

This Old Love Shack

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As teens growing up in Philadelphia in the late 1960's, twin brothers George and Gerard Lex loved spending their youthful, carefree summers in Wildwood, dreaming those blissful days would never end. They slowly began to make that dream a reality when they rented the house humbly resting at 226 Hoffman Ave. in North Wildwood circa 1975. "The Shack," as it was dubbed, was considered the ultimate beach hut and resided in front, with an efficiency in the back, separate from the house. This was referred to as "The Love Shack." The efficiency modestly consisted of one room with a kitchenette and bathroom (not filled with abundant space but overflowing with the sounds of the surf and the sea just the same).

In 1995, the Lex brothers finally purchased the house on Hoffman Ave. They tore down

the existing structure in 2005, with the new structure complete in 2006. The once-humble abode is now a two-story, two-car garage home, with four bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms and two decks (and, of course, a great shore-inspired view to always remind them where they are). The renovated property began a new era for the Lex family, as the home built with love and dreams now has central air and a heating system, making it the perfect year round home.

George is a self-employed financial planner, which provides him and his family with the benefit of more shore time. Gerard and his wife Cynthia live in northern N.J. and have long-term plans to move closer to the shore, where the whisper of the waves makes their sanctuary by the sea the ultimate place to call Home...



George & Gerard Lex in 2004 in front of The Shack for its final summer.



Feb., 2011~ George, Dolores & Paul Pavlishing, Cynthia & Gerard Lex on a winter visit to their shore house. The Pavlishing's fondly remember the "Love Shack". They both agree, along with their friends, the owners, that the new home is like living in lap of luxury!



226 Hoffman from the same view as top photo, 25 years earlier, long before the seawall was put in.

