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Marco Island Furniture, Mattress, and Design Store

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— ADVERTORIAL —
By Marco Island Gazette Staff Writer



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With its spacious showroom, friendly welcoming faces and its unbeatable low price guarantee, Marco Island Furniture, Mattress, and Design Store is a true one-stop local shop. “We can now go from the floor to the ceiling with bedding, furniture, custom cabinetry, lighting, window treatments and accessories such as art, rugs and some carpeting,” says Greg Sumer, who owns the store in Marco’s Pelican Plaza with his son, Richard. About a year ago, the company more than doubled its showroom

space and increased its lines to 150 famous brand names. They include Tommy Bahama, Lexington and Bassett (furniture) as well as mattresses by Serta, Beautyrest Black (the top-of-the-line bedding option with cooling foam and triple braided springs), Spink & Co. and Dunlopillo.

FURNITURE ACCESSORIES • 150 MAJOR BRANDS



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Greg, left, and Richard Sumer, right, stand in part of their spacious showroom. Submitted Photos

Customer favorites include motion furniture, recliners, Murphy beds, sleep sofas and sleep sectionals, while the window treatment department works with four different companies who supply shutters, roller shades and any other window treatments customers are looking for.

“We’re now actually a Furniture, Mattress, and Design Center,” says Richard, while Greg emphasizes that the low price guarantee is the real deal.

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difference,” he says.

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On top of all this, Richard adds, the store is basically geared to coastal and island design. “We listened to our customers and tailored our offerings to what they are looking for,” he says.

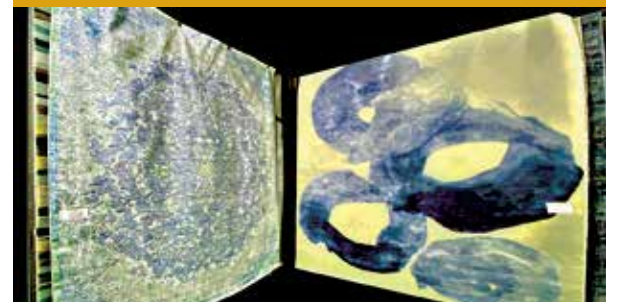
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SEAWALL SMARTS

Multi-faceted Imperial Marine Construction Leads The Way

By Marco Island Gazette Staff Writer

Waterfront property owners who need seawall repairs or replacement needn't look further than Marco Island's own Imperial Marine Construction.

The same goes for docks, decks, boatlifts, rip-rap, tie backs, pile wraps, repairs and maintenance - all of which carry free estimates as well.

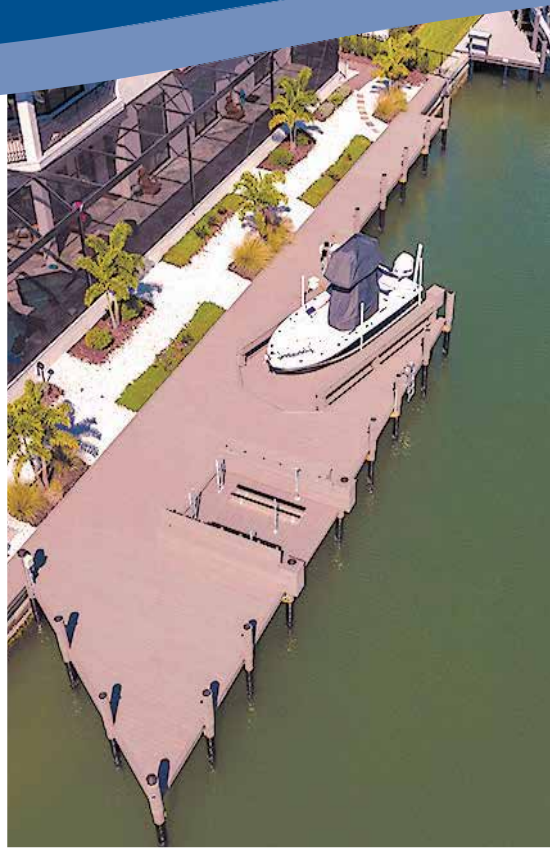
The company, just approaching its 10th anniversary of quality work on the island, concentrates almost exclusively on durable, virtually indestructible vinyl as its material of choice for seawall jobs.

"My wife and I are new to Marco Island and we could not have had a better experience with our dock being built and we're so happy with our decision to go with Imperial Marine Construction. The cost for our dock was very reasonable and it's rare to say but we feel we got our money's worth and a beautiful dock."

— Thomas R. Marco Island

Why vinyl?
"Because vinyl is final," says Bernice Clark, who handles all the permitting for the company as well as managing the office for the hands-on father-and-son team of Rafael and Carlos Montanez.

Bernice points out that concrete vs. vinyl costs are about the same on a vacant lot, but that concrete construction costs way more when there are houses present.



This is because construction must be done from the waterside, and because of staging issues caused by fewer and fewer vacant lots being available for this purpose on the island.

A vinyl seawall has a warranty of between 35 and 50 years (concrete typically has no warranty other than a year on workmanship); vinyl will not warp or fade over time; it handles hurricanes and storm surge well, especially when placed in front of the existing concrete (as is usual and typical), and installation time is about the same.

In an era of increasing environmental concern, says Bernice, vinyl is perfect because it doesn't decompose.

Vinyl is maintenance free, unlike concrete's seams that degrade, barnacles have a harder time clinging to the surface, and aesthetically vinyl is simply more pleasing.

When you call the company, point man is Bryan Russell - who has decades of experience in marine construction.

Bryan will explain the technicalities, such as how the tough vinyl sheets interlock and are sunk deeper than the concrete counterparts.

He's also an expert on all the other facets of Imperial Marine's services, and notes too that extended "land decks" are becoming increasingly popular with waterfront dwellers on Marco. "They add more living space," Bryan says. "They tie everything in, and it looks really clean."

Vital to every construction company, of course, are reliable crews. Imperial has long-serving, specialist crews for docks and for seawalls, for example.

This, Bernice says, fits with the company's motto of "Where Great Price and Quality Work Meet."

For more information, visit their website at ImperialMarineConstruction.com or call Bernice at 239-272-3152. Bryan's e-mail is bwr.imc@gmail.com, and his contact number is (239) 272-6952

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Sheena Brook

J. Robert's 10,000 Songs from the 10,000 Islands Show • March 6, 2023

Celebrating Florida Women 6:30-8:30 pm open at 6 at Margood Harbour Theater in Goodland, Florida, with songs and stories. This month's feature artist, Sheena Brook, was selected for NBC's Season 12 of The Voice where she was handpicked by Adam Levine. Since her appearance, Sheena has moved on to partner with several Multi-Platinum Songwriters and Artists and is also the founder of The FEM Collective, and organization that hosts events in support of women and equality in the music industry.
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Gallery Reception March 14, 5:30 pm-7 pm

La Petite Exhibition Oswaldo Ventura • March 6 - April 4, 2023

Ventura exhibited in galleries and museums in North, South and Central America and Europe. A native of Lima, Peru, Ventura's paintings depict the people and the adobe pueblos of the Peruvian countryside.
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Key Marco Cat Smithsonian Exhibition • Now - December 3, 2023



After traveling through time and space to return to its birthplace on Marco Island in Southwest Florida, the world-famous Key Marco Cat will remain at home for quite awhile longer. Visitors to the Marco Island Historical Museum (MIHM) now can view the enigmatic feline through April 2026. An unprecedented five-year loan extension by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History continues the original 2019-2021 loan for another five years. This is the longest period of time that the Key Marco Cat has been on loan to any other institution ever. Carved from native hardwood, the Key Marco Cat was created some 500 to 1,500 years ago by Southwest Florida's early Calusa people or their Muspa ancestors. For the first time since its discovery, it is reunited with other rare pre-Columbian artifacts discovered on Key Marco in 1896 during a Smithsonian sponsored archaeological expedition led by archaeologist and anthropologist Frank Hamilton Cushing. This expedition produced some of the greatest discoveries in the history of North American archaeology. Because they were buried in an oxygen-free layer of muck, the rare wooden objects were astonishingly well preserved. Many began disintegrating upon exposure to the air. However, expedition artist Wells M. Sawyer recorded their original details and colors in field photographs and watercolors. Surviving artifacts and field recordings provide extraordinary insight into the lives of the Calusa Indians who dominated Florida's Southwest Coast and controlled South Florida when the Spanish arrived in the 16th Century. Since their discovery, the returning Key Marco artifacts have been preserved by the Smithsonian and University of Pennsylvania (UPENN).

Comedian Jim Florentine at Arts Center Theatre • March 10, 2023

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Ingredients

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- 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup all-purpose or other flour
- 2 tablespoons panko bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Nonstick cooking spray

For beans and sauce:

- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 pound fresh green beans, rinsed, trimmed and halved
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 12 ounces mushrooms, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup half-and-half



1. Preheat the oven to 475 degrees F.

2. Combine the onions, flour, panko and salt in a large mixing bowl and toss to combine. Coat a sheet pan with nonstick cooking spray and evenly spread the onions on the pan. Place the pan on the middle rack of the oven and bake until golden brown, approximately 30 minutes. Toss the onions 2 to 3 times during cooking. Once done, remove from the oven and set aside until ready to use. Turn the oven down to 400 degrees F.

3. While the onions are cooking, prepare the beans. Bring a gallon of water and 2 tablespoons of salt to a boil in an 8-quart saucepan. Add the beans and blanch for 5 minutes. Drain in a colander and immediately plunge the beans into a large bowl of ice water to stop the cooking. Drain and set aside.

4. Melt the butter in a 12-inch cast iron skillet set over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms begin to give up some of their liquid, approximately 4 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and nutmeg and continue to cook for another 1 to 2 minutes.



Sprinkle the flour over the mixture and stir to combine. Cook for 1 minute. Add the broth and simmer for 1 minute. Decrease the heat to medium-low and add the half-and-half. Cook until the mixture thickens, stirring occasionally, approximately 6 to 8 minutes.

5. Remove from the heat and stir in 1/4 of the onions and all of the green beans. Top with the remaining onions. Place into the oven and bake until bubbly, approximately 15 minutes. Remove and serve immediately.

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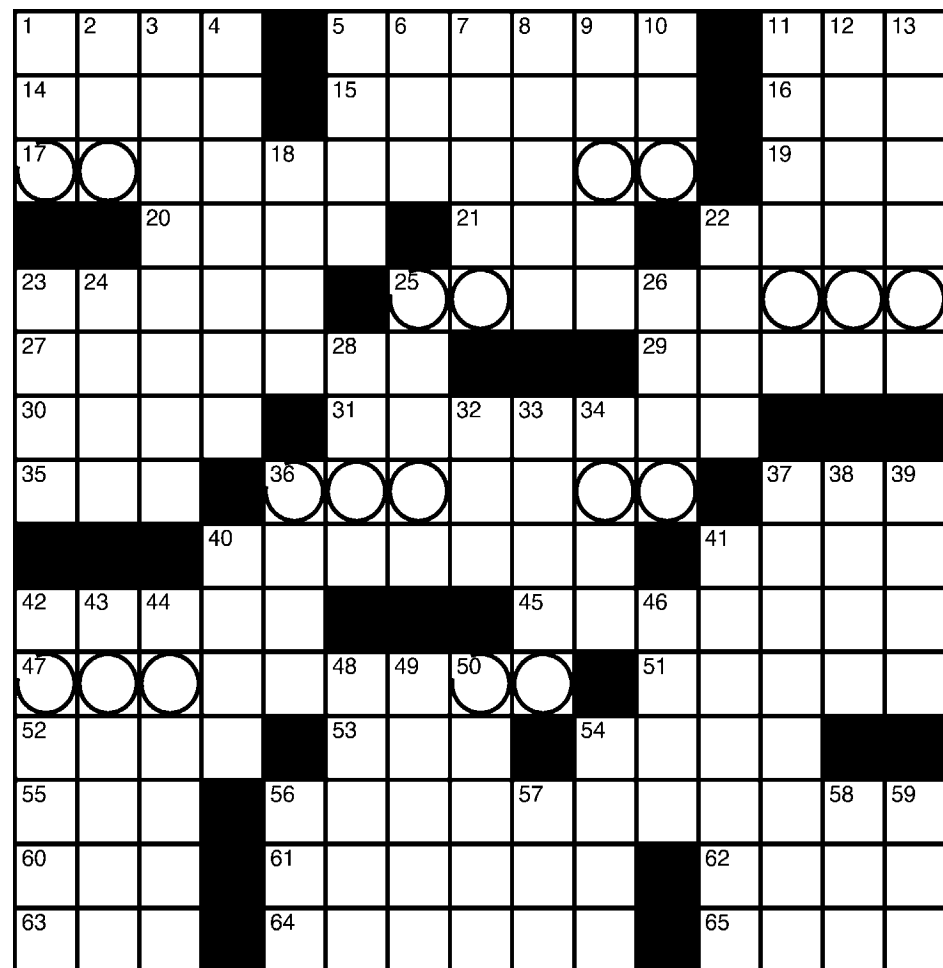
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| 1 California wine region near Sonoma | 1 Capture |
| 2 Not quite | 2 Knock the socks off |
| 11 Zamboni surface | 3 Tadpole |
| 14 Nowhere to be seen, for short | 4 Hay fever, e.g. |
| 15 Simple shelter | 5 "Marriage Story" actor Alan |
| 16 Prom rental | 6 Actress Thompson |
| 17 *Performer who may wear harem pants | 7 Regal home |
| 19 Lob's path | 8 Promptly |
| 20 "Star Wars" heroine | 9 Rudder's locale |
| 21 Taylor Swift's "___ Song" | 10 Only Canadian MLB city |
| 22 If not | 11 Firenze locale |
| 23 Tree frog sound | 12 Swear words |
| 25 *People in a love-hate relationship | 13 More than necessary |
| 27 Transmission choice for driving uphill | 18 Cry of pain |
| 29 Stockpile | 22 Television award |
| 30 Chips ___: cookie brand | 23 Tartan-sharing kin |
| 31 Creme Egg candymaker | 24 Santa's jolly syllables |
| 35 Hearty holiday drink | 25 Physically delicate |
| 36 *Body-lifting exercises | 26 Disneyland hat pair |
| 37 Spigot | 28 Sore |
| 40 Ambushed | 32 Genetic material |
| 41 Corn Belt tower | 33 Construct |
| 42 Storybook brutes | 34 Bun, e.g. |
| 45 Tracks down | 36 Wine barrel |
| 47 *Veers from the straight and narrow | 37 Giggled self-consciously |
| 51 Pet rabbit's home | 38 Smart ___: know-it-all |
| 52 Wallop | 39 Swanky |
| 53 Feel crummy | 40 Like disappointing coffee |
| 54 Carpenter's clamp | 41 McMuffin meat option |
| 55 Source of milk for pecorino cheese | 42 Think too much (about) |
| 56 Dieting advice, and what the answers to the starred clues literally do | 43 Old-___ forest |
| 60 Time zone word: Abbr. | 44 Ebb |
| 61 Dined at a bistro, say | 46 Rather smart |
| 62 Nerd | 48 Cook in some olive oil, say |
| 63 That lady | 49 Tugs at a fishing line |
| 64 Tinkers (with) | 50 Choir section |
| 65 Avant-garde | 54 November honorees |
| | 56 Pic taker |
| | 57 Shade on a color wheel |
| | 58 Plead |
| | 59 Big ___ Country |

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Marco in Bloom

The City of Marco Island's Florida Friendly Landscape Award is Promoted by the Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee.

With the objective of encouraging the planting and beautification of landscapes compatible with our unique South Florida climate and weather conditions, every year the Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee promotes the Marco in Bloom contest among homeowners and homeowner associations. Florida Friendly and Florida Native plants are encouraged while always matching the right plant with the right place. The Florida Friendly or Naturalized plants are plants that can establish well in Florida but their place of origin is outside Florida. Florida Native plants naturally occur in our region. Through the years, these plants have developed dependent relationships with wildlife, fungi, and microbes within our environment.

This year the properties to be included in the contest are Residential Single family homes, personally and professionally landscaped, Cul-de-sacs, Commercial Properties, Condominiums and Institutions. Property owners can self-nominate their residences or nominate their neighbors. Visitors and residents are welcome to participate by nominating a property.

The criteria to select each year's winners are creativity, use of color and contrast, adherence to Florida Friendly and Florida Native plants and foliage, minimum use of standard Florida grasses, water conservation and curb appeal.

Nomination forms can be found inside this publication of the Marco Island Gazette on page 2 or at Mackle Park. Complete the application by March 11th, take 1 or 2 non-returnable photographs and email them to dwin@cityofmarcoisland.com or mail them to Diadre Wint, City of Marco Island / Marco in Bloom at 50 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, FL, 343145

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