Rodney Walker Design

BY APPOINTMENT

The Walker Residence, 1959 – Ojai, California

Of all John Entenza's California Case Study Program participants, Rodney Walker was the most hands on designer. Julius Shulman recalled Rodney up on a tractor preparing a site on Mulholland Drive for one of his visionary projects. From finding the site, to site preparation, design and execution Rodney was involved with every detail. With his own family residence in Ojai, California it is understandable that this total immersion in process as well as his creativity, unrestricted by the constraints of client's wishes, has resulted in a true masterpiece of Twentieth Century modern architecture. While the designs of Rodney’s three Case Study residences are internationally known and celebrated today, his personal residence in Ojai remains virtually unknown, even though those who do know the work acknowledge the creation as his most significant. Rodney modestly did not flaunt his riches.

Rodney was not the first to utilize the equilateral triangle in architecture. Frank Lloyd Wright utilized a modular system of equilateral triangles in some of his designs, and John Lautner designed a small residence with a perimeter in the shape of an equilateral triangle like Rodney's in 1950. Nevertheless, the Walker Residence design, without sacrificing utility, epitomizes the utilization of the form in the creation of an unsurpassed statement of what today has become popularly known as the modern California lifestyle of indoor-outdoor living.

The carefully chosen site is a unique hilltop on the west side of the Ojai Valley which affords 270 degree panoramic vistas while still providing total privacy for the occupants. Curtain glass walls and mobile glass panels are set back beneath the roof eaves and structural perimeter. From the interiors the effect is cineramic. To steal from Wright; from this vantage you don't just see the Valley and the Mountains, you are the Valley and the Mountains! The experience is transcendent, and not fleeting. Communing with nature here is a moment by moment daily reality. The site is over 3.4 acres. A gated private drive curves gently up the hill to a generous parking plaza and the residence entry. In addition to the living areas, there are four bedrooms, media room, and three baths. See additional images at: walkerresidence.com

NEW PRICE $3,500,000 / Crosby Doe
The City of San Marino is not noted for bohemian lifestyles, but here on the fringe in oak strewn Kewen Canyon, if not bohemianism, at least haute-bohemianism, with a nod to modernism flourished postwar through the 1960's. After the Roulac's conversion of an old pump house into a modern residence with architect Whit Smith, Austin Ayers, an engineer by profession, commenced his own interpretation of modernism just down the street for his family.

After initial sketches drawn by William L. Rudolph A.I.A., Ayers created a combination art studio/living quarters. The avant-garde living arrangement was cleverly concealed behind an innocuous ranch-style facade, taunting and defying conservative McCarthy-era perceptions that associated Modernism with Communism. The space incorporates a two story all purpose living area with a grand fireplace. The loft-style master bedroom and bath floats above, and may be opened to the interior via shoji inspired screens. The kitchen is in the center, and beyond is a family/study area connecting to two additional bedrooms and a second bath.

As the family grew arts activities and hobbies were moved out to a new studio attached to the garage. Later an additional studio/guest quarters utilizing recycled railroad ties and steel frame windows was constructed on the hillside above the garage. The buildings are carefully arrayed across the nearly half-acre natural canyon site which additionally incorporates meandering hillside trails, gardens, & a private patio.

Having been maintained in unaltered condition since new, this package offers a rare and desirable natural retreat from urbanism/suburbanism, still reflecting its haute-bohemian roots hidden between two of Southern California's finest residential estate neighborhoods. The property is conveniently close to South Lake Avenue shopping and services. Moderate restoration required.

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Edward Butler Rust, A.I.A

Noted for his larger Los Angeles Projects such as the National Register Los Altos Apartments, and the Windsor Hotel, Rust also designed a number of residential projects in varied vernacular styles of the period. First owner Don Linder may have been a developer because not long after completion of this Hollywood Deco style residence, it was sold to actor/producer Anderson Lawler.

The property’s association with the glamour, romance, and history of Hollywood’s “Golden Era” commences with Lawler’s ownership. A letter of Lawler’s to his mother on Sam Jaffe’s letterhead professes that Marlene Dietrich helped to purchase original furnishings for the house. After moving back to New York, Lawler apparently rented the house to Orson Welles who lived there with Rita Hayworth. Lawler’s friends and business associates included such notables as Jack Warner, Darryl Zanuck, Gary Cooper and William Haines. Subsequent owners include opera singer Risë Stevens, actor Lex Barker, and director Ralph Levy. Since 1955 the property was owned by writer/director/producer Paul Harrison and his wife Betty. The property is now being offered by the Harrison family.

Gated, discrete, private, and backing up to a rare Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy open space preserve, the residence still serves as the quintessential Hollywood Hills hideaway. Set within spacious gardens, the property continues to reflect the glamour of the era: Deco details such as the staircase, round kitchen window, curving bookcases and shelves, tiles, fixtures and original fireplaces enliven the style. The residence incorporates: formal entry, master bedroom with a corner fireplace, vanity built-ins and direct access to the rooftop sleeping porch, two additional bedrooms, library, office, service entry, laundry,3 baths, and a guest room with a separate entry. There is direct access from the full size, two-car garage.

See additional images at: www.crosbydoeproperties.com/linder

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A rigorous post-modern approach to the design of this celebrated landmark of modern beach living has honed a structure strikingly apart from, yet correct for its beach city context. The resulting program triumphs with solutions over challenges posed by dense urbanism, and seaside entropy. From the imposing three story entry, an elevator whisks one to the top floor where space, light and air are the hallmarks of living and dining areas surrounded by panoramic vistas dominated by the beach and ocean. There is a natural flow to the kitchen, and out to a garden roof terrace. Verticality is broken by a multi split-level floor plan incorporating a master bedroom with built-ins, fireplace, ample closets and ocean views. There are two additional bedrooms, 2.5 luxuriously appointed baths, den/library, wine cellar, laundry and 2 car garage. There is an additional corner lot devoted to gardens, parking, patio and play areas.

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This tastefully remodeled home features a sleek modern kitchen with state-of-the-art appliances, Granite counters, a center island and large pantry. The open kitchen sits adjacent to the dining room with French doors that lead out to an expansive wrap around wooden deck and private rear yard. The charming living room boasts a wood burning fireplace with a period mantel flanked by French windows. The large master bedroom has beamed Cathedral ceilings, French windows and doors with direct access to a sunken spa— a perfect place to melt the tension away from your day. Beautiful wood floors and character details are throughout. The remodeled bath features a garden window and granite counters. There is a separate rear office space or bonus studio. This sophisticated urban residence sits on over a 5,500 square foot lot on one of the most desirable streets in West Hollywood West. www.341westbourne.com

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