



The Bay Haven Inn

Labor of Love is a Dream Come True for Tammy Holloway

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When Tammy Green Holloway (Alpha Lambda) was an undergraduate at Radford University, she relished executing chapter events and bringing people together. Now she puts those skills - learned in AΣT - to work as an innkeeper in scenic Cape Charles, Virginia.

After years in hectic Northern Virginia as an event planner for the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, Tammy met her husband Jim on eHarmony in 2004. Jim, an Air Force career man, and Tammy, a master gardener and hospitality expert, shared a dream to operate a bed and breakfast. After Jim's mother passed away, the Holloways decided not to wait any longer – and put their plan into action.

Jim and Tammy bought the Wilson House in 2011, a historic Colonial Revival home. It was built in 1906 in Cape Charles, located on the Eastern Shore of Virginia (best known for Chincoteague Island and its wild ponies). The area is primarily accessible via the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Tammy and her mother Sarah, who is also a gardener, led the charge in cleaning up the mansion's overgrown yard and gardens. It took six months of hard work by the

Holloways to bring the landscape to Tammy's standards of excellence. Inside, guest rooms are named for original occupants of the house. Tammy has found a surprising new talent in interior decorating and has enjoyed furnishing the home with items that appeal to her taste and to the style of the early 20th century. The Bay Haven Inn of Cape Charles opened last year.

Tammy, who was National President Chris Covington's New Member Educator, has been able to bring together many of her passions in this "labor of love": her husband, of course, who works for the Coast Guard as a civilian; meeting new people and helping them connect with others; philanthropy, in this small community where she volunteers teaching gardening to children; and sorority, where not long after arriving in Cape Charles, she discovered that Alpha Lambda sister Beth Davis lived four doors down from the Bay Haven Inn. She says that this move to a somewhat remote area, where there are an astonishing four AΣT alumnae, has shown her that Alpha Sigma Tau is "always with you, and always nearby".

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