

CASA GRANDVIEW HISTORY



In an effort to be part of the revitalization of Downtown West Palm Beach, the Grantham family relocated to the Grandview Heights Historic neighborhood in 2004 from Prospect Park, after residing over 40 years in the **Palm Beach area**.

The Main Casa Grandview residence was originally comprised of two private historic homes, previously located in the Hillcrest neighborhood, as part of the \$5.5 million Palm Beach International Airport Project, consisting of over 70 homes to be relocated due to noise control.

In 1993 the two homes were moved and placed on two separate foundations by Rod Tinson and David Romaine to the secluded "no name alley" off Georgia Avenue where it stands today.

In 1999-2001 the two homes were renovated as one residence with the historic architecture maintained and preserved, by Paul Newman, Building Contractor Historic Renovations and Steven Kettle, Realtor, with a future Bed & Breakfast in mind called Casa Grandview. The Grantham's have since brought this original idea to fruition.

The Historic Estate Home and grounds, located at 1410 Georgia Avenue was occupied solely by the Grantham family until November, 2010 when the West side of the home was converted to Casa Grandview Bed & Breakfast Inn.

The West Side of the house (1925 Mediterranean Revival Style) now houses the common areas for the Bed and Breakfast Inn: living room, home theatre room, library, turret staircase, storage, terraces, front loggia, and three Casa Grandview Inn guestrooms with private baths with suites on the main, mezzanine, and penthouse levels.

To date, the East Side of the main house (1919 Mission Style) currently houses the Casa Grandview Bed and Breakfast Inn Kitchen, Dining Room, office, outdoor terrace, and owner's quarters located on two levels.

The Sundance Spanish Mission Bungalow was purchased and renovated at the time the main house was attained by the Granthams. Two spacious B&B Inn Suites are housed in this charming 1925 Spanish Mission Bungalow surrounded by white picket fence and inviting charm: Sundance North and South Suites. The two properties were joined by the Grantham's, unified as one with a Unification of Title.

After the Casa Grandview and Sundance Bungalow were purchased, soon thereafter two additional cottages were added. These are currently known as Native Seagrass Island Cottage, one of the oldest homes in the area, adjacent to the Main House, and Old World Charm Guesthouse to the rear of the main house.

These two bungalows were renovated and converted into vacation rentals, followed by Key West Tropical Cottage, and Bahama Breeze Caribbean Hideaway located on P Street, behind the main house.

These homes were initially rented as annual leases, until the Grantham's discovered a great need for vacation rentals for seasonal and extended stays, versus a typical hotel room in the area. As the economy worsened, with higher property taxes, and mortgages, and maintenance repairs, short term rentals seemed a logical choice.

In 2005 Casa Grandview Luxury Vacation Resort Homes was born after designing lush tropical landscaping and grounds into a tropical oasis compound with onsite owners.

In 2008 the Granthams had the opportunity to purchase the 1948 Art Deco Property building on New York Street (across the street from main house) and after renovation it currently houses five stunning and spacious 1-2 BR Art Deco Cabana Suites: (Urban City Chic, Coastal Seaside, Barefoot Ocean Breeze, Tropical Haven and South Beach Cabana Suites). Hence the name changed to Casa Grandview Luxury Vacation Resort Homes & Suites.

This historic property is representative of the 1925 Paris Exposition des Artes Decoratif, generally credited as the inspiration for expressing architectural modernity through the Art Deco style. The verticality of buildings was emphasized in the late 1920s and 1930s by rectilinear, geometric surface ornamentation.

In 2007, two additional homes across the street from the main compound, located on Florida Avenue, Casa del Artista Craftsman Bungalow & Casa del Artista Cottage, purchased in 2005 were added as vacation rentals. Thereafter, the Grantham's Casa Bella City Classic Retreat & Casita was added which is 8 blocks south, for a larger home option to travelers.

However in 2010, in response to the down economy and changes within the travel industry, the Grantham's chose to move forward with the Bed & Breakfast Inn, offering travelers the option of shorter, nightly stays with the Historic designation.

Hence, the name was changed to Casa Grandview Luxury Historic Inn, Cottages, & Suites, converting the main house into an historic inn, adding three additional bed and breakfast guestrooms in the Main House and two additional guest suites in the Sundance Spanish Mission House, for nightly rentals providing an alternative choice for travelers, versus weekly stays in the vacation rental cottages.

Whether traveling for leisure or pleasure, travelers worldwide have found Casa Grandview to be their premier choice accommodation in West Palm Beach!

All Casa Grandview Florida accommodations are beautifully appointed and reflect the contemporary charm and historical style of this West Palm Beach resort boutique inn.

Today this luxurious urban city retreat offers a "home away from home" with its historic charm, quaint "no name alley" with architectural and design details, while surrounded by lush tropical landscaping and pools, giving the feeling of being on a tropical private island, with all the state -of-the-art amenities and services of a four or five star hotel resort within minutes of beaches, waterfront, and West Palm Beach city attractions and nightlife