

2019 Southern Shores Historic Flat Top Cottage Tour

The Southern Shores Historic Flat Top Cottage tour is back, and will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Tour tickets will be available on the day of the tour beginning at 1 PM at 156 Wax Myrtle Trail or 13 Skyline Road and gives you admission to all the cottages on the tour. Proceeds will benefit the Flat Top Preservation Fund of the Outer Banks Community Foundation. Tickets are \$10 per person, with discounts for purchasing more than one ticket (2 for \$15; 3 for \$20; and 4 for \$25.) The tour promotes awareness and need for preservation of these historic homes.

Frank Stick, (1884-1966), beloved Outer Banks artist and developer, obtained an option on the land that is now Southern Shores, and supervised the platting of lots, the installation of roads, and the design and erection of the first flat top cottages. These now quaint architectural houses were reminiscent of the cottages he had seen in Florida, and were of cement block construction, with wide overhanging soffits, propped up shutters, and flat tar and gravel roofs.

These historic cottages that once dominated the town's architectural landscape, will be featured in an afternoon of open houses. We are proud to offer homes of varying sizes, locations, styles, and finishes for a self-guided open house tour. Approximately 26 examples of this original architectural style still remain as flat tops in Southern Shores, of which approximately 10 will be featured on the tour. The attached photo is of "Oh So Sandy" cottage, still in the family of the original owner, located at 18 E. Dogwood Trail.

Balloons will mark cottages that are open on the day of the event. Parking will be available at the intersection of Wax Myrtle and Porpoise Run. From here, several cottages participating in the tour will be within walking distance of each other.

Information is also available at the Facebook page for Southern Shores Historic Flat Top Cottages:

[For additional information about the Southern Shores Flat Top Cottage Tour,](#) please contact Sally and Steve Gudas at 804-399-8342 or seaside1@gmail.com.