

Designer Profile

HDA, Inc. is committed to making your home building journey an easy one. To assist in the process, we compiled questions to ask nationally renowned designers and architects who have designed homes featured in this magazine. This issue we feature our cover home designer, Bob Chatham, president of *Chatham Home Planning, Inc.*



Bob Chatham of Chatham Home Planning, Inc. created this beautiful home plan. To see more of this design, including photos and floor plans, please visit www.houseplansandmore.com and search for plan #592-024D-0624.



Bob Chatham

Bob Chatham is a second generation home designer that has been in business for over 25 years. His architectural background is in coastal and historical homes and his homes have been featured in numerous books and magazines. He is best known for his Charleston Collection originally created for Charleston, South Carolina, but has now been built nationwide. Chatham has been a professional member of the American Institute

of Building Design for over 20 years and is also a member of the National Association of Home Builders.

DA: What does “home” mean to you?

BC: Home should be a place that is aesthetically pleasing, that is comfortable, secure and relaxing. Whether it’s cozy or expansive, a home should satisfy your desire for space, while having an inviting feel that flows from the indoor to the outdoor areas.

DA: What is the most important thing for a pre-drawn home plan buyer to know?

BC: New home plan buyers need to be aware of their climate conditions and their local building codes before purchasing a house plan. So, it’s best to check with their local building inspection department before purchasing a home plan to ensure it best fits their local needs.

DA: What is the most common mistake home plan buyers make?

BC: The most common mistake a new home plan buyer

can make is to purchase a plan when they should purchase a reproducible with the license agreement that allows them to adapt the plan to their local codes.

DA: What new concepts in home design are you seeing right now?

BC: I like to help customers design their home around energy efficiency and still retain the timeless warmth that reflects their personal taste. I recently designed the Baldwin County’s First National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Green Certified home, the “Fairhope Green Home Project”. This home was designed to include an Icynene insulation system, Integrity low-e windows, a water furnace ground source heat pump, McPhillips reclaimed antique cypress doors, EcoFinishes reclaimed heart pine flooring and many more green features, while keeping the beauty of a Fairhope Cottage.

DA: What can we expect from Chatham Home Planning, Inc. in the future?

BC: Chatham Home Planning will continue to create home designs that reflect our client’s unique style and help them to define energy efficient ways to build their new dream home.

DA: Is there anything else you would like us, and consumers, to know about building your dream home or Chatham Home Planning, Inc.?

BC: Your home should reflect your taste and the environment it’s in. There are technologies that can make your home substantially more efficient without compromising the architectural style that you like. And, don’t forget to try to have fun searching for your dream home.