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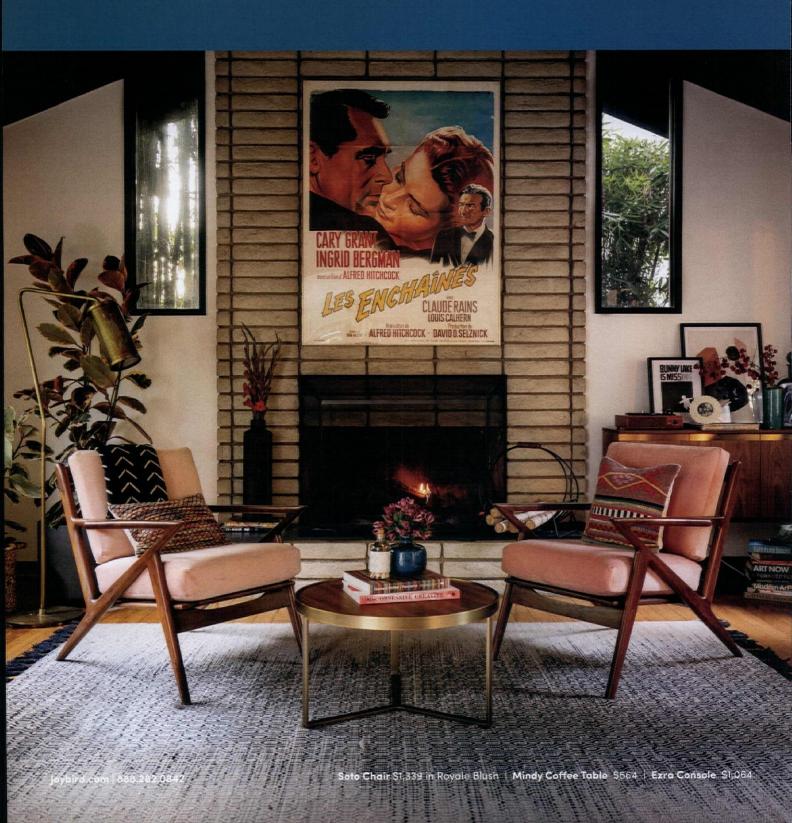


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# MODERN COMFORTS

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This issue is a celebration of the hard work of several homeowners, designers, makers and builders. It's filled with homes where months of blood, sweat, tears and choices have produced lovingly restored and revived mid century gems. It's filled with art and creations of craftsmen dedicated to producing beautiful objects that might become the collectibles of tomorrow.

I myself will be slowing down a bit too. By the time this issue goes to print, I'll probably be doing my own savoring and appreciating of the new little life I've been working hard to produce all year. I'll be spending this winter at home with her and leaving this magazine in the lovely expert hands of my trusted companion and joy of a person, Lindsay Jarvis, who'll man the ship for a few issues while I'm gone.

So cheers to a hard-fought year and cheers to the continued strength to keep fighting into the next. I hope these pages inspire you to celebrate and appreciate what you've created in 2020: Maybe it's an updated room or two, maybe it's a new home altogether or maybe it's a vision of what you'll manifest for next year.

Jickie Torres

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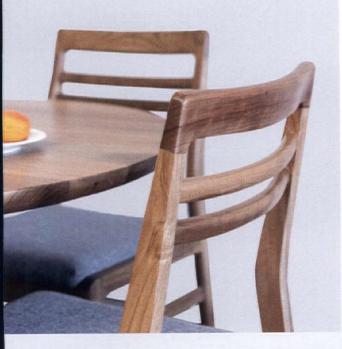
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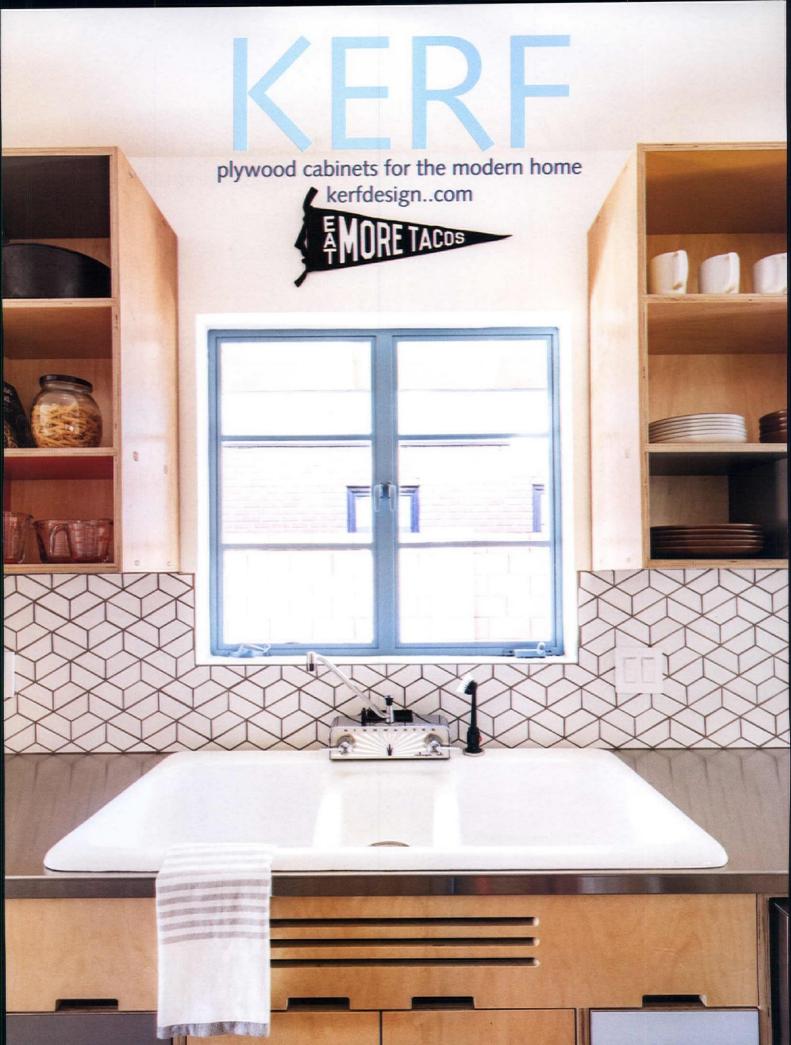
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#### Elementary

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Correction: In our Exterior & Landscape special issue, there was an error in the article "The Ease of Hardscaping." The image on page 116/117 does not correspond with the home featured and was printed in error. We regret the error and sincerely apologize to the parties involved and for any confusion.



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### Mid Century Modern kitchens

offer so many of the amenities 21st-century homeowners crave, including open floor plans and stylish storage solutions. But even for homeowners who adore their vintage homes, their kitchens may still be lacking some much-needed features, like abundant counterspace and upgraded appliances, and a thoughtful remodel becomes a must-do.

That was the case for the kitchen in this 1965 St. Petersburg, Florida, ranch. Marked by a few upgrades in its 50-plus-year history, the kitchen wasn't fully meeting the needs of its current homeowners. Brooke Eversoll of Bee Studios was brought in to lead the update for clients with a specific wish list.

### **EXPANSIVE LAYOUT**

"The clients' main desires were a more functional kitchen overall, which included a dishwasher (the current kitchen didn't have one), a more expansive layout, more counterspace and seating for two," Brooke says. "They also wished to remove the floating laminate floor and restore the original terrazzo surface. They were expecting their first child, so they turned to me as their kitchen designer and a recent mom for all the tips and tricks for a functional space with a newborn."

THE OWNERS OF THIS 1965 FLORIDA RANCH HAD SPECIFIC AIMS FOR THEIR KITCHEN REMODEL. IT NEEDED TO BE FUNCTIONAL FOR THEIR GROWING FAMILY, WITH ADDITIONAL COUNTERSPACE, SEATING FOR TWO AND A DISHWASHER. BROOKE EVERSOLL OF BEE STUDIOS WAS SELECTED TO UPDATE THE KITCHEN TO MEET THESE GOALS WHILE REFLECTING THE HOME'S MID CENTURY ROOTS.

### /REAL HOME 101/-----

TYPE OF HOME: 1965 Florida Ranch

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BACKGROUND: This original kitchen had seen only small updates since its 1965 construction, so it wasn't entirely functional for the homeowners, a couple with a new baby on the way. Brooke Eversoll of Bee Studios was brought in to rethink the layout and usability while still respecting the kitchen's mid century roots.

COLOR SCHEME: Earthy natural tones of green, brown, cream and gray

INNOVATIVE IDEA: Brooke opted to hang mismatched yet complementary light fixtures in the kitchen as opposed to hanging a matched set.



ABOVE: ONE OF THE HOMEOWNERS'
TWO DOGS, GRYFF, LOOKS RIGHT
AT HOME ON THE NEWLY RESTORED
TERRAZZO FLOOR. BROOKE WORKED
CLOSELY WITH THE TILE LAYER TO COME
UP WITH A RANDOMIZED LAYOUT FOR
THE CUSTOM BACKSPLASH. CEMENT
TILES ARE ACCENTED WITH BRASS
LINERS TO CREATE A TRANSITION
BETWEEN THE PATTERNED AND SOLIDCOLORED SECTIONS.

# WHAT MAKES

- Restored original terrazzo floors
- Natural wood finishes
- Vintage-style light fixtures

Brooke reconfigured the layout by shifting walls, and she opened up the space by removing soffits. The gas range became a focal point with the addition of a custom tile backsplash. The refrigerator, concealed with custom cabinetry, was placed next to the pantry and microwave drawer for easy food prep. A furniture-style island with abundant workspace and seating for two was installed, as were double dishwasher drawers. "This house waited 55 years for a proper dishwasher—no handwashing bottles in this kitchen," Brooke says.

### CREATING YOUR STYLE

The designer found inspiration in the 1950s and '60s for the kitchen's finishes and styling. Earthy shades of brown, green, cream and gray were used throughout. Mismatched matte-finished pendant lighting was installed over the island. The custom cabinetry was color-blocked in a nod to modern art and design. "Color blocking is one of my favorite design elements; I use it a lot when I want to create visual interest and repetition," Brooke says.

With its mix of contemporary functionality and vintage sensibilities, the sixmonth project was completed just weeks before the homeowners' son was born. "The clients desired a fashion forward and truly one-of-a-kind kitchen for their young, growing family," Brooke says. "A space that balanced their style and brought in the perfect shades of earthy naturals—greens, caramels, tans, creams and grays. They were not afraid to take risks, and it paid off!"





(ABOVE, RIGHT) BROOKE OPTED TO INSTALL COLOR-BLOCKED CUSTOM CABINETRY IN THE KITCHEN. MOST OF THE CABINETS ARE FINISHED IN SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PEWTER GREEN, WITH WHITE OAK VENEER ADORNING ONE SET OF CABINETS AND THE BASE OF THE ISLAND. "THIS SECONDARY FINISH DID TWO IMPORTANT THINGS: IT LIGHTENED THE OVERALL SPACE AND ALLOWED THE EYE A PLACE TO REST AND TO MOVE THROUGH THE SPACE," BROOKE SAYS.

(BOTTOM, LEFT) IN A NOD TO THE HOME'S MID CENTURY ROOTS, THE HOMEOWNER INCORPORATED A MAPLE SLAT WALL INTO THE DESIGN TO COMPLEMENT THE KITCHEN. THIS ACCENT WALL FACES THE FRONT DOOR.









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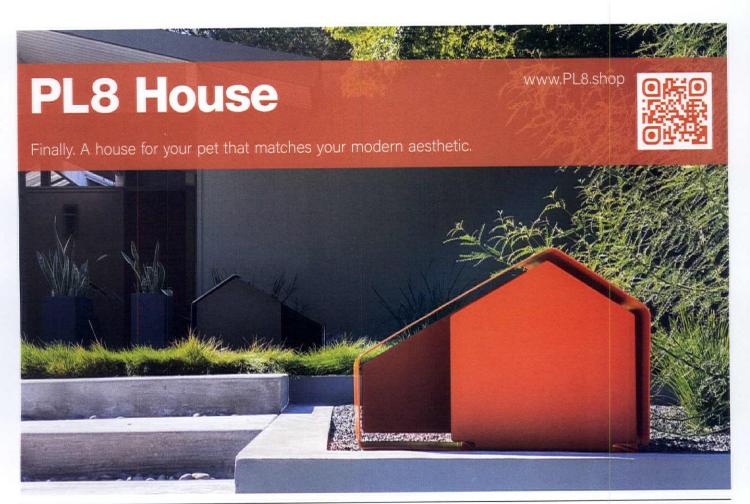
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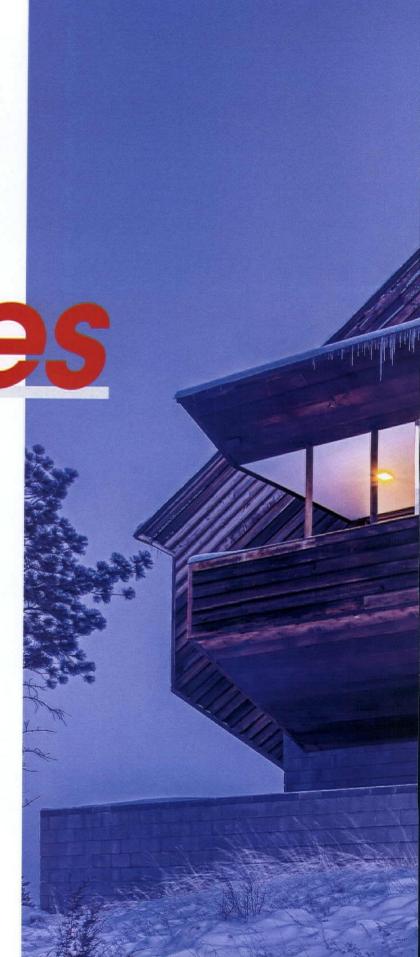
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# Rising from the Ashes

Designed by a renowned
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originally commissioned
by an esteemed Mid
Century Modern artist, this
mountaintop home went
through a rough patch before
being restored to its full glory.

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ABOVE: THE UNUSUAL CAST-IRON FIREPLACE IS ORIGINAL TO THE HOME. THE TILES THAT SURROUND IT ARE ALSO ORIGINAL AND WERE RESTORED BY MAX AND KEITH.

OPPOSITE: THE EXTERIOR OF THE HOME IS ORIGINAL, MADE WITH CENTER-CUT REDWOOD. BECAUSE OF ITS DRY AND BRITTLE NATURE, MAX AND KEITH HAD TO CONDITION THE WOOD BY USING A SPECIALIZED OIL ON THE HOUSE. "THE WOOD SOAKS UP THE OIL," MAX EXPLAINS. "WE HAD TO HAVE THREE APPLICATIONS OF CONDITIONING OIL. WE WILL HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR." TO MAINTAIN THE EXTERIOR, THEY PLAN TO REPEAT THE PROCESS EVERY THREE TO FIVE YEARS.



"I ALWAYS WANTED A BRADY BUNCH KITCHEN," SAYS MAX, WHO WENT WITH A GROOVY AVOCADO AND ORANGE THEME, AND AT HOME DEPOT, THE SALES REPRESENTATIVE WHO HELPED HIM? SHE WAS A DEAD RINGER FOR ANOTHER 1970s ICON, CAROL BURNETT. "I SWEAR, THE ENERGY OF THIS HOUSE," MAX LAUGHS.

### THE CREATIVE BIRTH

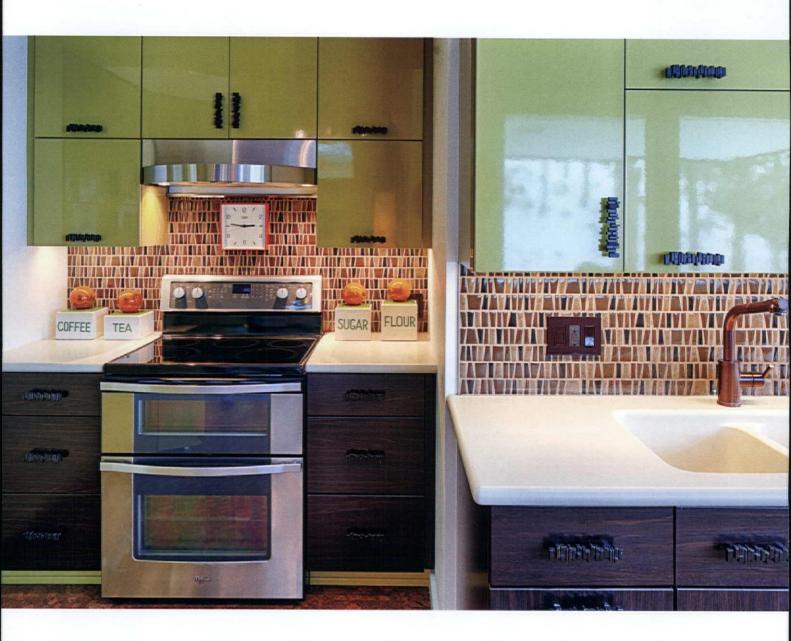
At first, the homeowners knew nothing about the visionaries behind their unique purchase, but as they did their detective work, they were delighted to discover the architect was Charles Haertling, a mid century master of organic designs hailed for his work in Denver and Boulder. Although he died in 1984 at age 55, he left a legacy of more than 40 buildings, including spectacular private residences and churches.



ABOVE: THE LIVING ROOM SOFA IS AN ADRIAN PEARSALL WITH ITS ORIGINAL FABRIC INTACT. ABOVE THE SOFA, THE COLORFUL ARTWORK IS BY CONTEMPORARY ARTIST G.M. KARAS; HIS WORK CAN BE SEEN THROUGHOUT THE HOME.

BELOW: ORIGINAL PLATNER CHAIRS FOUND AT DENVER MODERNISM WEEK AND A LOUIS VUITTON TRUNK THAT BELONGED TO MAX'S GRANDMOTHER, SESTA, CREATE A COMFY READING SPACE IN THE LOFT LIBRARY. MAX LOVES TO COLLECT BOOKS; SOME FROM HIS FATHER'S COLLECTION DATE BACK TO THE 1800s. THE PHOTO TO THE LEFT IS OF DELMONICO'S IN NEW YORK, A FAMOUS RESTAURANT PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY MAX'S GRANDFATHER AND FATHER FOR ROUGHLY 60 YEARS!





The home was commissioned in 1969 by Clotilde Barrett, a renowned artist who has authored many books on weaving. "I got acquainted with Charles Haertling in Boulder, back when it was wilder, and wanted a house by him," recalls Clotilde, now living in Torrey, Utah, where she still creates art. "His houses were out of my price range. He was so nice, and said, 'Well, it is going to be difficult to design a house in this budget, but we'll give it a try.' We did run out of money. The basement wasn't finished at all." She lived there with her family from 1971 until 1981, when her husband's health forced them to relocate.

### RISING FROM THE ASHES

By the time Max and Keith bought the Barrett House, it had been through two subsequent owners, one of whom had "updated" it with incongruous features like a colonial staircase. Then the structure sat abandoned for about three years, attracting squatters and marijuana growers. But, says Max, "On the bright side, the hell the house had gone through created a blank canvas for us."

ABOVE: A PREVIOUS OWNER HAD CHANGED THE ORIGINAL KITCHEN FOOTPRINT AND REMOVED THE ORIGINAL BACKSPLASH AND CABINETS. MAX REPLACED THE OAK CABINETS WITH INNERMOST THERMOFOIL CABINETS IN "AGAVE" AND USED PORCELANOSA TILE TO UPDATE THE BACKSPI ASH

OPPOSITE TOP: IN SEARCH OF ECOFRIENDLY FLOORING, THE COUPLE CHOSE CORK, CORK IS MID CENTURY APPROPRIATE AND DOES NOT TRANSFER COLD FROM A SUBFLOOR. THE PREVIOUS OWNER HAD INSTALLED A COLONIAL STAIRCASE, WHICH WAS REPLACED. THE BRUTALIST STAIR RAILING WAS DESIGNED BY THE HOMEOWNERS AND CREATED BY A LOCAL METALWORKER, ALEX SCHULDT.



BOTTOM LEFT: ECOFRIENDLY SHAG CARPETING MADE FROM ALL RECYCLED PLASTIC WAS USED IN THE TV LOFT, AN AREA CONNECTED TO THE LOWER-LEVEL DINING AND KITCHEN AREA BY TWO STEPS OFF TO THE RIGHT.

BOTTOM RIGHT: "THE OPEN DESIGN UPSTAIRS WOULDN'T PLEASE EVERYONE, BUT IT'S BECAUSE CHARLES HAERTLING INVOLVED THE WHOLE FAMILY IN THE DESIGN," EXPLAINS ORIGINAL HOMEOWNER CLOTILDE BARRETT. "I HAD A BOY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GIRL IN JUNIOR HIGH AT THE TIME, AND THEY WANTED TO BE PART OF FAMILY LIFE EVEN AT NIGHT. MY CHILDREN LOVED THAT THEY COULD EAVESDROP ON US!"







THIS SHOWSTOPPING BRUTALIST SOFA WAS DESIGNED BY ADRIAN PEARSALL AND WAS REUPHOLSTERED IN RARE, VINTAGE JACK LENOR LARSEN FABRIC SOURCED FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTOR.



"The engineering is incredible," observes Max. "It's cantilevered. If you did this house today, it would be a fortune."

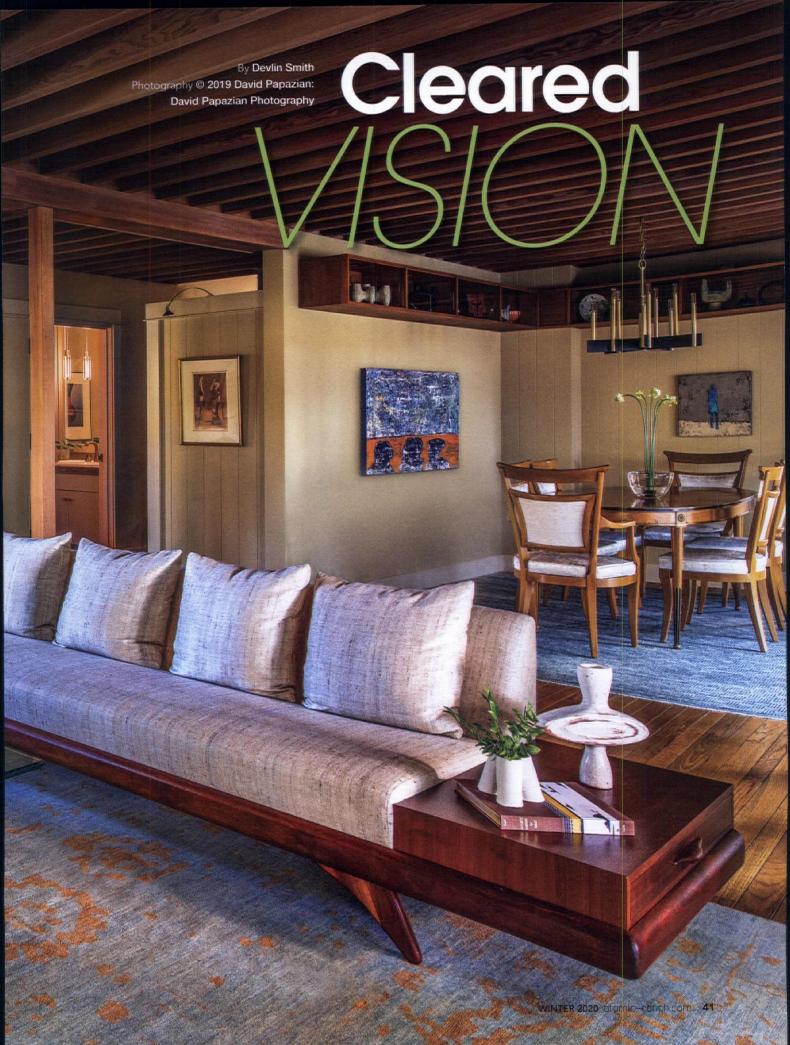
TOP: WINDOWS THROUGHOUT THE HOME ARE ALL ORIGINAL SINGLE PANE, BUT A TINT CALLED "PANORAMA STERLING" WAS INSTALLED BY SUN-EASE WINDOW TINTING BOULDER. "IT KEEPS THE HEAT IN IN THE WINTER AND KEEPS THE HEAT OUT IN THE SUMMER," SAYS MAX. "[THE TINT IS] ALMOST UNDETECTABLE IN APPEARANCE YET PROVIDES EXTRAORDINARY SOLAR HEAT REDUCTION AND ULTRAVIOLET PROTECTION." BOTTOM LEFT; SUGAR PINE AND PONDEROSA BECKON FROM ACROSS THE STUNNING ROOSEVELT NATIONAL FOREST.

BOTTOM RIGHT: THESE VINTAGE DOOR HANDLES ARE UPCYCLED FROM A PORTUGUESE BANK.





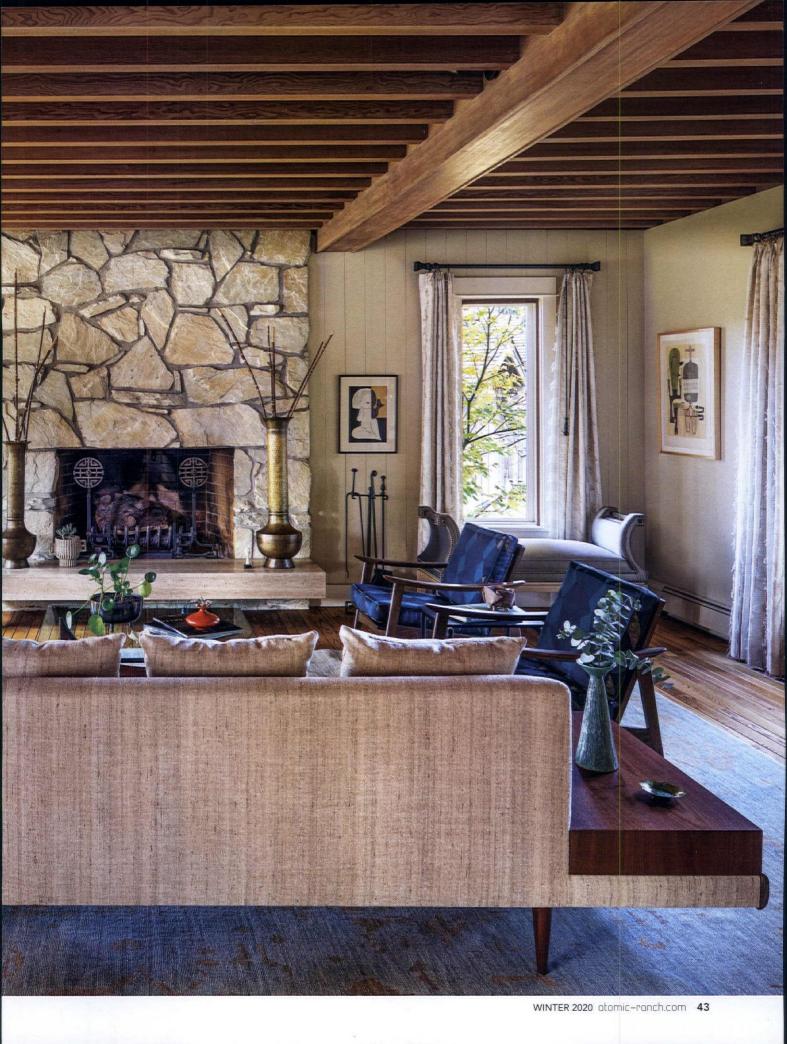




early 60 years ago, Donald H. Holden, a doctor, and his wife, Vivian, a swim cap designer for Jantzen, commissioned John Storrs to design a home for their family just outside of Portland. The Holdens lived in the home for 40 years before selling to a developer who originally intended to raze the home but instead decided to upgrade it to meet the tastes of early 2000s homebuyers. The improvements included tearing out the original custom cabinetry in the kitchen and replacing it with Craftsmanstyle cherry wood cabinetry.

DESIGNER VICKI SIMON KNEW THE ORIGINAL FIREPLACE WAS THE STAR ATTRACTION IN THE LIVING ROOM SO SHE ARRANGED THE FURNISHINGS TO FACE IT.







Current owners Abby Landon and Rick Stark purchased the 1962 home from the developers in 2003. "The state of the home when we took possession was freshly updated in the kitchen, new paint inside and out, and beautiful floors and surfaces," the homeowners say.

#### MAKING IT YOUR OWN

Though it boasted so many new features and fit Abby and Rick's needs, the home no longer reflected its era or the original vision of its architect. The couple began thinking about making some changes to the home. A chance

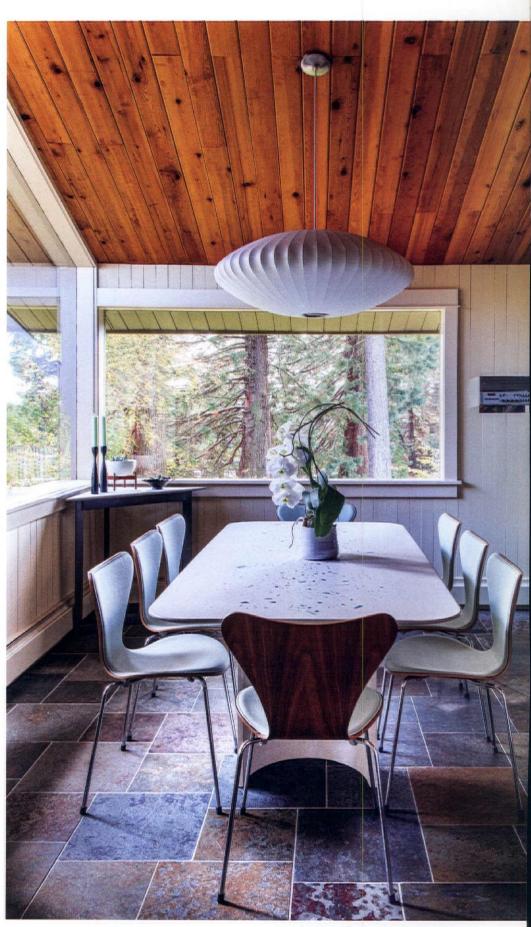
meeting in 2018 connected them with the person who would lead that project, designer Vicki Simon.

"I happened to sit down next to Abby at a dinner in 2018 and we struck up a conversation leading to what I did for a living and what a vintage house enthusiast I was," Vicki says. "Then, when I mentioned the upcoming Restore Oregon tour and that the work of John Storrs was going to be the focus of the tour, she excitedly exclaimed that she lived in a Storrs house. She told me that they were thinking of doing some upgrades down the road. I expressed my sincere interest in being considered for consulting on those upgrades."



ABOVE: THE ORIGINAL 1960s KITCHEN CABINETRY WAS LOST WHEN THIS HOME WAS PREVIOUSLY UPDATED NEARLY 20 YEARS AGO. VICKI WORKED WITH LOCAL ARTISANS TO MODIFY THE SHAKER-STYLE CABINETS TO GIVE THEM A CLEAN, MODERN FEEL.

RIGHT: THE KITCHEN UPDATES INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF A CUSTOM CONCRETE TABLE THAT WAS POURED WITH BITS OF SMASHED CAR GLASS AND SEASHELLS TO MIMIC TERRAZZO.





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Her interest in John Storrs sparked by the tour, and with the prospect of working on Abby and Rick's home, Vicki began researching the architect. That knowledge, and the home itself, informed the design choices she made on this project.

# **RESTORATION AND UPDATES**

"Restoring a vintage home to honor the original architect's intent is always a joy for me," Vicki says. "I relish the restoration process, while solving design problems for modern living, but it's always respect the architecture first. Paying attention to which things get expressed and left alone is part of my deliberate intentionality when I design. The cues were all there; it just took an astute attention and drive, and a client willing to go the distance."

THE BREAKFAST NOOK WAS GIVEN MODERN FLAIR WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A GEORGE NELSON BUBBLE LAMP AND THE ADDITION OF ARNE JACOBSEN SERIES 7 CHAIRS FOR FRITZ HANSEN.







The homeowners originally intended to do a few updates—new carpeting on the stairs, new appliances, new furniture—but Vicki convinced them of what was possible if they returned the home to its original glory. The early 2000s kitchen was a great place to start.

"I felt that we could do some modifications, taking out the most objectionable offenses, and, with master carpentry and paint, we could do wonders in this kitchen and be intentionally period-appropriate with those design decisions," Vicki says. "So, for example, instead of replacing the Shaker-style cabinet doors, we filled them in, making them flat panel. Luckily, the hinges were already exposed. We changed out the knobs. We stripped off the ugly curved trim atop all the cabinets and therefore exposed the paneled walls and ceiling."

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The kitchen, living and dining areas were successfully rehabbed over the course of eight months. The revitalization of this Mid Century Modern home is still a work in progress, according to Abby and Rick. The homeowners have a wish list they will be working with Vicki to complete.

"Knowledge of MCM is addictive/expensive," the homeowners say. "We would love to correct all the Craftsman bits added to the exterior and continue the MCM backdates to the main bedroom and bath."



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Renovation experts transform this Santa Fe mid century home into a retro haven with contemporary touches.

WITH A HOME OVERLOOKING THE ENTIRE CITY OF SANTA FE, IT'S ONLY FITTING TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR SEATING AREA, COMPLETE WITH A FIREPIT, DEDICATED TO ENJOYING THE VIEW. "IF YOU SIT OUT AT NIGHT, YOU'RE NOT ONLY WATCHING THE SUNSETS AND THE MOUNTAINS, BUT ALSO THE LIGHTS IN THE CITY," SAYS HOMEOWNER PHIL NEELY. CEDAR PANELING PAINTED DARK GRAY GIVES THE EXTERIOR CLEAN LINES A BIT OF TEXTURE.





### **VACATION-WORTHY**

Though it took some work to get the home in the condition they wanted, Phil and Richard were no strangers to the art of renovating. "In the last 20 years, we've owned 22 houses," says Phil. Most of those homes were located in Dallas, Cedar Creek Lake and Palm Springs, but when they finally decided to settle down with something more permanent, they turned to the stunning views of Santa Fe. "It's very unusual to have a house of this design in Santa Fe," he says. "The homes are usually very traditional with stucco-style fireplaces."



BELOW: THE BREAKFAST NOOK DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR A FULL TABLE, SO THEY RELOCATED IT DOWN TO THE NEXT LEVEL NEAR THE LIVING ROOM AND USE THE SPACE AS A CONVERSATION AREA COMPLETE WITH PHILIPPE STARCK COSTES ARMCHAIRS. THE PREVIOUS OWNER LINED THE WINDOW WITH BRICK-RED TRIM, AND PHIL AND RICHARD HAD A NEW IRON RAILING INSTALLED TO KEEP THE SPACE SAFE.

BOTTTOM: NEW PATTERNED LINOLEUM FLOORING TAKES THE PLACE OF CARPET AND GIVES THE KITCHEN A FUN AND FRESH LOOK. THE CLOCK ON THE ORIGINAL BRICK WALL BELONGED TO THE MOTHER OF DAVID GLOVER (ONE OF THE CURRENT HOMEOWNERS) AND REMAINS A CHERISHED HEIRLOOM THAT COMPLEMENTS THE MODERN FEEL.













OPPOSITE TOP: VINTAGE PANELING PRODUCED IN THE 1950s LINES THE WALLS OF THE MAIN BEDROOM FOR A SOPHISTICATED RETRO TOUCH. "THE CHEST TO THE RIGHT OF THE BED IS FROM A MID CENTURY MODERN SHOP AND HAS A WIRELESS PRINTER IN IT," SAYS PHIL. OTHER PIECES INCLUDE A LEATHER HEADBOARD, A ROSE-GOLD BED FRAME, HORSE ARTWORK AND DRIFTWOOD LAMPS THAT CAME WITH THE HOUSE.

OPPOSITE BOTTOM: THE ORIGINAL FIREPLACE IN THE MAIN BEDROOM WAS CONVERTED TO A GAS LOG FIREPLACE. ABOVE IT, THE STRIKING ARTWORK IS A GLENN COMTOIS PIECE. THE ADDITION OF NEW CARPET AND PAINT COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED THE BEDROOM FROM OUTDATED TO POLISHED.

TOP LEFT: THE KITCHEN BANQUETTE FEATURES A MIX OF MODERN AND ECLECTIC TOUCHES. "WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONTEMPORARY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY MID CENTURY MODERN," SAYS PHIL.

TOP RIGHT: PART OF THE SECOND MAIN BEDROOM, THIS BATHROOM CONTAINS MANY OF ITS ORIGINAL FEATURES, INCLUDING THE YELLOW SINK, BATHTUB AND KOHLER FAUCETS. THEY ADDED THE MIRROR AND THE GLASS DOOR TO THE SHOWER FOR MODERN CONVENIENCE.

It is rumored that Alexander Girard was the home's architect, as he previously lived in Santa Fe in that time period, but sadly there isn't proof. "It's the big missing piece," says Phil. "I've called the Santa Fe building commission, but they have no records at all in the file."

Despite the mystery, Phil and Richard fell in love with the property and purchased the home in December 2019 along with Jorge Martinez and David Glover, another couple from Dallas that also loves a good home project. Each couple takes their turn staying in the home, or they rent it out. Together, they were able to make the necessary upgrades this treasure required.

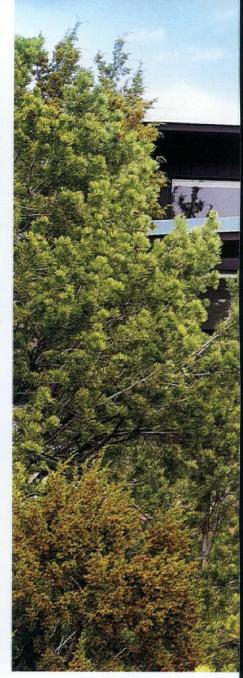
#### **FIXER UPPER**

Most of the work they did was cosmetic—aside from installing air conditioning—but that was because the previous homeowner had already done so much in the way of upgrades. "When the house was built, a woman lived there for many years, and it was pretty run down by the time she sold it," says Phil. It had old, stained carpets throughout and heavy drapes; it was all a traditional style that wasn't in keeping with the MCM character of the house.









TOP RIGHT: PHIL AND RICHARD CHOSE THE NAME "ATOMIC VISTAS" FOR THEIR HOME.

ABOVE RIGHT: THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE THAT OVERLOOKS THE CITY IS ALMOST ENTIRELY MADE OF GLASS TO OPTIMIZE THE VIEW.

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However, the next homeowner stepped in and saved it from its dilapidated state. "A lot of the home's transformation started when [the previous owner] bought the house," says Phil. "He worked on the bones of the house." The previous owner was responsible for replacing the kitchen carpet with linoleum flooring, installing new carpet throughout the house, adding trim to the windows and updating the exterior. By the time the home was sold to Phil, Richard and their friends, it was well on its way to becoming their dream vacation home.

#### FEATURED FURNITURE

After repainting the interior, remodeling the main bath and converting the old dining room into the second main bedroom, the only thing left to do was switch out some of the furniture with contributions from both couples, but they lucked out with another unexpected contributor. "We got most of the furniture that [the previous owner] owned because he didn't need it anymore," says Phil. This included a Knoll dining room table, a Warren Platner chair and Phillippe Starck armchairs. "We have lots of good period pieces that lend themselves to a contemporary nature," he says.

Though they kept to the Mid Century Modern bones of the house, the couple included some of their contemporary and eclectic pieces from their old homes to infuse this new home with their own personal style. Now it's open and bright and greets its guests with views overlooking the city—the perfect vacation getaway. 🐯



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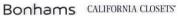
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# Building a Home Paul R. Williams

Paul R. Williams' affordable homes and house plans brought "Hollywood's Architect" to the masses.

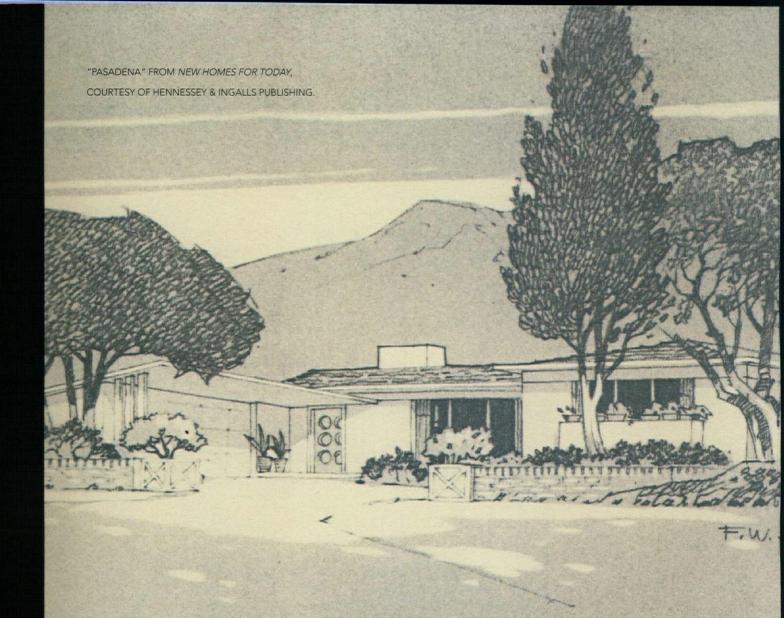
By Anna Marcum

Style

hile Paul Revere Williams is known as "Hollywood's Architect" for his work on the Beverly Hills Hotel and the Saks Fifth Avenue store in Beverly Hills, among other swanky Los Angeles projects, residential architecture was the bread and butter of his practice. By 1945, Williams had designed over 2,000 homes in Southern California and in various regions of the United States, Mexico and South America. Renewed interest in Williams' career is often focused on the palatial estates he built for celebrities or his glamorous hotels, but he dedicated much of his practice to designing for the Black community.

Williams was devoted to building affordable housing for people of all economic backgrounds—from public housing to fairly priced suburban homes. He published two widely available books of house plans: The Small Home of Tomorrow (1945) and New Homes for Today (1946), with the goal of providing quality architectural plans "not only for young families, particularly those of war veterans, but for anyone who wanted to build a home." The homes featured in both collections bridged the gap between traditional homes and modern styles evocative of what is now known and loved as the Mid Century Modern ranch.





# "PASADENA"

The basic theory of modern design is to create a pleasant but simple background for a plan built around today's activities in a home. This arrangement permits the owner to drive into the garage and enter either the front door or kitchen door under the protection of overhanging roofs. The various rooms are accessible from the entry hall. This home could be built close to the street to allow a larger area for outdoor enjoyment, especially since the main rooms are planned with the window wall facing the garden.

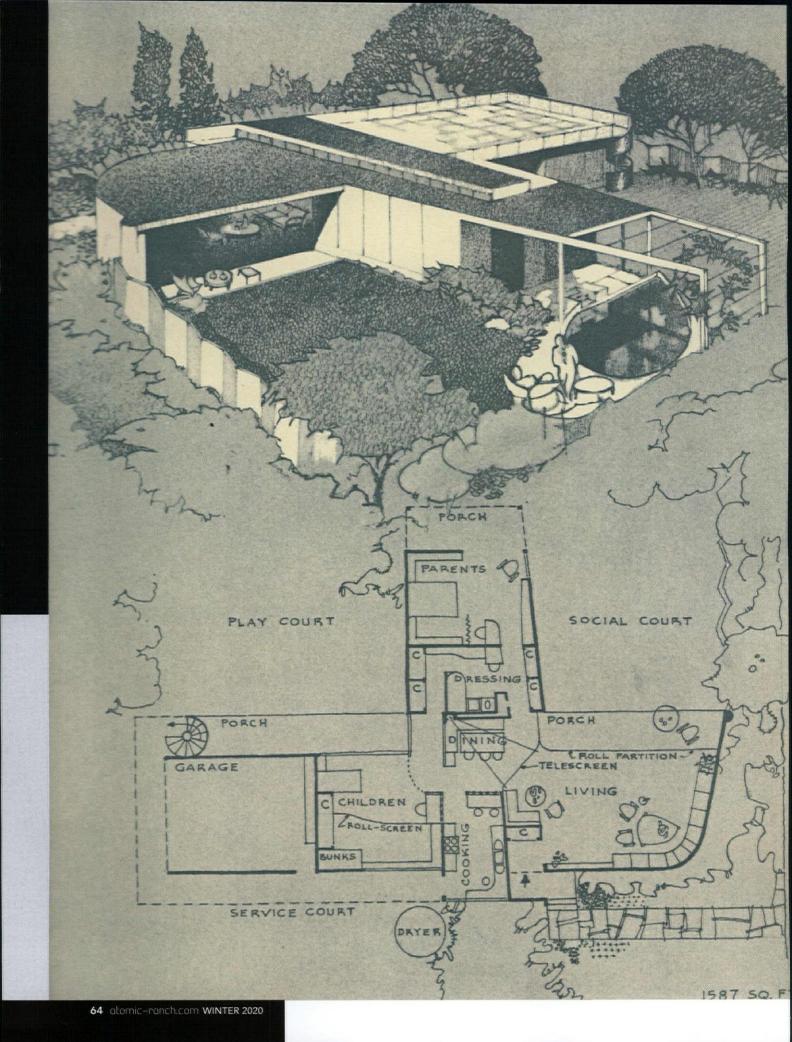
The exterior expresses simplicity rather than ostentation and with a well studied color scheme this home should appeal to the conservative admirer of the "Modern".



# CARVER MANOR

Paul R. Williams' charming and inexpensive small homes materialized en masse through his collaboration with Velma Grant, a Black real estate developer, on the Carver Manor subdivision in Willowbrook, Los Angeles. With the influx of Veterans Administration insured mortgage programs, middleclass Black veterans intended to buy homes at greater rates than ever before, but were barred by racial covenants from purchasing in many new tract home developments. Carver Manor, with its 250 affordable, single-family homes open to all, filled the void for high-quality, affordable homes available to the Black community. In 1946, the first phase of single-family homes at Carver Manor listed on the market at \$11,400. People lined up around the block to view the model homes, and over 110 homes in Carver Manor were immediately put under contract.

The Carver Manor homes were by no means cookie-cutter tract houses. With offset faces and broken rooflines, the homes created a cohesive neighborhood while still retaining individual flair. Each home had a single car garage and a landscaped front lawn. This design resembled many of the house plans featured in The Small Home of Tomorrow and New Homes for Today. Williams further democratized design when he worked with EBONY to assemble the guide "Paul Williams Tells: How to Build a Home for \$5,000." For the article, Williams designed two model homes exclusively for EBONY readers using the idea of a basic small home designed to be expanded as the homeowner's budget increased and needs evolved. Williams was a "common-sense, down-toearth architect" who expertly infused cutting-edge modernism and open plans into warm, friendly homes for only \$5,000.





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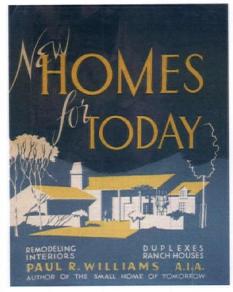
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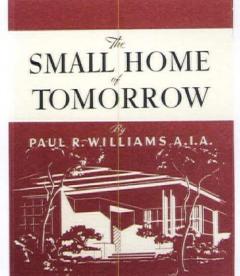
BELOW: "SUNSHINE MANOR" FROM THE

SMALL HOME OF TOMORROW, COURTESY OF
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OPPOSITE: "NEUTRA HOUSE" FROM THE

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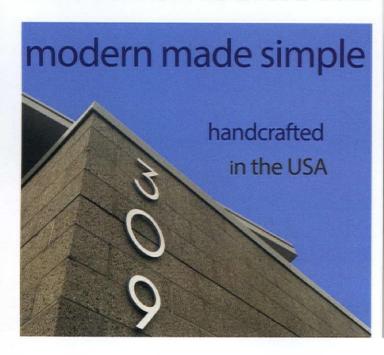
Paul R. Williams designed thousands of homes at all price points throughout his career. While the celebrity houses he designed are well known, many of his affordable projects were thought to be lost to history. However, Paul R. Williams' thought-to-be destroyed archive of work was found in June 2020 and acquired by the Getty Research Institute and University of Southern California. It included approximately 35,000 architectural plans, 10,000 original drawings, blueprints, hand-colored renderings, vintage photographs and correspondence. This new wealth of information will allow more study of Williams' work and his investment in design for all.

Our series on Paul R. Williams continues in the upcoming Design Issue.

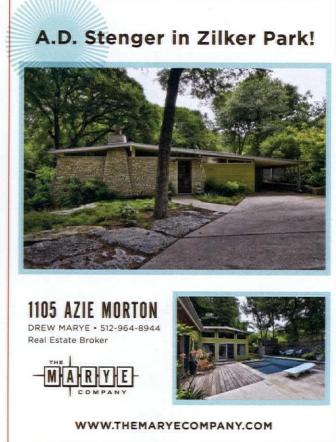


























TOP LEFT: FEATURING A SUBTLY COLORFUL AREA RUG ATOP THE FLOORING THAT RUNS THROUGHOUT THE HOME—CERAMIC PLANK TILES WITH AN ORGANIC GRAIN PATTERN BY BEDROSIANS TILE & STONE—THE DINING ROOM LOOKS PERFECTLY MID CENTURY WITH CLASSIC EAMES SHELL CHAIRS AND AN ODIN ROUND EXTENSION TABLE.

TOP RIGHT: THIS TEXTURED NOOK SHOWS OFF THE COUPLE'S AFFINITY FOR ART AND LOVE OF CREATIVITY. "WE HELPED QUIET THE SPACE BY INSTALLING A WALL OF PLYBOO ACOUSTICAL WOOD PANELS IN THE DINING AREA," ERIC SAYS. THE FRANK GEHRY HAT TRICK CHAIR AND ARTWORK BY MICHAEL COSTUROS INJECT INGENUITY INTO THE SPACE.

# It's never too late to chase your mid century vision. With their two boys grown up,

Matt and Susie Bailey felt it was time to make their dream of owning a mid century house a reality. Susie, a retired aesthetician, and Matt, an investor and Adjunct Professor of Business at the University of California, Irvine, had long admired mid century homes, especially a friend's Eichler abode.

Matt and Susie explored Santa Ana's Floral Park, one of Orange County's oldest neighborhoods. After sifting through century-old homes, they spotted it—a 2,100-square-foot stunner built in 1950 and brimming with possibilities. The couple says, "It had great curb appeal, charming details and a lot of potential."

Although the original architect couldn't be identified, Matt and Susie appreciated the home for its "unique character." To better suit their needs, the two chose to make some updates with the help of Eric Lehwald, an interior designer with DTLA Design.

#### A NEW LOOK

Starting with the kitchen, then the bathrooms and finishing with the yard, the couple began making the spaces their own. "Susie and Matt are creative, warm, approachable, highly sophisticated and hip," Eric says. "Our goal was to incorporate these qualities into a design language that runs throughout their home. We aimed to make each space more usable, interesting and familiar and to create a feeling that's very today with a nod to the past."



The couple desired a kitchen where friends and family could gather freely. Initially the kitchen was an enclosed room accessed through a small doorway in the dining room. "It lacked fluidity and a sense of connection to the rest of the house," Eric explains. So the space was renovated by removing the wall that separated the kitchen and dining room. A new peninsula created "some nice choreography between the two spaces," Eric says.

Eric notes that they wanted the main bathroom to feel "intimate, relaxed and spa-like, while keeping with the mid century vibe." The space was reconfigured top to bottom. The picture window above the bathtub didn't provide much privacy, so clerestory windows were installed instead. The shower was extended under the windows to create the experience of a private garden shower.

The backyard was transformed into a chic, yet welcoming, barbecue space. "Another gathering place for friends and family, this space we wanted to be an extension of

the interior typical of mid century design, with an eclectic variety of textures and shapes," Eric says. An Ipe wood deck was placed outside the living room, along with a firepit, basalt water feature and custom-made screens.

#### ONE-OF-A-KIND STYLE

Matt and Susie brought plenty of personality into this home while honoring mid century design. They say, "Mid century design brings an interesting mix of nostalgia, in the absolute coolest sense of the word, with highly functional design, and an aesthetic that instantly appeals to us. The mix of materials and colors, while maintaining a clean, minimalist ethos, is a great baseline for us when considering the vibe for a new room. That said, we have deviated from a strict adherence to the mid century style and mixed in a healthy dose of eclectic patterns, textures and shapes to bring a bit of unexpected lushness and mystery."

OPPOSITE: ORIGINALLY A GALLEY KITCHEN "THAT WAS FAR TOO SMALL FOR OUR NEEDS," AS HOMEOWNERS MATT AND SUSIE BAILEY PUT IT, THE AREA WAS RENOVATED INTO AN EYE-PLEASING, USABLE SPACE BY KNOCKING DOWN A WALL AND OPENING IT UP TO THE DINING ROOM. THE COUPLE ENJOYS THEIR KERF CUSTOM CABINETS—THEY FIRST DISCOVERED KERF CABINETRY THROUGH AN ATOMIC RANCH ARTICLE.

RIGHT: "WE COMPLETELY REPOSITIONED ALL OF THE PLUMBING, FLIPPED THE BATHROOM FOR BETTER LIGHTING, ADDED CLERESTORY WINDOWS FOR PRIVACY AND EXTENDED THE CEILING OUTDOORS UNDER THE EAVES IN CLASSIC TYPICAL MID CENTURY FASHION," ERIC SAYS OF THE MAIN BATHROOM. KERF CABINETRY MIMICS THE KITCHEN AND WAS ALSO USED IN THE SECOND BATHROOM.

BOTTOM: SERVING AS AN OUTDOOR KITCHEN, THE GRILL AREA FEATURES CUSTOM CONCRETE AND SPANISH TILES. HARDSCAPING MINGLES WITH LANDSCAPING, WHICH MATT AND SUSIE SAY IS ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE ELEMENTS OF THE HOUSE.



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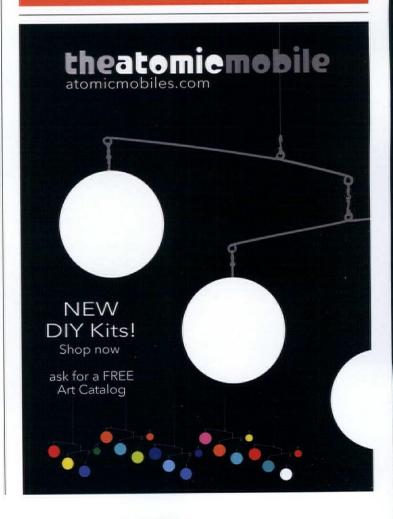


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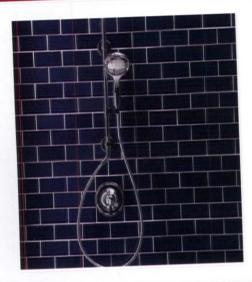
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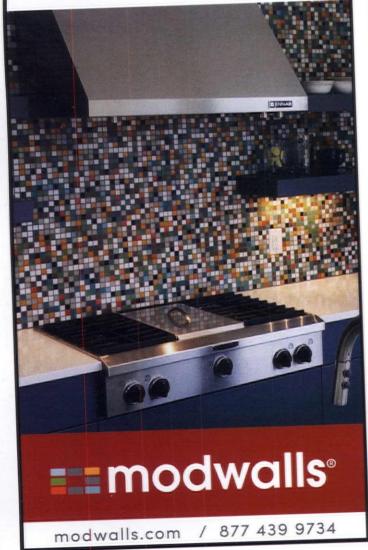
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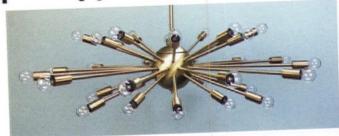
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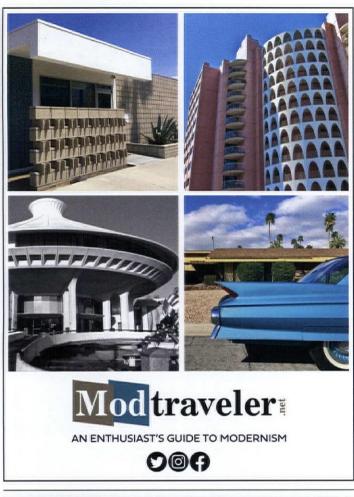


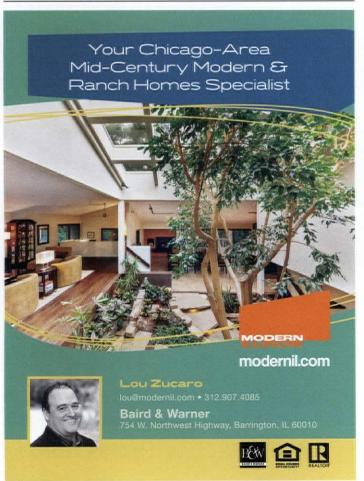
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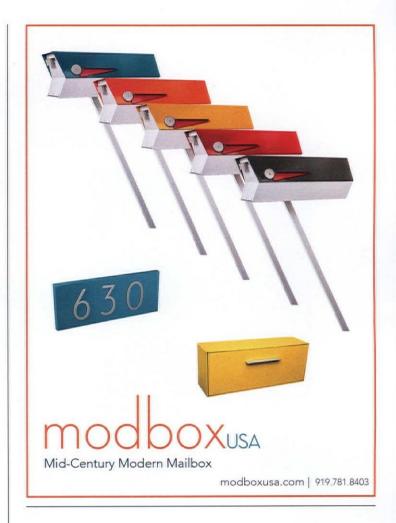




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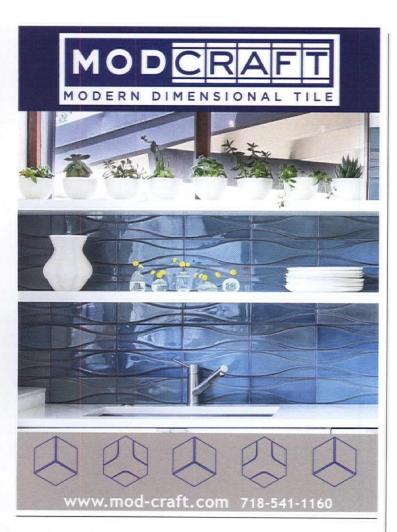


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Cabinetry: Holiday Kitchens, holidaykitchens.com. Refrigerator, dishwasher and range: Fisher & Paykel, fisherpaykel.com/us.

Microwave: Sharp, sharpusa.com. Sink: Prolific by Kohler, us.kohler.com/us.

Faucet: Delta Trinsic Pro, touch faucet, in black stainless by Delta Faucets, deltafaucet.com.

Drawer and cabinet pulls: Top Knobs, topknobs.com.

Tile backsplash: Tabarka Studio, (480) 968-3999 or tabarkastudio.com.

Soapstone countertops: Mont Krest, (800) 678-011 or montkrest.com.

Hood finish: Roman Clay, color "Brooks" by Portola Paints, portolapaints.com.

Floating shelves: Tromso by Shelfology, shelfology.com.

Island: Custom design by Bee Studios, Built by Artisan Restoration; (727) 642-7056 or artisanrestorationinc.com.

Island legs: Naked Metal Studio, nakedmetalstudio.com.

Cabinet paint: Pewter Green by Sherwin-Williams, sherwin-williams.com.

#### Rising from the Ashes, page 30

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Interior paint throughout the home: Toasted Marshmallow by Behr, behr.com.

Cork flooring: LL Flooring, (844) 4-LLFLOOR or lumberliquidators.com.

All carpeting: Go Green Flooring, (303) 440-4442 or gogreenflooring.com.

Vintage brutalist door handles: Olde Good Things, ogtstore.com.

Staircase railing: Custom made by Alex Schuldt of Metalworks by Schuldt in Boulder, (720) 822-3864. KITCHEN

Cabinets: Home Depot, (800) 466-3337 or homedepot.com.

Cabinet pulls: Schaub & Company cabinet hardware, schaubandcompany.com.

Backsplash: Porcelanosa, porcelanosa-usa.com. TV LOFT

Fiber wall art: Erik Speer, esspeer.com.

Adrian Pearsall sofa: Vintage find, reupholstered with vintage Jack Lenor Larsen fabric.

#### LIVING ROOM

Rockers: Renato Zevi with Jack Lenor Larsen textile, found at Mid-Mod Mall in Denver; midmodandmore.com.

Adrian Pearsall sofa: Craigslist, craigslist.org. Painting above the sofa: G.M. Karas, gmkaras.com.

#### LOFT LIBRARY

Original Platner chairs: Denver Modernism Week, denvermodernismweek.com.

Wall unit: Joybird, (888) 282-0842 or joybird.com. Vintage Louis Vuitton trunk: From Max's grandmother.

#### Cleared Vision, page 40

Interior design: Vicki Simon, Vicki Simon Interior Design, vickisimoninteriordesign.com.

Master carpenter: Michael Kecskemethy, Go Man Go Enterprises, gomangoenterprises.com.

#### **EXTERIOR**

Sconces: Hubbarton Forge, hubbardtonforge.com. Front doors restoration: Doorworks, Go Man Go Enterprises and Cady & Associates.

#### LIVING ROOM

HiFi: Custom design by Alex Newman of Best Yr,

Rug: Kush Rugs, kushrugs.com.

Furniture: Vintage finds from Hawthorne Vintage, 20th Century Interiors and 1st Dibs.

Sofa rebuild and reupholstery: Acanthus, acanthusgreen.com.

Sofa side boxes rebuild: 1908 Design, nineteen08design.com.

Wood refinishing: Robin Cady & Associates, (503) 628-6370.

Fabrics: Zimmer + Rohde, zimmer-rohde.com.

Fabrics: Stroheim, fabricut.com/stroheim. Fabrics: Larsen, larsenfabrics.com.

Brass urn vessels: Courtesy of Legacy Modern, legacymodern.com.

Artwork: Ship painting by Rick Stark.

Other prints and accessories: Collection of the homeowners and courtesy of Vicki

Simon and Herzog Modern, herzogmodern.com. Planter: Pomarius Nursery, pomarius nursery.com.

Bench under window: Vintage from homeowner's collection.

#### **DINING ROOM**

Rug: Kush Rugs, kushrugs.com.

Wall cabinet: Designed by Vicki Simon and made by 1908 Design, nineteen08design.com.

Dining room chandelier: Hudson Valley Lighting, hudsonvalleylighting.hvlgroup.com.

Dining room table and chairs: Vintage from homeowner's collection.

Dining room chairs: Reupholstered in Larsen fabric by Acanthus, Portland; acanthusgreen.com. Artwork and accessories: Vicki Simon's own collection and Herzog Modern, herzogmodern.

#### KITCHEN

Stainless steel backsplash: Custom-fabricated by Pacific Stainless Steel, pacificstainless.com.

Tables: Custom-designed by Vicki Simon and made by Coulee Concrete, couleeconcrete.com. Base on small triangular corner table: MC

Lemay, mclemay.com.

Chairs: Arne Jacobsen Series 7 for Fritz Hansen sold by DWR, dwr.com.

Kitchen pendant: George Nelson bubble lamp sold by DWR, dwr.com.

Artwork and accessories: Courtesy of Vicki Simon's collection.

Range and hood: Miele, mieleusa.com. Downlight over sink: WAC Lighting,

waclighting.com.

#### Faucets: California Faucets, calfaucets.com. KITCHEN OFFICE

Wall system: Vintage Poul Cadovius Royal sold by Look Modern, Portland; lookmodern.com.

Artwork and accessories: Collection of homeowner, and courtesy of Herzog Modern, Palo Alto and Vicki Simon's own collection, including paintings by Gracie Ellison, Tate Cohrs, and AS Matyas, Paris.

Built-in storage: 1908 Design,

nineteen08design.com.

Wall sconces: Lawson-Fenning, Los Angeles; lawsonfenning.com.

#### HALLWAY

Pendants: Vitreluxe, vitrelux.com.

#### Vista with a View, page 50

Front door: Home Depot, (800) 466-3337 or homedepot.com.

Main bathroom vinyl flooring: Spicher and Company, (877) 466-1148 or spicherandco.com. Main bedroom headboard: AllModern, (844) 867-6866 or allmodern.com.

Outdoor chairs: IKEA, (888) 434-4532 or ikea.com. Red address sign: Amazon, amazon.com.

#### Building a Home Paul R. Williams Style, page 60

Hennessey + Ingalls Publications, (213) 437-2130 or hennesseyingalls.com.

Getty Research Institute, visit getty.edu.

#### California Cool, page 68

Interior design: Eric Lehwald of DTLA Design,

(213) 986-9800 or dtladesign.com.

General contractor: Zach T. Curtis of Classic Construction Services, (714) 356-6986 or

classiconstructionservices.com. Landscape designer: Jason Wan, designsbyjasonwan@gmail.com.

#### KITCHEN

Tile backsplash: Beaulieau Glass Mosaic in "Dawn" by Ann Sacks, annsacks.com.

Glass pendant lights: Jeremy Pyles for Niche Modern Lighting and Contemporary Chandeliers, nichemodern.com.

Cabinetry: Kerf, kerfdesign.com.

Window treatments: Custom fabric by Brentano Fabrics from The Shade Store, theshadestore.com. Flooring: Bedrosians Tile & Stone, bedrosians.com. Oven/stove: AGA Legacy 36", aga-ranges.com.

#### DINING ROOM

Eames Shell Chairs: Modernica, modernica.net. Odin round extension table: Design Within Reach, dwr.com.

Pendant light: Scraplights Disc Pendant by Graypants, graypants.com.

#### MAIN BATH

Mirrors: Blu Dot, bludot.com.

Wall shower tile: Heath Ceramics.

heathceramics.com.

Ceiling tile: Porcelanosa "Liston Oxford Cognac," porcelanosa-usa.com.

Cabinetry: Kerf, kerfdesign.com.

Lighting: Cerno, cernogroup.com. Faucets: Aquabrass, aquabrass.com.

#### OUTDOOR BBQ SPACE

Outdoor fireplace: Hart Concrete Design, hartconcretedesign.com. Sectional: Gloster, gloster.com.

Rockers: Loll Designs, lolldesigns.com. Privacy screens: artisanpanels.com.

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Motown Museum, (313) 875-2264 or motownmuseum.org.



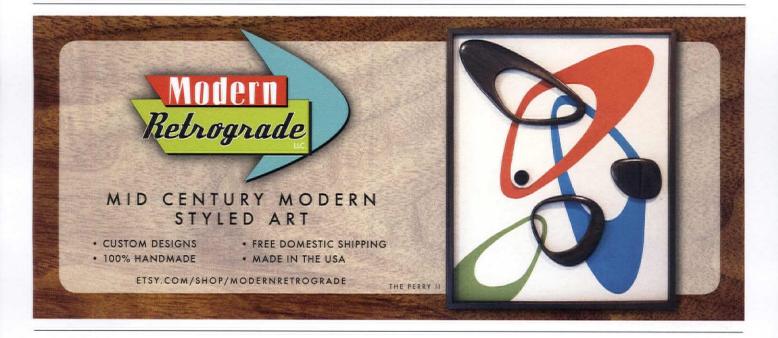
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#### In 1959, songwriter Berry Gordy Jr.

purchased a two-family house on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit, Michigan. Gordy lived in the upper portion with his wife and son, while the lower section was used to start his record label, Motown Record Corporation, originally called Tamla Records. Gordy converted the garage into a recording studio, soon to be known as Hitsville U.S.A.'s Studio A. His knack as a producer and pioneering entrepreneur paved the way for a new wave of music that would soon sweep the nation. The Miracles were the first artists to sign, and their lead singer, Smokey Robinson (seen here), went on to write and produce numerous hits for other Motown groups. Robinson eventually became the Vice President of Motown Records and is even credited with urging Gordy to establish the label.

Motown's first gold record was "Shop Around" by the Miracles, followed by more chart toppers from the band including "You Really Got a Hold on Me" and "The Tracks of My Tears" that cemented the group's integral part in putting Motown on the map. Meanwhile in 1961, the catchy "Please Mr. Postman" by the Marvelettes was the label's

first pop chart #1 hit. With the signing of the Temptations and the Supremes, Motown was a true hit factory, and the "Motown Sound" was making its way to all parts of America. It was music for everyone. Throughout the next decade, legendary artists such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and the Jackson 5 rose to great success in the industry out of Hitsville U.S.A.

Without a doubt, Motown Records introduced a new sound and style that not only impacted music but had a profound influence on culture during a time of racial division and segregation in America and throughout the world. From 1959 to 1972, hit after hit was created in the Detroit flat. When the offices moved to Los Angeles in 1972, Esther Gordy Edwards—Berry Gordy's sister and former Motown Records Senior Vice President—kept an office at Hitsville, U.S.A. She founded the Motown Museum at the site in 1985, still open today with the mission to "preserve, protect and present the Motown story through authentic, inspirational and educational experiences."

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