

The Art of Teton Living

Bringing the Inside Out and the Outside In Homes Inspire with Natural Elements

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ith towering mountains and majestic scenery all around, it's no surprise that Jackson residents want to "bring the outdoors in and the indoors out" when designing homes in the area. With short and heavenly summers, people aspire to take full advantage of being outside. Local architects work with residents to embrace the short and sweet season, including incorporating features such as outdoor kitchens and dining spaces, living areas, even showers. Residents savor every moment of outdoor living in these innovative spaces.





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One local architecture firm, Carney Logan Burke Architects, has helped a number of clients bring the inside out and the outside in to enjoy the magnificent natural setting of the Tetons. From outdoor kitchens and living spaces to indoor features that incorporate outdoor elements—typically using windows and sliders—they work to maximize the indoor/outdoor connection.

The Peaks View Residence is one such home. It features an expansive barbecue, covered dining area and a fireplace with simple cube chairs. The owners, who have three children, enjoy entertaining. They made sure there were cohesive spaces that could be used at different times of the day, taking advantage of both shade and light. They also incorporated a fireplace and covered area to add an element of heat for cool evenings.

The home also features an eye-catching outdoor spiral staircase. The owners appreciated the aesthetics of the staircase as well as the functionality and the fact that it breaks up the long roof lines. An added bonus was that it added an additional way to enter or exit the home.

With three school-aged children, the family is used to entertaining an all-ages crowd. They use the outdoor dining space in the summer for meals and as a gathering space. The family's active children enjoy playing on the property, swimming in the pond in the summertime and cross-country skiing in the winter.

Another local home that transcends the boundaries between the outdoors and the indoors is the Trader Residence. The modern addition to a log and river rock house incorporates a jewel box design, rammed earth, copper ceilings and wood framing. >>





The part-time resident owners enjoy their buttetop location and savor time out on the deck. In the summer, they see their expansive deck as an additional room and eat out there almost every evening, except when thunderstorms threaten. Another favorite activity is reading on the deck, as well as soaking in the incredible views of the Sleeping Indian, Teton Range and Snake River. The outdoor area is adorned with a statue by contemporary British sculptor Antony Gormley.

The home features a unique office space, including a custom wood desk by a French designer, stained concrete floor, vintage Buddha head sculpture from the fourth century Chinese dynasty and a wall of windows—with a massive slider. In the summertime when the doors are open, it creates the illusion of actually being outside.

Even the bathroom incorporates a variety of indoor/outdoor elements. Featuring a wall of windows, the residents can enjoy beautiful views year round. However, the most unique element is the outdoor shower. Local artist Ben Roth created the custom outdoor shower screen. One resident takes an outdoor shower each day in the summer. By bringing indoor features outside and welcoming the outdoors into a home, Teton residents do everything they can to fully savor their surroundings.



