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# Beachfront Beauty on the Pass

This project is an evolving retreat, inclusive of private space, guest accommodations, and Gulf-front entertaining within the context of a South Siesta ecosystem. It began with the renovation of the primary house, at-grade and truly connected to the site and the Gulf. We designed the circulation of the space using the owners' love of sculpture as inspiration.









A driveway can often detract from the feeling of garden, with the typical amount of space dedicated to impervious surface. In this project we paired native coralstone blocks with concrete paver units that protected the roots of the turfgrass between, allowing the driveway to be part of the garden introduction to the home. We used very little color and focused instead on textural contrast for visual interest, creating a calming effect as you walk through the garden. In the Gulf yard, we used dune specific plantings that blur the lines between beach and rear garden while giving privacy to the residence. property is paramount, as well as multiple pathways and destinations, for creating a feeling of both welcome and retreat.





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For the guest bungalow, we created a path system through a canopy of indigenous and native plants, culminating in a beautiful open view to the Gulf. We played with compression, scale, and layering of palm heights to create volume in these spaces. We sited a custom chickee hut as the destination for the pathways; it is a prime spot for entertaining and sunsets. We interspersed special tropical palms in and amongst the native palette, used native coralstone for the walkways, and beach sand for groundcover, creating the ultimate Gulf tropical garden with different views at each turn.







