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AIA/LA ANNOUNCES THE FIRST-EVER HOME TOUR TO FOCUS ON TRADITIONAL HOMES

Inside LA: A Tour of Hancock Park's Most Remarkable Renovations



Los Angeles, CA (March 16, 2009) – Marking a slight departure from past home tours, the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles (www.aialosangeles.org) is proud to announce the first-ever Spring Home Tour to focus exclusively on remarkable renovations of more traditional Los Angeles homes. From French-Mediterranean to pure Italianate, the Spring Home Tour will take visitors inside some of the most beautifully restored homes in Hancock Park, an exclusive urban neighborhood that boasts an abundance of classic Los Angeles architecture. Working within the existing historic structure, this outstanding class of architects rises to the unique challenge of renovating and restoring these traditional homes to their best form yet.

The self-guided tour, scheduled for **Sunday, April 19th from 11am to 4pm**, will include:

JUNE STREET HOUSE

(Rogerio Carvalheiro, Assoc. AIA - RC Design Federation)

Moorish-influenced Home Doubles in Size without Affecting Street Presence

The June St. House, originally built around 1915, had been extensively remodeled in the early 60's and then again in the 70's. During the most recent remodel, all the previous alterations were removed leaving only the original structure. The renovation nearly doubled the square footage of the house. The additional mass was absorbed by creating a courtyard that set the new structure further back from the street. This allowed the home to keep its original neighborhood presence. The house incorporates many modern elements while maintaining its Adobe and Moorish influences.

(Photo: Assassi Productions)



PLYMOUTH RESIDENCE

(Jamie Gluck + John Wentworth)

Turn-of-the-Century Italianate Villa Gets a Modern Update



The Plymouth Residence was renovated in 2005 for modern comfort but built over 80 years earlier in 1920. Reflecting contemporary needs and ideals yet maintaining its original footprint, the Italianate home boasts three large bedrooms, a library, an office, three walk-in closets, a built-in linens cabinet, and two bathrooms upstairs, a gracious foyer, formal dining room, 26-foot-long living room, a parlor, covered loggia, a powder room, a chef's kitchen, a walk-through pantry, a butler's pantry and a powder room.

(Photo: Gluck/Wentworth)

S. MCCADDEN HOUSE

(Thomas Newman – Newman & Wolen Design)

Mediterranean Revival Home Restored to its Former Period Glory

This Mediterranean Revival house built in 1926 has been remodeled to what it might have been, but with all the modern amenities. Additions done in the 30's and 40's, and recovery from some unfortunate 50's renovations after a minor house fire made this house a challenge to keep period and unified. Color and texture were integral components of this project.

(Photo: Erik Nelder)



N. MCCADDEN RESIDENCE

(William Hefner, AIA – William Hefner Architecture, Interiors & Landscape)

French-Mediterranean Renaissance Erases Decades of Unfortunate Renovations



This 1920's "Mediterranean" home fell victim to several unfortunate remodels over the years. The charge was to remodel to make it occupiable for today's lifestyle and to create a character representative of the neighborhood. This house and its guest house were stripped to the studs, reconfigured and expanded to maximize the views and connection to the back yard. The Mediterranean bones of the house lent themselves to a reinterpretation in a French-Mediterranean style and all surfaces, finishes, doors, windows and various details were chosen to be consistent. The gardens have a formal layout with a Mediterranean plant palette inspired by a trip to Provence. *(Photo: Scott Harris/Laura Hull)*

“Los Angeles is a city rich with architectural history,” explains Carlo Caccavale, Associate Director of AIA Los Angeles. “We thought it was important to recognize this part of our heritage and highlight some of the outstanding projects that are yielded from blending modern updates with diverse historical elements and styles.”

Fans of contemporary architecture need not fret. On May 3rd, AIA Los Angeles will offer a tandem Spring Home Tour focusing on contemporary homes in Santa Monica.

For more information about the Hancock Park Spring Home Tour, please contact Haily Zaki at Secret Agent PR. Tickets can be purchased online at www.aialosangeles.org for \$75.

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