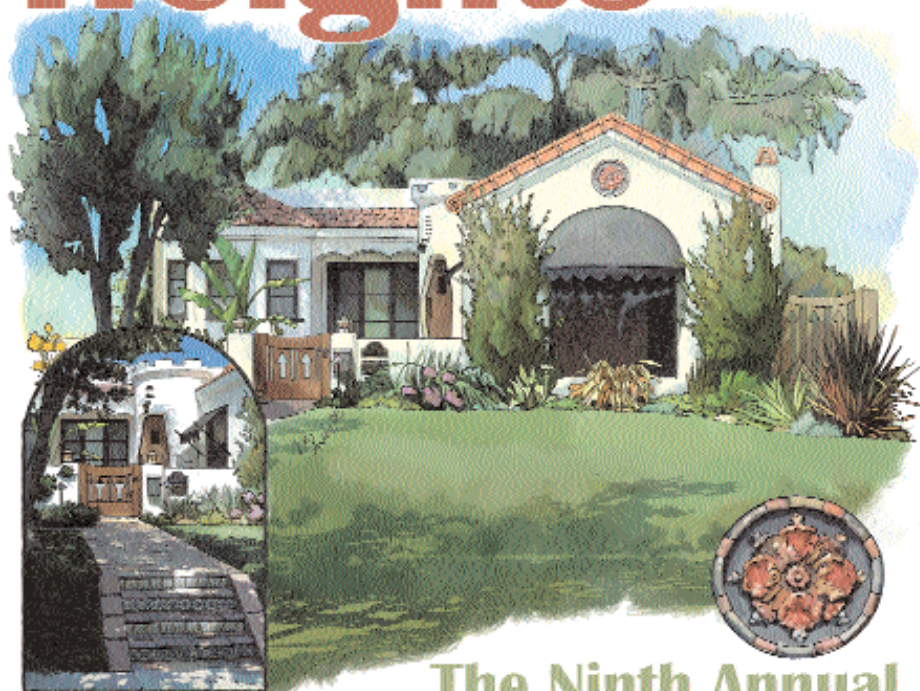


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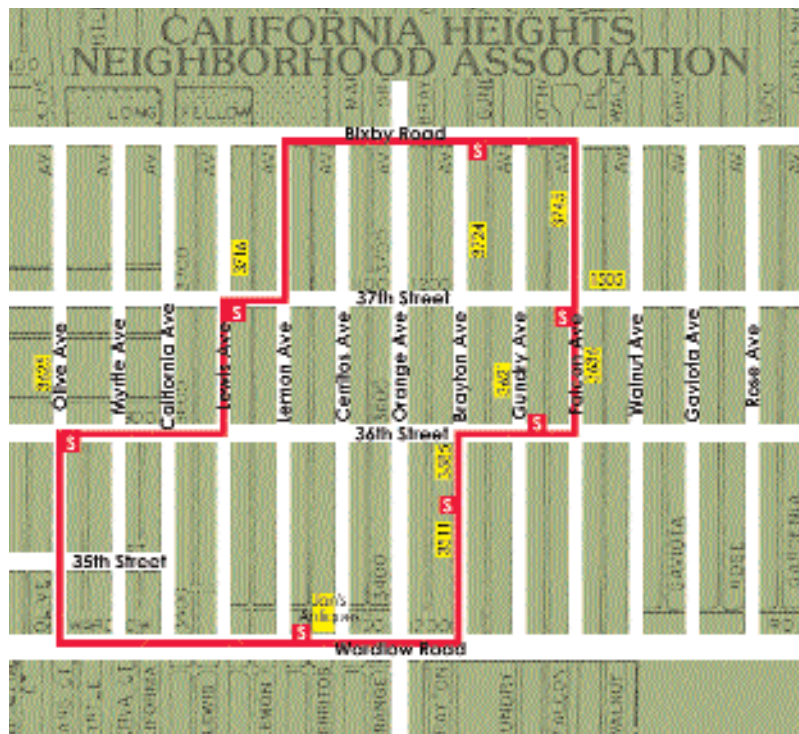


Sunday,
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- 3579 CERRITOS AVENUE**-Garden
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Schedule of Events

Vintage Tile Presentation and Slide Show

Brian Kaiser
Calco Tile Expert
3711 Cerritos Avenue
4:00 p.m.

Brian Kaiser lives in the late Rufus Keeler's house and is an expert on Calco, the tile company Rufus Keeler started before he was hired by Malibu Pottery.

Admission is free with your Home Tour ticket

Trolley Schedule 11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

We encourage all of our guests to walk and enjoy the neighborhood, but if you would like to take a break...take the Cal Heights trolley.

The trolley will be making a continuous loop throughout the day and is available on a "by chance" basis to home and garden tour participants only. Please do not plan your day around the trolley. If you catch it, you catch it.

The trolley bus (red route) will be picking up and dropping of riders at seven destinations near the homes (see map).

Refreshments served all day
Lunches served noon to 3 p.m.

Refreshment Area
3711 Cerritos Avenue



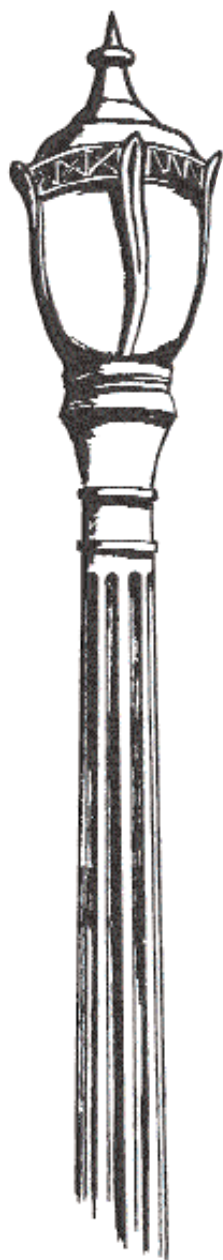
News about town

is posted in the new Heights info kiosk near the corner of 36th Street and Atlantic Avenue



Catch it if you can

Don't worry, the home tour trolley will be making the rounds all day long



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We would like to thank the home owners,
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to making this a successful event.

For more information about the 2006 Home Tour,
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Light up the Heights

It has been quite a year
for Cal Heights.

In January, Sunset magazine named California Heights one of the Best Neighborhoods in the West.

Who would disagree?

Nearly 80 years after the neighborhood was established, the charm still remains.

In recent years, neighborhood projects have included the addition of new Historic District street signs, restoration of the original metal lamp posts, lamp post plaques and, of course, the completion of the Cal Heights welcome mural.

With all the neighborhood projects, and the great sense of community, it's easy to see why Cal heights was chosen Best of the West.

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3759 Cerritos Avenue
Built 1928
Original Cost \$4,200

Built in 1928, this Spanish Colonial Revival style home features a stucco exterior, red clay tile roof, arch top picture window and divided light windows. Typical for this style home the gable style roof line transitions to a flat roof with short parapet at the rear of the home.

The original Hollywood style driveway leads guests into the eclectic gardens of this self-described rescue gardener. The "driveway garden" features an old swing and a variety of vintage chairs inviting guests to sit and relax a while. Driveway plantings include ivy, nandina, ferns, nasturtiums, rosemary bush, pelargoniums and climbing fig on the garage door.

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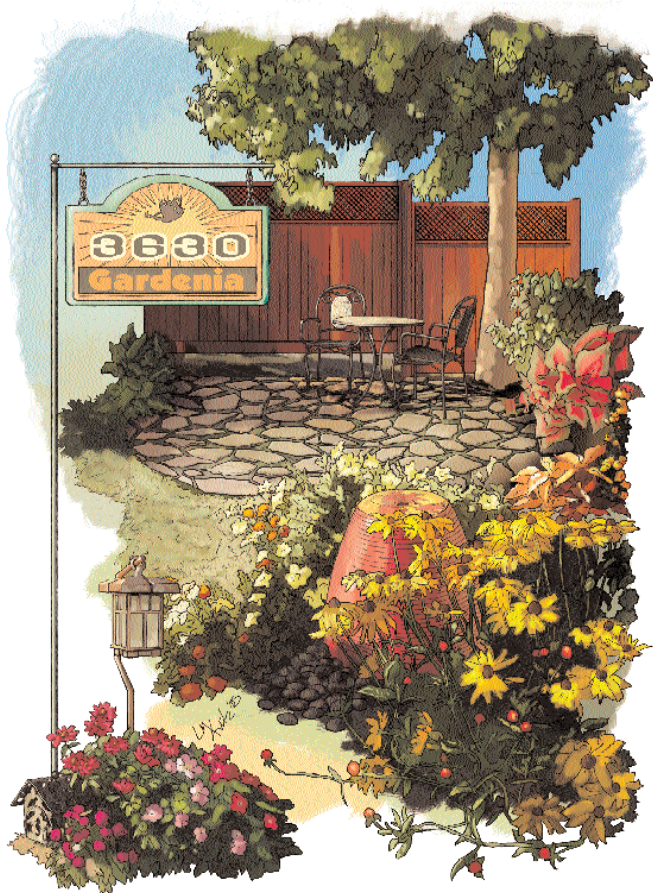
A brick patio transitions guests away from the driveway and toward the main garden. Plantings in this area include a trellis heavy with star jasmine, a night blooming jasmine tree, butterfly tree, Indian Hawthorne and a quirky wheelbarrow overflowing with chrysanthemums.

The pathway leading to the main garden is flanked by brick and is planted with green roses, yellow impatiens, Amazon iris, palms, hollyhock, ginger, and kehloe.

The main garden, features more mini-gardens, including an old sink complete with gazing ball and flowers, a trunk garden planted with geraniums and morning glories and a secret garden. The secret garden, tucked away behind the picket fence and grapevine covered arbor, is planted with geraniums, roses, nasturtiums, blackberries, chrysanthemums, hydrangeas, an apple tree and water lilies, under the center of roses.

Other plantings filling out the main garden include an angel trumpet tree, hydrangeas, gladiolas, daisies, Johnny jump ups, geraniums and a fig tree. A cement patio provides extra seating and a staging area for designing chair gardens is located at the rear of the yard.

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3630 Garden Avenue
Built in 1945
Original Cost \$4,000

Rosemary, pigmy palms, princess bush, Mexican sage, lavender, zinnias, assorted ferns and a stately Queen palm provide this neo-traditional style home, built in 1945, with great curb appeal. The gable roof with composition shingles, smooth stucco exterior and covered entry area are all typical features of the neo-traditional architecture.

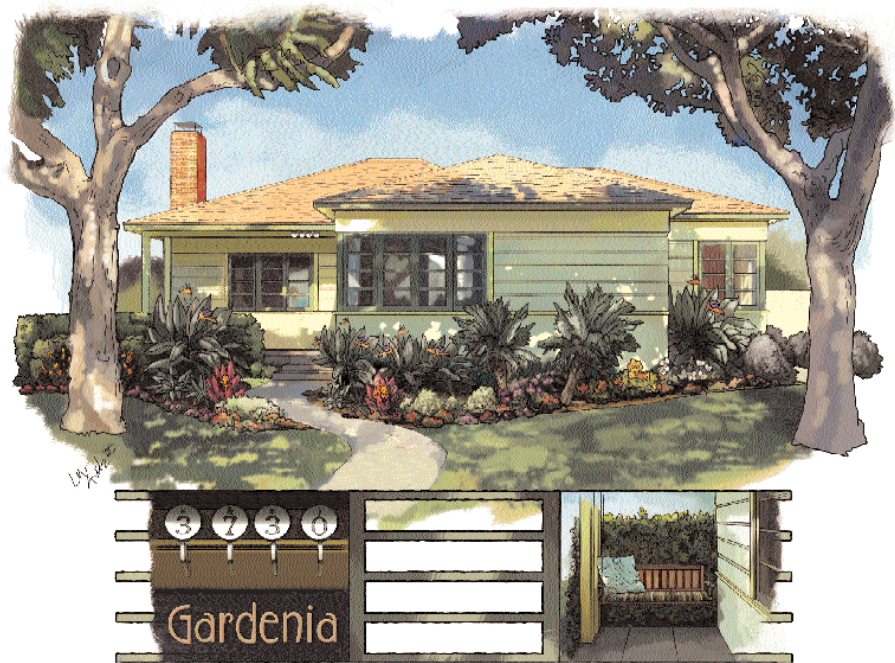
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A lush pathway protected by morning glory, star jasmine and butterfly vine leads guests to into the rear garden which is both beautiful and fun for the kids. A roomy redwood deck with pergola and an outdoor dining area is perfect for family dinners as well as hosting more formal gatherings. And to keep the kids happy and entertained the owners added a built-in sandbox and a big swing set.

Snail vine, black-eyed Susan and star jasmine climb up the pergola supports while a variety of deck pots are planted with lobelia, daisies, pansies, heliotrope and a Caribbean copper tree. A trellis topped redwood fence protects plantings of yellow sweet broom, honeysuckle, red pincushion flower, butterfly bush, a variety of salvia, assorted daisies and a sunburst honey locust tree,.

Garage plantings include Tasmanian tree ferns, fuchsias, rhododendrons, azaleas, pansies, daisies, lobelia, butterfly bush and Jerusalem sage. Star jasmine and climbing fig camouflage the garage wall. And a flagstone path leads guests to a soothing water feature and a raised bed vegetable garden.

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3730 Gardenia Avenue
Built 1939
Original Cost \$5,000

Built in 1939, this neo-traditional home incorporates design elements of the Craftsman style architecture including the low pitched gable roof lines, expansive use of windows, and wood exterior siding. The front door, thought to be original, features colorful, diamond paned stained glass panels and leads into a small entry hall.

Original details in the living room include the fireplace, mantle and built-ins. The crown molding throughout the home, with the exception of the dining room, is also original.

The adjoining dining area, originally a back patio, was enclosed by a previous owner for use as a canning room

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and accessed through the original dining room. Current owners opened the wall to the patio/canning room, matched the original crown and door molding, added French doors and windows and terra-cotta pavers with Malibu style deco tile.

In the master bedroom previous owners converted a small closet into a bath and added a larger closet. All of the window and door moldings are original and the corner window configuration maximizes light and ventilation.

The son's bedroom also features the original windows and window and door molding.

The bathroom, remodeled by previous owners in the 1950,s, was updated by the current owners with a new sink, tub, toilet and new white tile with blue tone glass accents. A new double hung wood window with privacy glass matching the 1950,s style medicine cabinet replaced an inappropriate louvered window.

Original features in the kitchen include the cabinets, cabinet hardware and sink. The current owners added the wenge wood counter tops, bevel shape subway tile backsplash and white and black hex mosaic tile floor. The mud porch retains the original milk door and built-in ironing board cabinet.

The dining room, used as an office, features the original swinging door and an interesting pyramid coved ceiling.

A California native and drought resistant garden is planted with statice, yarrow, lamb,s ear, monkey flower, purple fountain grass, columbine, a variety of sages, avocado and citrus trees. Passion flower and red trumpet vines climb the trellis on the fence while a mural of citrus trees graces the stucco wall along the driveway.

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3421 Gundry Avenue
Built 1936
Original Cost \$4,000

Built in 1936, this Mission Revival style home is characterized by the bold arched opening of the porte cochere, the red tile roof and the rectilinear windows with heavy cap detail. The original mahogany entry door features a small viewing door with beautiful lion motif grille. An Asian influence, from the homeowner's time spent traveling and living in China, is reflected in the furnishings throughout the home.

Original features in the living room include the vaulted ceiling, fireplace and sconces. Hardwood floors throughout the home, with the exception of the recently remodeled kitchen, are original. Passage doors throughout the home are also original as are the crystal door knobs. A new forced air/heat unit removed the need for the original wall

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gas heaters however the current owner chose to keep them to maintain the integrity of the home. The dining room features the original coved ceiling with inset star design and lighting fixture. The arch opening on the southeast wall originally housed the doorbell chimes.

The secondary bedroom, used as a den, and the master bedroom both retain the original coved ceilings, windows and window hardware. A large closet in the master bedroom is unusual for a home of this era.

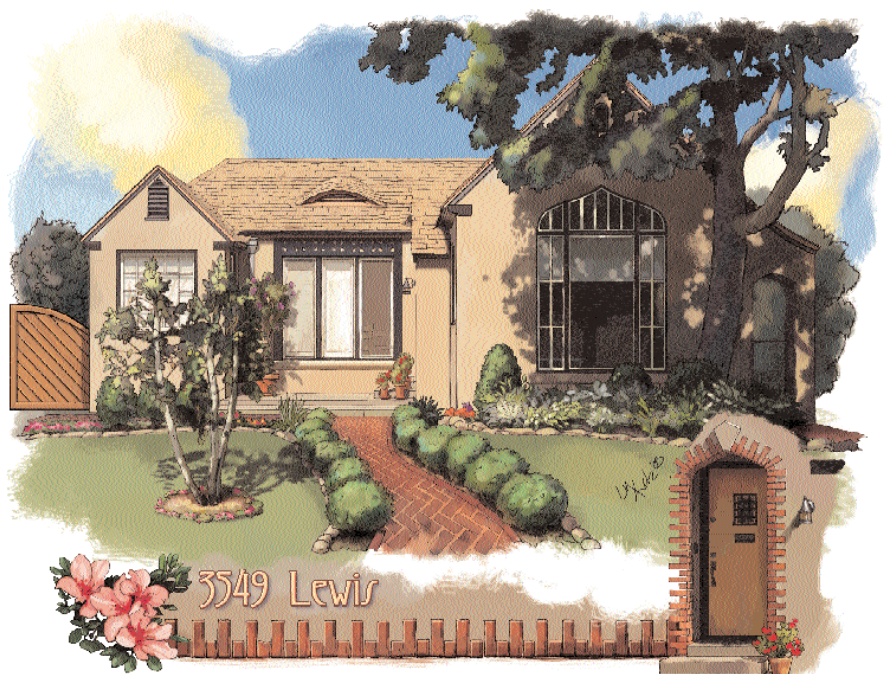
Original features in the bathroom include the mauve tub with original tile mural above it in shades of lavender, black, green and beige. The remainder of the original bathroom tile is yellow with rust trim and a black and yellow fish deco band. The sink and toilet were replaced by previous owners.

The kitchen was recently remodeled by the current owner and features new bead board cabinets, Corian countertops and new appliances. The original match holder is located on the wall next to the new refrigerator. Original features in the breakfast nook include the original coved ceiling and built-in corner cabinets. The mud room houses a washer and dryer and retains the original milk box.

A previous owner widened the original garage in 1944 and the current owner added a home office in 2004. A lovely covered portico ties the new addition in with the Mission Revival architecture of the home.

A beautiful central fountain, surrounded by lush greenery, creates a peaceful garden retreat while an outdoor dining room, perfect for entertaining, is tucked at the rear of the yard.

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3549 Lewis Avenue
Built 1927
Original Cost \$3,026

Built in 1927, this English Tudor Revival style bungalow is characterized by the rounded roof eave that echoes thatched roof forms and the half timbering detail around the dining room windows. The front entry retains the original mahogany door, in a Tudor arch shape with brick surround and plaster keystone, as well as the original light fixture. A unique feature is the small "coat" closet to the right of the front door, also with a mahogany door.

Original details in the living room include baseboards, window and door trim and the plaster corbel details on the arch entry into the dining room. The current owners removed an acoustical ceiling and replaced inappropriate louvered windows with wood windows. The picture hang molding is new as the original molding was unable to be saved. Hardwood

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floors throughout the home, except for the recently remodeled kitchen, are original. Passage doors and door hardware throughout the home are also original.

Current owners opened the dining room to the kitchen by removing a wall with a door and adding a new arch complete with the same plaster corbel details casted from the original arch.

Original features of the master and guest rooms include the picture hang molding, window and door molding and the original heating grates. A new forced air/heat unit was installed and uses the original grates to maintain the integrity of the home.

Due to extensive damage, the bathroom was completely gutted and the layout reconfigured, except for the tub location, which was walled in. The owners added the arch top tub opening, coved ceiling, all of the tile including the hex tile floor and replaced louvered windows with wood windows. Reproduction tile is teal green with black trim and yellow and black deco tile. Original features include the reporcelained tub and the original mirror, installed into a new medicine cabinet.

The den features the original coved ceiling, wood windows and window and door trim. The picture hang molding is new and the adjoining mudroom features an unusual opening into the den closet.

Current owners remodeled the 1970,s style kitchen into a more period correct kitchen including Shaker style cabinets and reproduction white tile with black trim and yellow accents. A separate breakfast room was opened up and a built-in banquette with table now serves as the casual eating area. The hardwood floor in the kitchen is new but matches the home's original hardwood flooring.

The garage features a steep pitched roof and a storage area above complete with windows. The current owner designed and built by the garage door. Both the front and back yards have been recently re-landscaped.

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3759 Myrtle Avenue

Built 1927

Original Cost \$4,965

This Spanish Colonial Revival style home, built in 1927, is characterized by the use of arches, turret entry detail, red tile roof, stucco surfaces and a courtyard entry. Severely neglected as a rental for over fifteen years this home has found new life after a sensitive restoration by the new owners.

The inviting courtyard entry received a new gate, pavers and fountain as well as all new landscaping in the front yard. The original „Hollywood% driveway remains and also received a new gate matching the one to the courtyard entry. Also note the very unusual roof tile, most likely produced by Gladding McBean.

The original front door has a unique shape and the arch window at the entry features new stained glass. The light fixture in the entry is the only remaining original fixture in the home. The remaining lighting found throughout the house are period fixtures purchased for the house on e-bay.

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Original features in the living room include the barrel vault ceiling, built-in bookcases and fireplace with unusual tile vents. The original hardwood flooring was refinished and the original passage doors stripped and refinished. Push button light plates have been added as well as reproduction glass doorknobs, after the original knobs were stolen.

The dining room features the original coved ceiling, recessed alcove for a buffet and swinging door to the kitchen.

Original features in the son,s room include the coved ceiling, picture hang molding and plaster texture.

The master bedroom also features the original picture hang molding and plaster texture but the original window was replaced with French doors to access a cozy patio complete with chiminea and rocking chair.

The bathroom was in a serious state of disrepair and neglect and has been beautifully restored by the new owners. Original features in the bathroom include the arch top door, coved ceiling, toilet, medicine cabinet and the turquoise mottled wall tile with black cap trim and turquoise deco tile. The floor tile is not original but was replaced at some point in the homes rental history with white and black hex mosaic in a flower design.

Current owners added the tile to the arch top tub opening, the white tile to the upper portion of the shower and a new sink. The original windows, beyond repair, were replaced with wood windows identical in design to the originals.

The kitchen, also beyond repair, had to be completely gutted and remodeled. The owners kept to the original style of the home by using Shaker style cabinets and reproduction yellow tile with black trim. Aluminum windows over the sink were replaced with wood sliders and the vintage O,Keefe and Merritt stove moved with them from their previous residence.

The breakfast nook, currently in use as an office, has the original cove ceiling. Both the kitchen and breakfast nook have black linoleum flooring.

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3548 Orange Avenue
Built 1925
Original Cost \$2,100

Built in 1925, this classic Craftsman bungalow is typified by the low to the ground appearance, deep roof overhangs and wide eaves, front porch and the low gable roof. The owners have beautifully furnished this home with Craftsman style furniture from both vintage and contemporary craftsmen.

Original features in the living room include the oak strip flooring, wood burning fireplace, plaster wall finish, picture hang molding, baseboards, wood windows, which the owner stripped and rebuilt, and the window and door trim.

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The dining room features the original Douglas fir built-ins with float plate glass including a drop lid desk, facing the dining room, and a glass cabinet, facing the living room. The scarf cut picture rail is new and was installed by the current owners. The dining room is furnished with a vintage oak dining table and Stickley sideboard.

The master bedroom features the original picture hang molding and window and door molding. The exceptional Arts and Crafts bedroom furniture is contemporary and crafted by Voorhees Craftsman.

The daughter's bedroom also features the original picture hang molding and window and door molding. Her room also features a chair rail that may or may not be original.

Remodeled in a period correct style by the current owners in 2004 the kitchen features a vintage O,Keefe and Merritt stove in cobalt blue, new Shaker style white oak cabinets with peg detail, Brazilian soap stone countertops with a subway tile backsplash, and cork flooring in two colors. A section of the original cabinets remain, including the California cooler, typical of homes built in this era.

The mud porch features the original moldings on the doorways and has a bath which appears to be original. Tucked behind the mud room is a small office with the original oak flooring and window and door molding.

A Brazilian pepper tree dominates the large back yard and a new California Lantern fixture graces the back porch.