

Creating This Home...

Our property was originally a quarry for the beautiful golden granite you see alongside the buildings. The Earth is strong!

We located our home back from the entrance to take full advantage of the views overlooking the Santa Lucia Mountain Range and the Los Padres National Forest. We protected that view with a view easement.

We created a dry creek bed to direct the winter rains along side of the house splitting it to create an island. It is populated with beautiful lichen covered granite boulders, and planted with water conserving, mostly native plant species including the stately Madrone trees. We protected our new home too.

Over 7 years of Saturdays, while working full time, we designed and carefully built, paying attention to every detail, rotating the house to take full advantage of the views. The thinwall plaster is imbued with Delmonte black sand, eliminating the need for paint, and the window surrounds and wood lentils give relief to the flat walls. The Kitchen cabinets were designed with solid BlackWalnut and Bird's Eye Maple, with a reverse angle. The ceilings are Clear Western Red Cedar - No longer available.

Concrete and stone play a major role in our home. The white cement based concrete with radiant heat physically and aesthetically warms the rooms in all buildings. Colored concrete countertops, banisters and fireplace bases tie it all together.

While on a climbing trip we found a large Golden Granite boulder, we brought it home and is now the Hearth Stone that floats above the floor in the living room. We hand picked all the stone on the fireplace to compliment it.

The Limestone and Travertine showers feel like walking into a room itself.

We picked up a Laurel Burl, had it cut into 4" slabs and cured it for 5 years. These are now the floating stairs up to the Bedroom Suite.

Outdoor living has always been important to us. The concrete seat bench is imbued with electric cables which keep you toasty on a cool afternoon or evening. The firepit was one of the Grindstones from the Pebble Beach Quarry given to us when they closed down the quarry.

We added a 500sq' Ironwood deck off the dining and living room, and had the iron rails and gates custom designed to fit. We spend so much time there, we decided to install a retractable awning to protect us from the sun and rain, custom designed by Renson, a Belgium company with gutters to catch rainfall and fill our water tanks.

Our Solar Panels, with the original NEM1 service exchange average about \$250 a year true-up. With 27,000 gallons of rainwater capture tanks, (which fill every year!), and a well that supplies us with both a 5,000 gallon domestic and a 5,000 gallon tank connected to the two fire hydrants, the property is self sufficient, and has been for 25 years.

Creating this home has been a journey!

We have a Wealth of Friends and Family to thank for their many creative contributions, we could not have done this without them!