



Architect Sam Guidry and purchasing manager Ronald Wiese Jr. in the home's third-floor master suite.

## Idea House open for public tours

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The view from the second-floor terrace is that of the back deck, patio and Mercer Mill Creek. Built around and designed to incorporate existing trees and made of sustainable North Carolina yellow pine, the back deck becomes part of the landscape. The patio is made entirely of pervious pavers, eliminating run off into the creek. Irrigation for the lawn and variety of native plants is provided by a subterranean drip irrigation system that uses water collected by a rain-harvest system.

"With normal rainfall, the irrigation will use no public water," Weeks said.

The water also feeds a man-made babbling brook, which constantly circulates the harvested rainwater as its pleasant murmuring sets a calming tone.

And while *Coastal Living* readers will have to wait until November to see what the Idea House has in store, anyone close by can see for themselves what makes this home so unique.

In addition to serving as a vessel for the latest and greatest in design and construction, the Idea House at Seawatch is also a means by which to raise money for Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw, a privately funded, nonprofit facility that provides residential and foster-care services for child victims of abuse and neglect.

Through November 29, the house is open to anyone who wishes to meander through its well-decorated hallways, gleaning from the collective expertise of the design team. Tickets are \$10 each and are sold at the house from noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. All proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Homes.

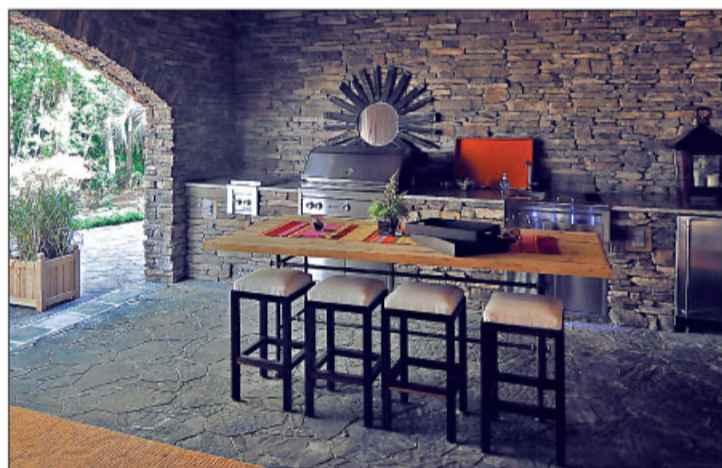
For more information about the Idea House or to purchase tickets online, go to [www.seawatchideahouse.com](http://www.seawatchideahouse.com).

For more information about Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, go to [www.boysandgirlshomesofnc.com](http://www.boysandgirlshomesofnc.com).

Set on Mercer Mill Creek, the Idea House is located deep in Seawatch. Posted signs lead the way from the gate house. Turn-by-turn directions should soon be available online at [www.seawatchideahouse.com](http://www.seawatchideahouse.com).



An open great room anchors the house's main floor.



An outdoor kitchen, furnished with Upanor radiant-floor heating, makes the most of the marsh-front view.

