



Graham House – Carmelo & Fourth Original Murphy Cottage, circa 1925

When transforming the humble fishing cabin into a luxurious residence, the intent was to honor the spirit of the original cabin by replacing the patchwork of additions built over the years with high quality new construction. This was done by designing an extensive addition that blended seamlessly with the three rooms comprising the 1925 Murphy Cottage.

It was very important to the owners and their designer, Steve Howard, that the cottage retain its vintage appeal although 90% of the house you see today is new construction. The last 10% was merely used as inspiration and received an extensive renovation to bring it up to current standards.

The new and renovated construction includes all new hand-hewn cedar shingle siding and roofing, all custom windows and double-Dutch doors produced by Dave Snyder, natural solid brass window and door hardware, copper gutters and downspouts, furniture-quality wood board and batten walls, and tongue and groove ceilings throughout secured to roof timbers and beams.

The majority of the floors throughout the house are imported reclaimed French white oak in a natural finish. The front hallway, utility room, and three bathroom floors are quarried aged French limestone, while the fourth is a marble mosaic.

All of the bathrooms have hand-made Stone Forest Calcutta marble sinks and solid natural brass plumbing fixtures and accessories.

All of the bedrooms have built-in wardrobes/closets with pull-out shelves, adjustable hanging, and interior lighting.

Other amenities throughout the house include:

- All-natural hand-woven Conrad shades.
- A Lutron lighting system allowing the house to go from daytime to nighttime drama with a single touch of a button.
- A throughout-the-house sound system and media center.

The focal point of the **kitchen** is a Cast Iron Aga stove with four ovens, warming plate and two cooking surfaces which are flanked by two custom built work tables designed by March (San Francisco). The custom cabinets built by Dave Snyder have countertops and backsplash of white Calcutta marble and custom solid natural brass Rocky Mountain hardware. The kitchen also boasts a modern take on the traditional farm sink hand-made of solid honed black granite by Stone Forest, and a natural solid brass bridge kitchen faucet.

Other amenities in the kitchen include an integrated Sub Zero refrigerator, integrated dishwasher, under-sink purification water filter system for drinking, and a concealed TV that pulls out from the pantry so not to distract from the vintage feel of the kitchen. Adding to the ambiance are two vintage German pendants of spun brass and glass coke bottle lens.

The **master bedroom suite** features custom built-in side bed cabinets





with integrated nightstands in cerused white oak with solid brass reading lights that match the built-in desk with solid brass and leather pulls. Holland and Sherry Worsted Wool drapes allow the bedroom to be completely blacked out.

The cerused white oak cabinets travel into the **master bathroom** which features white Calcutta stone countertops, hand-made Stone Forest Calcutta marble sink, and natural solid brass fixtures. The master shower is formed with slabs of Calcutta marble and articulated with an exposed natural solid brass thermostatic shower rain dome. A free-standing bathtub by WET occupies her side of the bathroom.

The **TV Room/Media Room/4th Bedroom** outside of master bedroom also features custom cerused oak built-in cabinets and media center. The built-in window seat provides additional storage.

The glass jewel-box **study** with its built-in cerused oak cabinets and day-bed offers a serene place full of light to work or relax. On chilly days it can be warmed by its Jotel F370 European contemporary style gas stove for a cozy, snug space.

The kitchen, dining room, media room, master bedroom and study all open out onto the **back courtyard** through double-Dutch doors to easily access the custom built fire pit with heated bench seating. Outdoor dining and cooking is made easy due to the custom built outdoor Wolf grill. A stone fountain provides a soothing water effect. A convenient outdoor hot/cold shower makes clean-up after walks to the beach a breeze.

Integrating a new carport and terrace into the front and side landscaping was critical to minimize the visual impact of the new structures. The grey quarried Oregon stone selected for the dry-stacked retaining walls and steps buffers the transition from the structure to the sloping terrain leading to the front door.

The custom fountain at the front door draws you from the street and creates visual interest from the kitchen window and guest bedroom window. It is also the local bathing spot for hummingbirds. The bronze handrail on the front steps was allowed to age naturally to blend in with the planting. Landscape designer Michelle Comeau created a scheme that gives the impression that the garden has occurred naturally over time.

HIGHLIGHTS

Exterior:

- New roof and shingles of hand-hewn cedar
- Landscape design by Michelle Comeau
- Custom built fire pit in back yard with heated bench seating
- Grey quarried Oregon dry-stacked retaining wall and steps
- Copper gutters and downspouts



Throughout the House:

- Imported French white oak flooring with natural finish
- Furniture-quality wood board and batten walls, and tongue and groove ceilings throughout secured to roof timbers and beams
- Custom windows and double-Dutch doors with natural solid brass hardware
- Quarried aged limestone floors in entry, three bathrooms and utility room
- All of the bathrooms have hand-made Stone Forest Calcutta marble sinks and solid natural brass plumbing fixtures and accessories.
- Custom cabinets, closets, wardrobes
- All-natural hand-woven Conrad shades.
- Lutron lighting system
- A throughout-the-house sound system and media center.

Kitchen:

- Cast iron Aga stove with four-ovens, warming plate and two cooking surfaces
- Two custom built work tables designed by March (San Francisco)
- Stone Forest Custom hand-made kitchen sink of solid honed black granite with natural solid brass bridge kitchen faucet
- Integrated Sub Zero Refrigerator
- Integrated dishwasher
- Under-sink purification water filter system for drinking
- Concealed TV that pulls out from pantry
- Custom countertops and backsplash of white Calcutta marble and custom solid natural brass Rocky Mountain hardware



Master Bedroom Suite:

- Custom cerused white oak built-in side bed cabinets with integrated nightstands and solid brass reading lights
- Custom cerused white oak built-in desk with solid brass and leather pulls
- Holland and Sherry Worsted Wool blackout drapes



Master Bathroom:

- Custom cerused white oak cabinets
- White Calcutta stone countertops and natural solid brass fixtures
- Custom Stone Forest Calcutta marble sink
- Calcutta marble slab shower with natural solid brass thermostatic shower rain dome
- Free-standing bathtub by WET



Study:

- Built-in cerused oak cabinets and day-bed
- Jotel F370 European contemporary style gas stove