architectural tradition. "The homes at Beachtown invite you to enjoy the architecture feel it, touch it," he said. "It shows there was a well thought out process to incorporate the traditional elements of our architecture to build homes that are modern, vet fit with Galveston."

The five Beachtown homes on GHF's kick-off party tour are all unique in their own regard. The so-



Lagoon Home designed by Moser Design Group, Beaufort, SC



Fisherman Shack designed by Michael G. Imber Architects



called Esther House, with its incredible interior coastal woodwork, enjoys breathtaking view of the lagoons, the nature preserve, and Galveston Bay. The Fisherman Shack, located in Beachtown's

Corner House designed by TND Architects

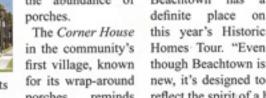
Village, is East masterpiece inspired by homes in fishing villages. The spectacular view of the Gulf and wide beaches of Beachtown are best captured by the abundance of porches.

in the community's first village, known for its wrap-around reminds porches,

one of Galveston's tradition of porch living. The Lagoon House, also located along the lagoons of the first village, offers a tower

which provides an amazing vantage point from which to view neighborhood activity and the Gulf beyond.

The exterior of the Positano Townhome is designed as a mix of coastal vernacular and new vernacular, while its interior is beautifully with relaxing decorated coastal furniture. The large porches on both the east and west side of the townhome are a perfect location to enjoy the splendid sunrise and



sunset views as well as the

surrounding nature preserve.

The Loft unit in the Town Center building is a must-see. Located on Beachtown Square, Shirazi considers these lofts as urban

living in a coastal environment.

He agreed that although it seemed that community should be part of a tour focusing historic the homes in Galveston. Beachtown has definite place this year's Historic Homes Tour. "Even though Beachtown is



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reflect the spirit of a historic neighborhood," he said.

For more information about Beachtown, visit their website at www.beachtown.com. For more information about the 2012 GHF Historic Homes Tour, visit www.galvestonhistory.org.



Town Center Lofts designed by MCA Architects, Austin, TX

Lagoon Home designed by Brown