

Step into 'Panache' and no one will want to leave

Panache – a word meaning distinctive and stylish elegance – is the name of the first home built by BD&A Realty & Construction in The Views at Corolla Bay. The new community off Ocean

Trail in Corolla held its official grand opening Aug. 8. "Panache" lives up to its name.

Every nook, cranny and amenity in the 5,889 square foot home was planned and designed by

Eric Avery, a carpenter by trade and president of BD&A.

"We wanted to do something different," he said. And they did.

A relaxed, pampered mood prevails throughout the house, beginning in the foyer with its hand-painted blue sky, white cloud barrel ceiling.

The great room has 10 eye-catching wall-mounted Egyptian-style horizontal fans with natural palm

leaf blades. Semi-transparent designer glass tiles border the huge entertainment center while a wall of Sun Glass Andersen Windows allows an unobstructed view of the Currituck Sound.

Regal white columns re-

flect off Brazilian cherry flooring and define the space between the great room and dining area.

The adjacent kitchen has shaker-style cherry cabinetry with a chocolate stain. Instead of doors that swing to the

side, the top cabinets' doors lift upward. Glass blocks strategically placed in the walls above the granite countertops permit diffused daylight.

Kitchen appliances include four Kitchen Aid drawer dishwashers, a stainless steel French door refrigerator, an eight-burner gas range, an under-the-counter wine captain and an icemaker. Something you don't see often in beach houses is a built-in Miele steam oven, which uses injection steaming to cook food and seal in vitamins and flavor.

"This was designed to be a chef's kitchen," said Avery. "Everything flows so multiple people can cook together, talk and always have a view."

The home's great room and kitchen are on the first floor, along with a master bedroom and office. On the ground floor is a soundproof media room with theater seating for eight, oak paneling and accent ceiling lighting.

There's also a recreation room, kitchen bar, air hockey table, pool table, Megatouch countertop video game and cabana bath.

"Panache's" six master suites and two-bunk master bedrooms are painted in bold colors – blue zephyr, key-stone gray, purple, iced tea and black and white. Goldfish are painted on the ceiling of the ground-floor bunk rooms and the adjoining bathrooms

"Panache" lives up to its name in the Ocean Hill community at Corolla. The masterpiece was planned and designed by Eric Avery.

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have Fish n' Flush toilet tank aquariums. They horseshoe around a standard toilet tank, have real fish swimming inside the aquarium and become a nightlight after dark.

Four of the master suites and baths are on the top floor and flank a comfortable sitting room overlooking the sound. One of the home's four kitchen areas is located here and incorporates a Miele built-in coffee system.

"You can wake up, relax, look out at the view and enjoy your morning coffee," Avery said.

Each of the master bathrooms has a twist. Some have elevated off-the-floor vanities with nightlights underneath. One has a cobblestone floor in the shower. Another shows a television that's built inside a vanity mirror across from a soaker tub.

The backyard of the "Panache" promises an artful escape. Overlooking the Currituck Sound, it features a tiki bar, a hot tub and a swimming pool with three waterfalls and a children's wading pool. Seashell patio pavers, glass tile, TimberTech decking and rails, a flat-screen TV and iridescent glass fish embedded in the pool add to its allure.

Other custom features inside the home include a Nutone central vacuum system, a Broan ironing center, a curved cherry stairway, textured walls and ceilings, glass, granite and Silerstone countertops and Italian floor tiles. All the rooms have specialty light fixtures and ceiling fans, including one with blades that fold over the light when it's turned off.

The home's exterior is covered with Certainteed siding and roofing shingles and trimmed with Plastic-Clad, silica fiber that won't rot, mildew, warp or deteriorate.

"The entire exterior is low maintenance and made for a coastal environment," Avery said.

Resting on a 16,000-square-foot wooded lot, "Panache" has a price tag of \$2.1 million, complete with furnishings from Exotic Cargo and a sound-side pier. The model will be included in the 2007

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Outer Banks Home Builders' Parade of Homes tour Oct. 4 through 7.

In addition to "Panache," BD&A – an abbreviation for builders, developers & associates – has 36 home sites for sale in The Views at Corolla Bay. Most are sound-front. They are priced from \$349,000 to \$749,000.

Raju Uppalapati, chief executive officer of BD&A, said they have prearranged financing available and, for a limited time, five of the lots can be purchased with nothing down and no payments for one year.

The Views at Corolla Bay has covenants and annual homeowners association fees of \$500 for unimproved property and \$1,000 for an improved lot. Buyers can choose their own builder or contract for a construction package with BD&A.

"We have one-stop shopping where you can get custom plans, architectural and

interior design services all in-house," Avery said.

According to Uppalapati, Corolla Bay is located in the last maritime forest in Corolla. The company is preserving 36 percent of the 90 acres as green space.

"The trees make a statement in here. There's lots of live oaks and maples, trees you don't see on the other side of the highway (Ocean Boulevard)," Avery said.

Like "Panache," the community is expected to have a distinctive and stylish elegance. Plans include streetlights, sidewalks, water features, two piers, beach parking with a bath house and a 90,000-square-foot commercial district with a village-style shopping center.

"We wanted to create a unique atmosphere that's different from other communities on the Outer Banks. Once you come here, you have everything you need. You can take your shoes off and park your car for a week," Avery said.

The Villas at Corolla Bay, a gated townhome community within the development, is on the books and awaiting town approval. It will feature a large courtyard with a pool and tennis courts and have three- and four-bedroom villas priced around a half-million dollars.

At its heart, the neighborhood is all about being on the water. Orange-sherbet sunsets reflecting across the Currituck Sound. Fishing. Boating. Crabbing. Swimming. Socializing. Dining.

"We're extremely proud of this community. We finally achieved our dream and it's exactly what we imagined for our customers," Uppalapati said.

To know more, call Uppalapati at 866-453-3634, visit www.bdahomes.com or tour "Panache" from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily.

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