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Press Release

BEACH & BAY COTTAGE TOUR SNEAK PEEK #7

The “Legacy House” showcases this family’s deep Sussex County roots.

(Bethany Beach, DE, June 16th, 2023): (Editor’s Note: This is the seventh in a series of previews of the homes that will be on display during the 31st Beach & Bay Cottage Tour to be held virtually July 16 through August 6, and for 5 preselected homes, in-person on July 26 and July 27.)

Named the “Legacy House” this 2020 canal-front home is a testament to the deep local family roots of the recently retired homeowners who grew up in Sussex County and whose ancestors have been in the area since the 1700’s. After living out of state for their careers, the owners returned to the area to build a home on the two lots purchased by her parents over 60 years ago.

Family was paramount to the owners in planning a spacious home with an open floor plan to enjoy with their children and grandchildren now and for generations to come. The home is bright and airy with tall ceilings and doors and is filled with treasured family mementos and antiques, many of which have been recycled and repurposed. A painted blue secretary in the dining area now serves as a fully stocked bar and a sheet music cabinet in the primary bedroom provides a perfect spot for storage.

The large granite kitchen island anchors all of the family activities in the main living area, while a spacious screen porch beckons from the rear of the house. A primary suite next to the living room provides full first floor living for the couple while upstairs guests enjoy three bedrooms, an adjacent lounge and open deck perched high in the trees. A slate patio down by the canal offers a cozy spot for s’mores around the fire pit.

This is just one of the outstanding properties that will be viewed by those who purchase tickets for the 31st Beach & Bay Cottage Tour. Like all 10 homes on the 2023 tour, this home will be available to be seen virtually by holders of both Combo and Virtual tickets. Each of the 10 homes will feature a professionally produced video which will offer Tour patrons with a safe opportunity to view each home as often as they want from *anywhere* during the three-week virtual tour

period. Special features include bird's-eye drone video footage and the ability to view the Tour on any internet-enabled device.

The 31st Beach & Bay Cottage Tour is proudly presented by Leslie Kopp and the Leslie Kopp Group, and this week's home is sponsored by Gold sponsor, Bruce Mears Design Build, who constructed this home.

Combo tickets are \$50 and Virtual-only tickets are \$35. Combo tickets are strictly limited to 500 tickets for each of the two in-person days of the Tour. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit the Cottage Tour's website at beachandbaycottage.com. The Cottage Tour is produced by the Friends of the South Coastal Library. All net proceeds directly benefit the library's operations.

[Photo caption: A highlight of this home's back porch is the 120-year old steamer shown here.]

For Inset Box:

What to Look For:

- Sunny gathering room with family treasures
- 120-year-old family steamer on rear porch
- Pet-friendly flooring, fabrics and resting spots