



Comfort on the Coast



By Michelle Maresh

Photography by Jill Hunter, jillhunterphotography.com

 PATRICK BERRIOS OF PATRICK BERRIOS Designs, an architectural design firm, contacted Teri Pugh of Teri Pugh Studio, as Berrios felt Pugh was a good fit for a Chicago native transplanted Texan to create “The dream come true”. Sal Campise of Melrose Custom Homes joined the duo to build this magnificent Mediterranean inspired house, located on the Texas Gulf Coast in Galveston Bay just south of Kemah. The homeowners purchased a lot with an older home on it for the purpose of building at a later date, but when Hurricane Ike took it down, the plan to build became a reality sooner than expected. In the meantime, a few other properties nearby came on the market – allowing them to add a few other lots and a public road that actually became part of the property.





Interior Design/Exterior Design:

Teri Pugh Studio, Teri Pugh
teripughstudio.com

Building Designer:

Patrick Berrios Designs, Patrick Berrios
berriosdesigns.com

Builder:

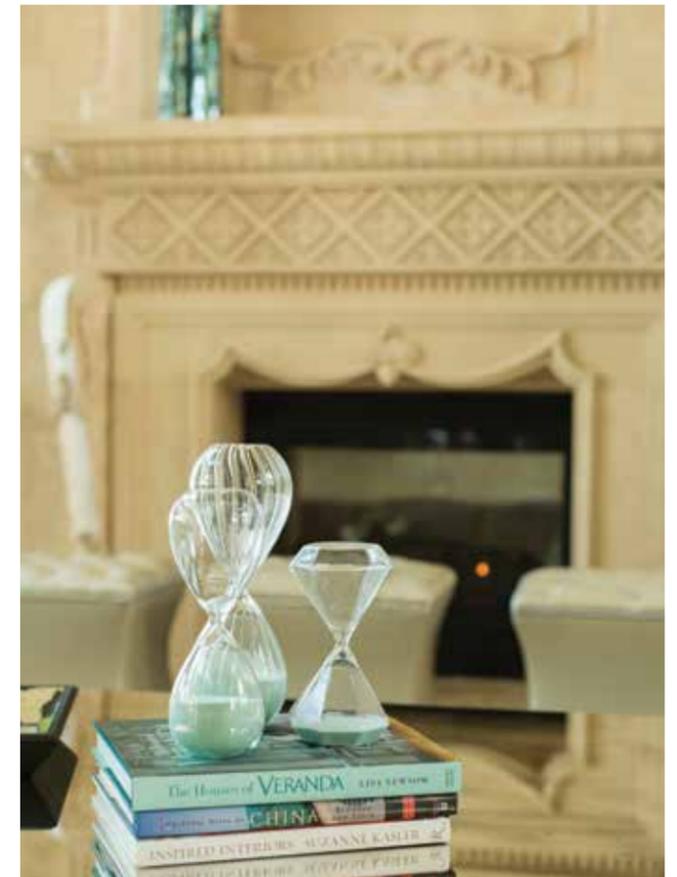
Melrose Custom Homes, Sal Campise,
melrosecustomhomes.com

**Tile, Flooring, Fountains,
Columns & Fireplaces:**

MCA Systems
mcasystems.com

Iron Entry Doors:

Cantera Doors
Canteradoors.com



In one of the first meetings that Pugh had with the homeowners, they were selecting the exterior door and grand transom. Then they concentrated on the interior walls; Ryan Fugate and Teri Pugh are the featured artists for all the hard surfaces and walls. Pugh and her team finished the walls in suede-like plaster with a light glaze to give it some depth. Pugh stated, "My signature wall finishes are meant to serve as a backdrop to everything else; they take backstage." Pugh wanted a light and airy feel – grounded by a fabulous rug with a geometric pattern that she and the homeowner both loved. Pugh explained, "We selected the colors and had it custom made. The furnishings are transitional, the sofas are grand and have a pearlized leather on the seats and a pearlized leather crocodile back with silver nail heads. The zinc columns are antique and from Aiden Gray and my artwork is over the fireplace. All furniture and accessories are through my studio and custom designed and fabricated for the client."

Pugh's studio added an antiqued finish to the center island designed by Patrick Berrios in his architectural plans. Pugh remarked, "The gorgeous walnut top with a profiled edge says – Hello!!! I am substantial!!" The arabesque style backsplashes from Walker Zanger are stunning. The gorgeous plumbing fixtures were obtained from Baths of America and all accessories, hardware and lighting are from Pugh's studio. The refrigerator doors are faux iron with art glass inserts. Custom cabinet doors were designed and brought to life by Clemente of Espitias Doors.



Copper Vent-a-Hood:
Lonestar Vent-a-Hood
custom-rangehoods.com

After this project, orange became the signature color for Pugh's studio. She stated, "It looks great with everything! This room combines whites, creams, orange, gray and greenish gray." The oyster shell spheres on the dining table are fun and very apropos for a house on the water. The table bases are mirrored and very transitional; the custom designed chairs have 3 different fabrics. The plaster ceiling is a metallic charred gray. Pugh explained that the homeowner had found the fixtures, and they just had to make them work; they are lovely and fun. Pugh had a custom chain made to give them a super custom look. The draperies are in the same charred gray with orange velvet accents. The homeowner was looking around for great ideas when she came across the Capiz shell chandeliers she loved. Together they decided that they wanted two of them for the dining room. Pugh exclaimed, "How much fun was that? I loved it – we are a great team. The homeowner chose those, and then the rest of the room came together.



“The trust between designer, builder, and homeowners is so important if you really want to get creative.”



Backsplash, flooring, shower tile & floor accents:

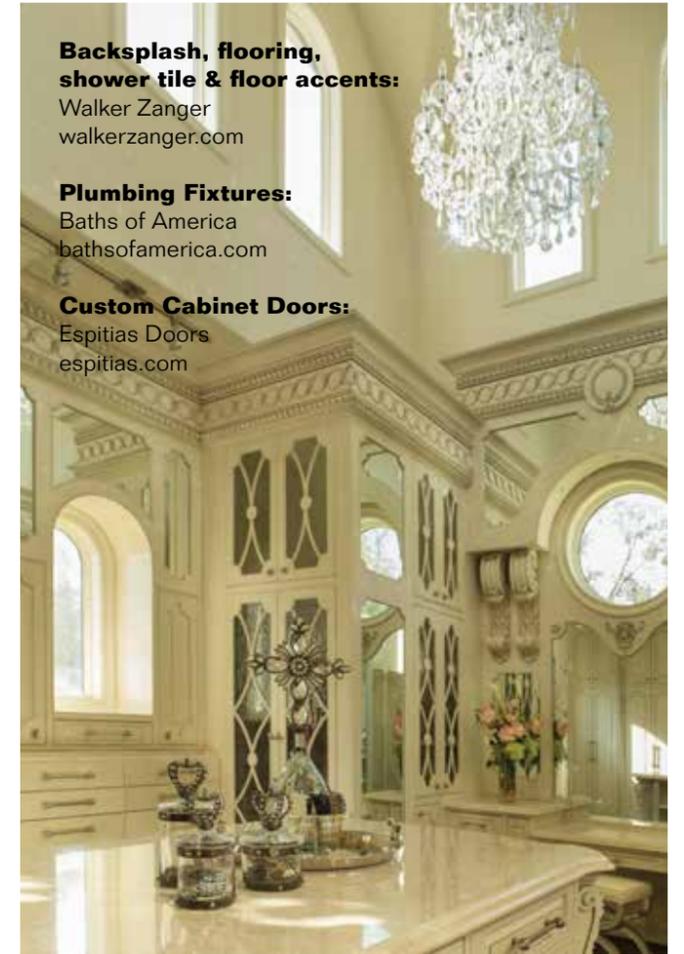
Walker Zanger
walkerzanger.com

Plumbing Fixtures:

Baths of America
bathsofamerica.com

Custom Cabinet Doors:

Espitias Doors
espitias.com



My team, the homeowner, the builder, and the subcontractors and vendors all working together to make these spaces what I love to term as unpredictable spaces. Things that you just would never imagine until you see it all together. The homeowners took a leap of faith with us. Because we think and create out of the box, the home is what it is. We can try to verbalize our visions, sketch or put together concepts, but until you see it you don't always know or see what the Studio is creating. I have it in my head, I can show It, but it is the faith from a client in my creativity that makes it work.”



The trust between designer, builder, and homeowners is so important if you really want to get creative. The homeowner loved everything Pugh presented, which allowed for them to be so successful. The walls in the master bedroom are finished in a metallic soft gold, platinum's, aqua and soft chamois chenille in an oyster color. The bedroom overlooks the bay, although every room in the entire house has a clear view of the water.



“State of the art technology throughout the entire home makes it cutting edge in terms of lighting, security and sound.”

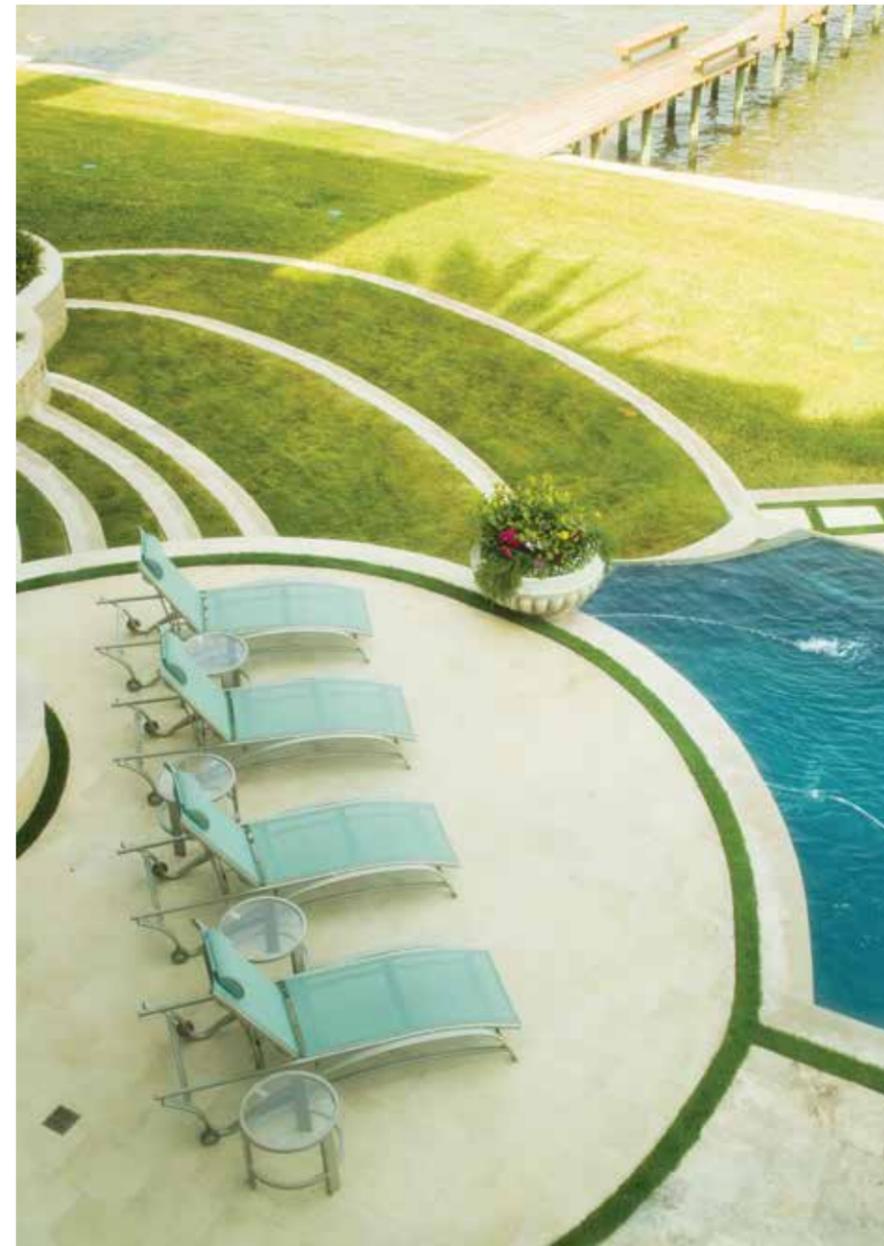
The theater is a reflection of the homeowner’s love for animal print; it defines her personality. Really not something to put everywhere, so the theater became their jungle fun! Leopard, zebra, cheetah prints cover panels and floors with alligator print on the custom leather theater seats. All the audio video work in the house was done by Premier Technology group. Every room has its own independent iPad which is the size of an iPhone. State of the art technology throughout the entire home makes it cutting edge in terms of lighting, security, and sound.

The back-of-the house is simpler than the formal areas, as this is where the homeowners spend time watching television and relaxing. However, there is one feature found here that is an absolute marvel of architecture; it is the back staircase that goes 3 stories high to the study.

While on vacation in Spain, the homeowner found a chandelier called Dolce Vita or The Good Life and fell in love with it, so it became the focal point and inspiration for the breakfast room and bar area. The same downscaled version was used in the railing, the window cut outs, and custom bar cabinets which feature a back lit custom leaded glass cabinet.



“Looking out at the water every night from this magical house, there is something beautiful to offer to everyone...”



Pool & Spa:
AJ's Landscaping
ajslandscaping.com

Outdoor Furnishings:
Leisure Collection
leisurecollections.com

Looking out at the water every night from this magical house, there is something beautiful to offer to everyone, especially watching the moon and the night sky while enjoying the lanai. Note one of the signature offerings from Melrose is the wood ceilings which transform the space into an inviting and warm place to congregate on the contemporary, comfortable Pavilion lounge chairs which were selected in the same aqua as the fire pit glass.

This home has 9,700 square feet of living space and 16,000 square feet of total covered area including a detached “Man Cave” which houses a huge tool and working area, a large warehouse that can hold 3 large boats, a poker room, circular staircase, and many other amenities. The facility allows the homeowner to fulfill his humble passion for fishing, taking advantage of Coastal Living. ■