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BEHIND THE WALLS

Pearce Scott Architects crafts a sought-after internal culture to design thoughtful forever homes.



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Multiple windows and an elongated porch foster an indoor-outdoor connection in this Palmetto Bluff home. Pearce Scott, principal, and Allison Bonner, associate principal, prioritize collaboration and have cultivated an internal culture focused on flexibility, intentionality, and relationships. A fresh take on classic Southern architecture results in double front porches and a monochromatic palette on this elegant home. Working in a range of styles, Pearce Scott Architects listens to clients to intuit their dreams, which sometimes manifest as classic Southern coastal homes, such as this grand manor.

Drafting a wow-worthy home requires more than a skilled hand. It takes creative thinking, knowledge of the site's topography, and passion for the craft.

For Pearce Scott Architects, it also takes a carefully cultivated team.

"There's no animosity or competition," says Allison Bonner, associate principal at the firm. "The more we bond as a team, the better the outcome of our projects. We all work together."

Eschewing the ego-clad connotations of its profession, Pearce Scott Architects ushers forth a vibrant community of vetted, eager architects, project managers, and associates to create Southern havens in some of the Lowcountry's most scenic settings.

"We're small enough that we meet every day about each project so everyone knows what's going on," says Pearce Scott, principal. "We're an interesting combination of creatives, old-school and current technology, and rigorous quality control."

With values including flexibility, intentionality, and relationship building, the firm is nurturing a process that sees projects positively impacted by a procured company culture, where the team is encouraged to ask questions, be imaginative, and laugh along the way. The casual-meets-professional nature of the firm fosters an atmosphere of inspired thinking that prompts clients to share their wildest dreams.

"Listening is critical," says Scott. "We pull ideas out of our clients instead of telling them how their home should be."

"Our mission statement is 'We draw life,'" says Bonner. "When our team members believe in what we do, the passion comes naturally through the designs."