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Widow's estate sells for \$37.4M

Mary Montgomery's 'Sans Souci,' bought with her late husband, stretches from ocean to lake.

By DARRELL HOFHEINZ
Daily News Real Estate Writer

Socialite Mary Montgomery's ocean-to-lake estate at 1600 S. Ocean Blvd. has sold for more than \$37 million, according to a deed recorded Friday.

Montgomery and her late husband, attorney Robert M. Montgomery Jr., bought the 2½-acre property in 1988 and completely rebuilt a historic house there. Christened by the Montgomerys as *Sans Souci* — French for "without care or worries" — the estate lies about ½ mile south of President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago.



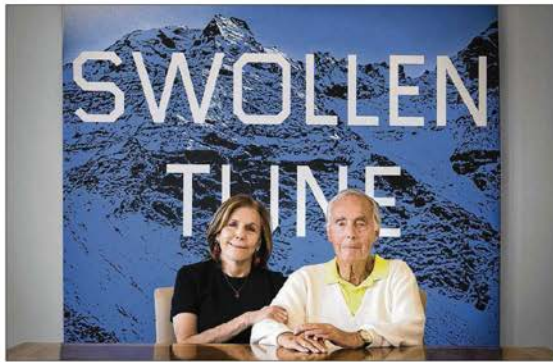
The buyer was a widow at center of Florida limited liability company named after the property's address and managed by West Palm Beach real estate attorney Maura Ziska, the deed and business records show. No other information about the buyer was immediately available.

The price recorded with the deed was \$37.375 million. The property had been for sale with an asking price of \$46 million since September. The Mediterranean-style mansion and outbuildings have 26,251 square feet of living space, inside and out, property records show. The property has 300 feet of beachfront and nearly the same amount of frontage on the Intracoastal Waterway. The Architectural Commission last month approved a demolition request for the buildings to clear the lot.

In addition to the main house, the seven-bedroom property includes a guest house and other outbuildings set amid landscaped grounds with multiple water features and ponds. Among the outdoor amenities are a swimming pool and a lap

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THE ART OF THE GIFT



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Judie and Howard Ganek, in front of Ed Ruscha's 1997 painting, "Swollen Tune," have pledged to donate their contemporary art collection of more than 100 works to the Norton Museum of Art to mark the reopening of the expanded facility in February.



Photo by JACEK

Damien Hirst's untitled work made up of scores of butterflies radiates from a wall, while Antony Gormley's "Hold It" crouches on the Ganeks' floor.

Norton to receive 100-plus works

By JAN SJOSTROM
Daily News Arts Editor

Judie and Howard Ganek haven't spent much time at the Norton Museum of Art over the years. That said, it might come as a surprise that they've promised more than 100 works from their art collection to the West Palm Beach museum that's under-

dergoing a \$100 million Norman Foster-designed expansion.

It certainly stunned Hope Alsow, executive director and chief executive officer. The Ganeks, former Palm Beachers who now reside in

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Miami man guilty of stalking woman for 31 years

Former ballerina left island months after incident at Seabreeze home.

By DAPHNE DURET
Daily News Staff Writer

It was the night after Christmas in 1987, just before 9 p.m. on Seabreeze Avenue, and Elizabeth and Mark Schulhof had just returned to their vacation home from a dinner out with their two

young sons.

Elizabeth Schulhof remembered that she was with her 7-year-old boy and was headed to check on the 12-month-old baby she'd left behind with a nanny when she heard a knock on the door — one that took her back more than two decades and

left her frozen with fear.

"From the minute I heard the knock, I knew it was him," Schulhof, 48, told a Palm Beach County jury last week. "I don't know why I just knew."

She said the man at the door

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On guard at Mar-a-Lago

A Secret Service agent stands guard Saturday morning outside President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club. The president is expected to wrap up his visit today. See story, **A2**.

Greg Lovett / Daily News



Duchess scales her castle's wall

Emma Manners, the Duchess of Rutland, made lots of friends on her past visits to Palm Beach, during which she talked about her devotion to restoring Belvoir Castle, her husband's ancestral home. But devotion, as it turns out, is a long way up — and

down.

Wanting to give her Instagram followers a better idea of her enormous undertaking, the duchess scaled the walls of the enormous manor and then rappelled back



Shannon Donnelly

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SEAFOOD SMASH



Courtesy of Coyo Taco

Diners are a crazy about Coyo Taco's tacos. The Dish, **A5**

CHANGING TIMES

1992 cartoon foresaw blurring of real and fake news. Cartoonistry, **A8**

GARDEN TENDERS

Mounts' spring benefit raises money for education programs. **B10**

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RESCUES AND REPAST

Peggy Adams sponsors Chamber breakfast. **B2**

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Business



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Above: Up Markets head Samantha David accepts the Town Beautification Award for the Royal Poinciana Plaza from the Palm Beach Civic Association's John David Corey.

Left: Coyo Taco's grand opening March 28 reflects one of the recent positive changes at the Royal Poinciana Plaza.

Meghan McCarthy / Daily News

Royal Poinciana Plaza earns beauty prize

Palm Beach Civic Association recognizes successful effort to rejuvenate "tired, worn-out" shopping center.

By **MATT MORGAN**
Daily News Staff Writer

Palm Beach is a beautiful place by any metric.

The streets are adorned with large, gorgeous palm trees. Many of the buildings were designed by world-famous architects. And the island is flanked by the vast, blue Atlantic Ocean. So win-

ning an award for beauty in a place such as Palm Beach is special, said Up Markets head Samantha David, who accepted the Palm Beach Civic Association's Town Beautification Award on behalf of the Royal Poinciana Plaza on Monday at the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum.

"Everything on this island is beautiful," David said to the hundreds of

people in attendance. "If we were winning this in Boston, I don't think we'd be so excited. (It would be a) much lower bar."

For years the shopping center just over the Flagler Memorial Bridge was a mostly vacant plot with minimal businesses. It was a "tired, worn-out plaza," said award presenter and the Civic Association's Beautification Co-Chair-

man John David Corey.

Up Markets transformed it into a vibrant gathering place with well-groomed courtyards and 50 businesses, providing a reason for people to drive over the north bridge.

"The extensive plaza improvements and beautification efforts will be a lasting legacy for Palm Beach," Corey said.

David said it's every-

thing she hoped for and more. "I try not to get emotional when thinking about the plaza," she said. "It's not a great look for a developer to cry about a shopping center."

But even with everything they've accomplished so far, they're not done. One big, looming issue is the still-vacant Royal Poinciana Playhouse. Up Markets officials recently

told the Town Council that the deal they hoped to get done with a new tenant has fallen through and they are back to searching. They've come a long way, but they still have a lot of work to do, David said.

"We're happy, but we're not that happy," David said. "This is just the beginning of our journey."

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