

## Editor's Note

Two of my favorite things come together in this, our first ever official Home & Garden issue – home and wine. You thought I was going to say gardens, didn't you? Ha.

I had my fill of gardening last spring when I transplanted about 5 million ferns from my dad's yard, where they seemed so happy and carefree, to my own, where they still seem a bit tentative. I planted them all around two of the huge old oak trees that grace our yard. Took me about 15,000 weekends to do it. And then we decided to have the trees pruned. I'm down to about five ferns now, but I'm hopeful they'll be fruitful and multiply.

That's also what I thought would happen to our grass now that there aren't so many bushy oak limbs hanging overhead. We do have more weeds, and this time of year they're really quite pretty, sprouting little purple flowers. I've now decided that all plants started as weeds and if I care for my yard full of weeds diligently enough, one day the garden club ladies will declare my plants to be the real deal and crown me the Queen of Green. The greatest of these is hope, right?

I may not know my way around a garden, but I think



I've tapped into some pretty awesome talent to bring you some great stories about beautiful homes and gardens of the Golden Isles. Harlan Hambright's photographs of wine cellars of the Golden Isles aren't to be missed, and neither is Ben Galland's gorgeous photo essay on porches. Makes you want to grab a tall glass of lemonade (oh, OK, chardonnay) and head for the porch swing.

In fact, that'll be a great place to sit and read an entertaining profile of Mary Garrison, written by Mary Helen Moses, and Cameron Wicker's sweet tribute to her good neighbor, Mike

Parmelee. It's also a nice place to get acquainted with our two newest contributors, Flo Packard Anderson and Thomas Brinson, who share their expert opinions on two of life's greatest pastimes, cooking and golfing. I do hope you'll enjoy the time you spend wandering through these pages, and y'all come back to see us any time, you hear?

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