

# TROPICAL SPLENDOR

## *The Baybreeze by Alvarez Homes*

Photography by Jorge Alvarez



The red barrel tile roof and large loggia with its double doors give this Alvarez Home a distinctive look that welcomes visitors.

**T**HE BAYBREEZE IS A MASTERFUL BLEND OF contemporary design, natural materials and sunny citrus hues. It was built to accommodate elegant entertaining, intimate dinners and poolside parties with ease.

As you step into the two-story entrance and parlor, a tropical plantation-style home unfolds. The windows soar up from polished travertine floors to reveal incredible views. The soft neutral tones of the walls give them a gallery effect that is ideal ▶



◀ Mazas Design Gallery in Dunedin decorated the home to take advantage of the large windows and the beautiful views beyond.

The stairway to the second floor guest suite and the adjacent front doors by Artistic Doors give the home a style that is reminiscent of the West Indies.



▲ The kitchen is both elegant and functional. Alfa Cabinets built and installed the luxurious cabinets that have the look of fine furniture.





◀ This fan from World of Lighting and the door and window treatments by West Coast Shutters are ideally suited to help capture the romantic feeling of this private sanctuary with its panoramic views.

for the artwork and other finishing details in the 4,225 square feet of living space.

The home follows European techniques, such as the ornate plaster moldings and architecture that is traditionally used in West Indies' homes. Throughout the home, dark wood cabinetry serves to counterpoint the light-colored floors and walls. To enhance the plantation look, caning has been applied to some of the cabinets, and bamboo ceilings have been used to give texture to the lookout retreat.

You can see nautical elements in the café columns, the kitchen backsplash and the leisure room fireplace. There is a tiki bar in the lanai area, which adjoins the terrace decking and leads to the pool and spa. This open area is ideal for at-home entertaining.

The second floor guest suite is separated from the luxurious master suite, family bedrooms and study by a bridge. A private area on the third level provides a secluded sanctuary that features a fireplace and has a panoramic view of Tampa Bay.

The Baybreeze has successfully interpreted the idyllic lifestyle of the tropics by using handcrafted accents with a design that takes advantage of the home's waterfront location. ■

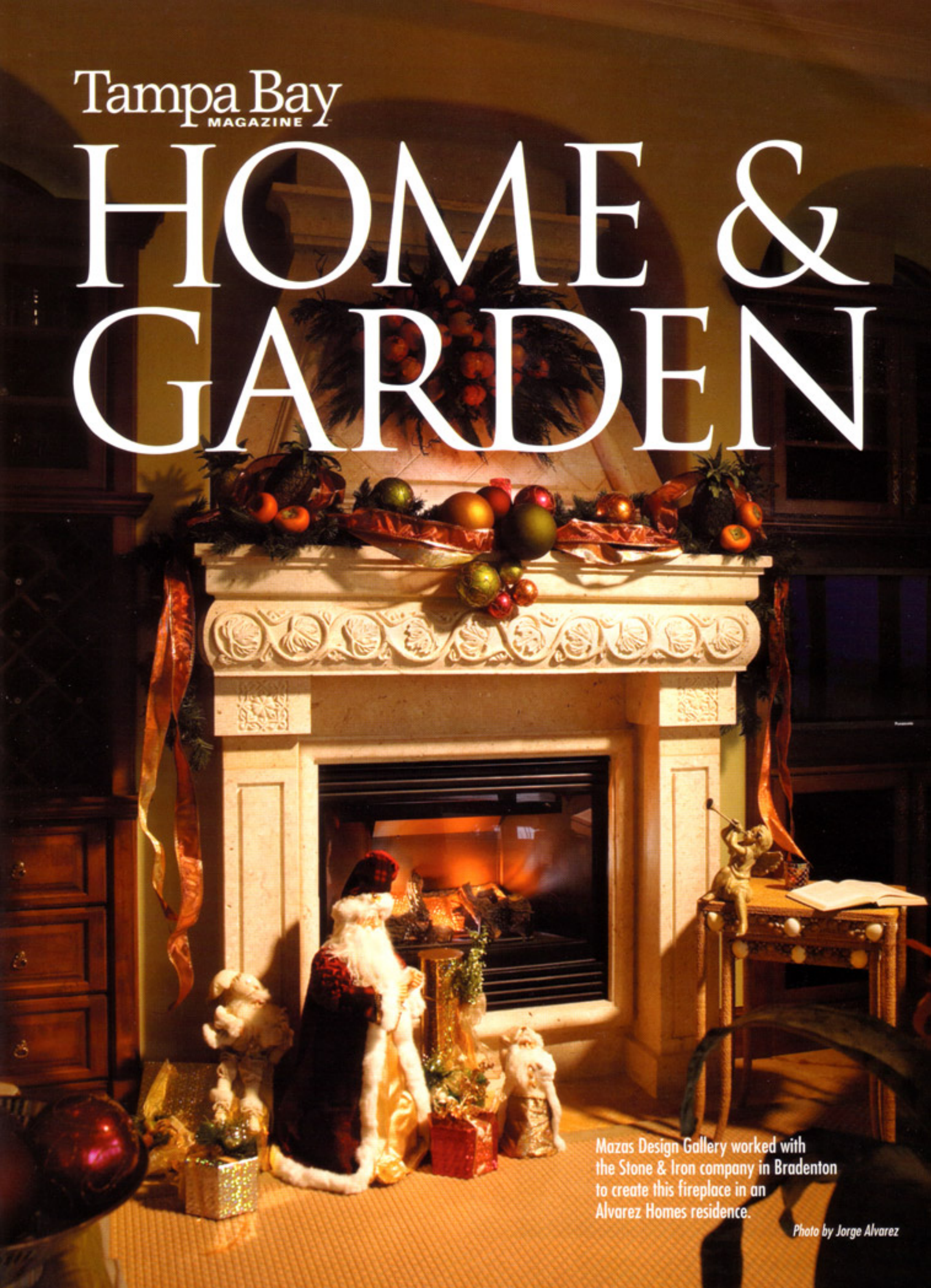


◀ The Stone and Iron Company's fireplace surround and Mazas Design Gallery's decorations make an artistic statement about the quality and architecture of this home.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Baybreeze was built by Alvarez Homes at The Reserve on Old Tampa Bay, (813) 969-3033.*

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Mazas Design Gallery worked with the Stone & Iron company in Bradenton to create this fireplace in an Alvarez Homes residence.

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