

It's often difficult for many people to step back and acknowledge that they are simply one small part of a bigger picture. Marc Camens, however, is not one of the many. A creative thinker influenced by real-world realism, Marc strongly believes that his architectural contribution is just as important as the last man's on the construction crew. His design approach is different; it's a much appreciated breath of fresh air to his contemporaries, construction crews, and for the dozens of homeowners he now calls friends. Marc takes the business of creating life spaces seriously and knows the importance of his job in the holistic scheme of the homeowners' lives. His work is a reflection of his philosophy of listening to people's dreams.

After taking a five-week vacation to Seabrook Island in 1998, Marc sold his 18-year-old architectural practice in the Adirondacks and moved to the Low Country. He was convinced that no matter where he located his practice, people generally wanted the same things: attention and customization. Marc gathers as much information from his clients as possible during the initial phases of the design process. Pouring over photographs of architectural details they like, he finds out how they live and how they envision living in their home. Energized by the creative process, Marc most enjoys sitting down with a blank piece of paper to sketch the homes of people's dreams and aspirations.



“When homeowners start realizing the architectural impact of their house on the natural landscape, their outlook begins to change.”

—Marc Camens



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“I put a tangible design to my homeowner’s desires. Sometimes it’s exactly what they didn’t know they wanted.”

—Marc Camens



ABOVE, FACING PAGE & PREVIOUS PAGES: Warm woods combine to create beautifully defined outdoor living spaces with advantageous views. The geographic locale of my homes dictates the design sensibility of the outdoor spaces. Because we have beautiful weather most of the year and four true seasons, my homeowners desire to maximize the interior-exterior relationships of their homes.

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“My goal is to design dream homes for people to enjoy with family and friends, creating a sense of place for today and for future generations.”

—Marc Camens



LEFT & FACING PAGE: The smallest details of a home's exterior and interior have the biggest impact on its appearance. Well-placed windows flood the home with natural light, immediately enhancing and revealing all architectural details. Simply departing from the expected genre gives the homeowners and guests visual enjoyment. It is important to note that we have not deviated from Low Country style; we have customized it, making it exciting and memorable.

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“Sometimes it’s important to put blinders on when designing a home. What works for some families may not work for others. Families have to pay attention to their needs and wants, really focusing in on where they are right now. That is the key.”

—Marc Camens

LEFT & FACING PAGE TOP: There are certainly areas of the home to which more of your budget should go. Millwork is one of those areas. You will never second-guess your decision—excellently crafted millwork is timeless, classic, and always valued.

FACING PAGE BOTTOM: Low Country architecture leaves much opportunity to be creative. Because of its rich Southern history, it is a constantly evolving, beloved style.

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“An indoor space should connect seamlessly to the outdoor space.”

—Marc Camens



ABOVE & FACING PAGE: Outdoor areas are integral to homes built on water, and more often than not, these dwellings are vacation or secondary homes. These tertiary homes have one specific purpose: They are getaways from the stresses of everyday life. Most of the vantage points from inside the home are directed outward. Outdoor living spaces are truly meant to be as comfortable as indoor spaces.

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