

816 Eaton Street

****Docent 6 has 2 notes**

****Yellow tape should be used in upstairs Master bedroom to allow people to look out on deck only, no access.**

House	2,352 sq. ft.	Lot	3,863 sq. ft.
	4 bdrm. & 4.5 baths	Built	Between 1869-1872
	Classic Eyebrow House		Capt. John T. Lowe
	Mr. & Mrs. Gray purchased it in 2016		

Docent 1 & 2 At check in table on the porch

Mention to the visitors that this home has been awarded 2 ceramic star awards for excellence in preservation of a historic home.

Docent 3 Front door Gatekeeper

You will work closely with docent # 5 at base of the staircase to monitor the flow.

This style of house is either called an Eyebrow or Hooded House. The windows upstairs are partially covered by a sloping roof to shade the windows, making an eyebrow effect. This was originally created to assist with air circulation in the rooms upstairs, but as you will view later, it hindered the air flow. This is one of 100 such homes in Key West. The family call it their "Celebration of Life House!"

When you enter the original part of the home you will see all the Dade County Pine, that is resistant to insect infestation on the walls and floor. It has been beautifully preserved.

You can investigate the guest bedroom that is to your right and then go into the living room on the left.

Docent 4 Living Room

As you enter the living room be aware that this is the original part of the home. The far wall is where the home originally ended. The Nutcracker statue on the table in the corner is entitled Symphony in Sea Major by Christie Fifer. Christie Fifer also painted the 2 bicycles in the room. Notice the subtle birds taking flight over the windows.

You will then go to the base of the stairway to go upstairs.

Docent 5 Stairway base Gatekeeper *must work with Docent 3 and 6 to monitor traffic flow.*

The staircase and railing are original to the home.

As visitors come down the stairs point out the butler's pantry and the laundry room.

Docent 6 Stairway upstairs Gatekeeper *must work with Docent 5 to monitor traffic flow on the stairs.*

To the left of the staircase is the 2nd guest room that you can view. Notice the interesting ceiling in the guest bedroom. There is a cabinet in front of the original door to the servant's quarters. Now it is a bathroom.

Then go across the hall into the original Master Bedroom.

Docent 7 Original Master Bedroom

As you enter the Original Master Bedroom you will notice the lovely woodwork above the entrance to the deck. Also see the deck and roof have recently been redone. The deck is a perfect place to relax above the pool area.

Docent 6 Stairway Gatekeeper

Remind people to be careful going down the stairs.

Docent 8 Kitchen / Great Room

Make sure the accordion doors stay closed.

You have now entered the addition to the original home. The butler's pantry is the main storage area for this kitchen. This is a wonderful entertaining kitchen. You are still part of the party as your guests congregate in this room or just outside. The wonderful granite is called Dalmatian. The custom mahogany accordion doors open so that the outside really does become part of the great room. Notice the neat glass fish hanging from the ceiling.

Visitors will enter the 2nd Master Bedroom and exit out of this room.

Docent 9 2nd Master Bedroom

This is the 2nd Master bedroom with bath. This room and the kitchen wanted to continue the theme of using pine on the walls and floors. But because Dade County Pine is no longer available, they got a pine that is like the rest of the home. This room is also blessed with the custom accordion windows. You will be able to experience the outdoor area by going through them.

Make sure they watch their step.

Docent 10 Pool deck

This lovely Pool deck area is great for entertaining. The pool is more relaxing with its own waterfall.

Docent 11 Eating area and Fireplace

After dipping in the pool and sunning yourself it is time to eat something. Even on the chilly nights we have had lately, you can be warm and cozy in front of the fireplace.

Be carefully exiting down the stairs on out through the driveway.

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