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The Fireplace Mantle and the Chic Interior

By Ken Gutmaker | Aug 14, 2018



This fireplace is nestled in a large white marble mantle. It feels like an abstract notion of a fire. The living room in this home has a wonderfully muted color palette, and is a soothing space to inhabit. Rather than the standard sofa configuration, it has four corners of a sofa, which swivel, this creates a space that is infinitely more flexible and fun.



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Summer Vacation!

By Ken Gutmaker | Jul 31, 2018



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While this pool house is a year-round building, it's entire structure and aesthetic speaks to leisure and summertime fun. It has two screened-in rooms, one has built in bunk beds the other is for Ping Pong! The outdoor shower rounds out the experience. Across the pool (behind the camera in this shot) there is a fire pit and outdoor kitchen.

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Pure Form

By Ken Gutmaker | Jul 24, 2018



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The structure of this picture window echoes the shape of a child's drawing of a house. Clearing the furniture (literally) and shooting the space symmetrically further abstracts and flattens the image. A forest of LiveOak, Bamboo, and a meandering path to the pool enhance the bucolic scene outside.

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Indoor-Outdoor Shower

A door in and a door out for bathing at a breezy vacation cottage.

By Ken Gutmaker | Apr 24, 2018



This shower straddles the line between indoor and out. A great design solution, it is connected to the outside with a simple doorway, and it enables the user to open the door and enjoy the fresh air and sunlight of an outdoor shower.

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The New “Old Barn”

An energy-efficient makeover transforms this outbuilding into an exercise studio, office, and parking space.

By Ken Gutmaker | Apr 03, 2018



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Using familiar forms and materials, this building fits right in on the farm, with a modern twist. Tractor bays, haylofts and bedding stalls are replaced with an exercise studio, office, and parking for two cars. All powered by the solar panels on the roof.

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Waking Up in a Vineyard

By Ken Gutmaker | Mar 13, 2018



Vineyards surround this east-facing master bedroom. With windows that run from the floor up to 15 feet high and a cathedral ceiling there is no mistaking the intent was to be sleeping in the center of the field, and waking up to the morning light. There are shades that can be deployed (from the top of the window line) at the flick of a switch if desired.

A view of this room from the outside can be seen in this post.

The west side of the home is pictured here.

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This perspective of this home feels balanced, serene, and almost abstract in its purity of form. I'm always excited when a building "tells me" where to shoot from. This is the side of the house that you see when coming up the drive. The first floor is a garage with board formed concrete and the upper floor shows the loft like living space with floor to ceiling glass walls. The corrugated metal in the center is the back of the fireplace. A "Raven-Baseball" sculpture on the right was fabricated from a ship's docking buoy. *The rear of the home faces the vineyards.*

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Firestorm Implications

Codes and Disasters: California wildfires are still raging and are not yet contained.

By Ken Gutmaker | Oct 10, 2017



This tranquil image was shot 13 days ago, and now this location is in the middle of a **literal firestorm**. Over 20,000 people have been evacuated and 115,000 acres and 1500 buildings have burned. The wildfires are still raging and are not yet contained. The smoke from these fires is so thick that it is affecting air quality in San Francisco (forty miles away).

Sometimes we think about building codes as an unnecessary added expense to a project, from **soft-story retrofits** to planning for **floods**. Sometimes these codes can mean the difference between a building surviving a disaster and its occupant's life or death.

It's important to remember what's at stake.

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California Pool House Harkens Back to Local Rural Barn Architecture

Striking a balance: rustic elements combine harmoniously with modern touches.

By Ken Gutmaker | Oct 03, 2017



By utilizing traditional **board and batten siding** and exposed beams in this elegant pool house, the architect speaks to the rural barn structures found in Sonoma County. The balance comes in the modern luxury of a kitchen that opens with sliding glass doors that retract into the walls on three sides. The upstairs 400 square foot “patio” with up-lighting on the beams seems to float in the evening sky.

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Modern Farmhouse in the Vineyard

By Ken Gutmaker | Sep 26, 2017



This home was designed with the aesthetic of a repurposed agricultural building in mind. The lower level has board-formed concrete with color integration, and the second level is all steel, glass, and wood. The east-facing bedroom is bathed in morning light.

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Living Room Design with Bold Color and Style

Enjoy these playful choices in residential design in the Farmhouse style.

By Ken Gutmaker | Sep 19, 2017



Spaces are always more fun to shoot (and more fun to live in) when the homeowner is not afraid of bold color and design decisions. Playful choices are rewarded in this living room where it all comes together. The kitchen in this home is colorful as well.

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Careful Kitchen Design

A light and airy look conceals an ultra-efficient plan.

By Ken Gutmaker | May 24, 2017



Even though this kitchen looks playful, underneath, it is very carefully designed. Every inch of space is used; notice the cabinets ducking under the supporting roof beam. Two colors for the cabinets and white tiles round out the light and airy feel.

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