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A BUILDER'S HOME ON SIESTA KEY

Nick Ferguson of Ferguson Construction and his family love to spend time on the water, making the location of their Siesta Key home a perfect retreat for him, his wife Sara, and their two daughters. “We love to boat, and this lot really appealed to us since it’s on the Grand Canal, which feeds out to the Intracoastal Waterway and then the Gulf of Mexico,” says Ferguson.

The family commissioned World Design Inc. in Bradenton to draw up architectural plans. “I have a thing for modern design, but not a cold modern home, something warm and family-friendly,” says Ferguson.

The house is all concrete block with a stucco finish built onto a tight 50-foot lot, but it also has a great deal of warmth through wood detailing and organic landscaping.

“We used Cumaru for the exterior wood detailing, a durable Brazilian hardwood with a long lifespan,” adds Ferguson.

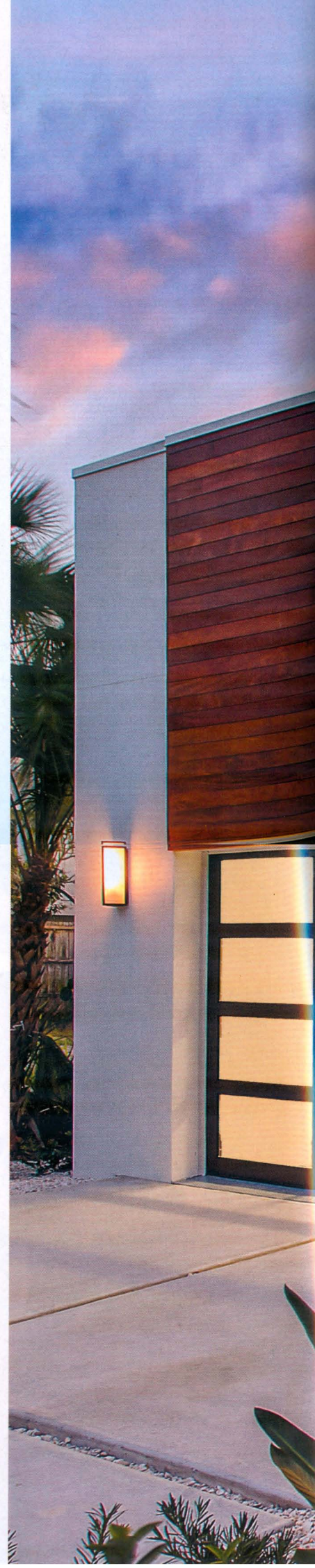
Crushed shells and native plants in beds soften the entry to the contemporary home. The garage door is made of high-impact glass. The Cumaru rain screen siding and the cantilevered floating architectural wood feature above the front door were created by materials from Advantage Trim & Lumber.

The interior, which has polished concrete floors and minimal clean moldings, is an open floor plan. The living area’s ethanol-burning fireplace surround has a television mounted in it; the finish is shiplap siding, a nod to the nautical.

Natural woods come in to play again in the kitchen’s flat-grain walnut cabinetry, as well as in laminated veneer lumber sliding doors with clear finish.

When it came to furnishings, Ferguson’s wife Sara collaborated with interior designer Jan Bullard. “I wanted the furniture to compliment the style of the home,” she says, adding, “we have young children so we wanted to keep it warm and comfortable for everyday family living”.

The main living spaces are furnished with comfortable pieces upholstered in Sunbrella fabrics, or made of Lucite and wood, all connected to the patio and backyard beyond via a window wall of four sliding glass doors.





Above: The master bathroom features custom cabinetry and floating shelves suspended from the large mirror. The pebble flooring in the shower and around the tub is by La Casa Tile. The Victoria Albert tub and Axor plumbing fixtures complete the room.

Opposite: All the home's bedrooms are located upstairs due to the narrow lot. The upper floor has white oak wood flooring laid down in wide planks by La Casa Tile. The hanging lantern light fixtures in bright Chinese red are by Currey & Company. Dressers with an Oriental flair match the style of the light fixtures and add a pop of color to the room's white palette.