More light, less heat. The phrase perfectly describes Shady Haven, the design choice for lots that face north or south. With windows on those exposures, and expansive volume ceilings, this 1432 square-foot home feels light and airy — so airy that just opening windows will cross ventilate every space. No “hot spots” here, just lots of Florida sunlight. With room to move in two bedrooms, two baths, great room, family room and kitchen, the house also offers year-round outdoor comfort in a large screened porch with a northern or southern exposure. Surrounded by palm trees or tucked into the pines, Shady Haven has a real Florida feel.

The Designer Thomas R. Wood, AIA, is an associate professor of architecture at the University of Florida and a licensed architect. He specializes in the energy aspects of building design and has demonstrated those practices in many homes — including his own. In these designs, Wood sought economical solutions to the energy-efficiency equation without sacrificing spaciousness or aesthetics.

Judges' Comments Excellent energy response and space planning. A lot of house in 1400 square feet. Dutch hip roof makes it look even bigger. Excellent wall and window shading. Clever concealment of ductwork through sloped ceilings.