

# THE ART OF LIVING: THE JACKSON HOLE SHOWCASE OF HOMES

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Simultaneously expressive and communicative, art and architecture work together to grace our world with beauty in form and function. During the Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival, architecture, building and interior design get their due with the annual **Jackson Hole Showcase of Homes** tour, hosted by *Homestead* magazine. A local fundraiser for charities of the homeowners choices, it is a one-day, self-guided tour. A home in this outpost of the West, when thoughtfully executed, can be an ode to nature and living the aesthetic life. To take in what might be possible with the Jackson Hole Showcase of Homes is to take in a whole separate genre of art that is embodied using space and location.

Architects, builders, designers and the myriad of craftsmen who come together to create these masterpieces join the homeowners who generously open their doors to the public, setting this Showcase of Homes apart from others. Once on the property, a walk-through is made special with the input of the professionals who brought the home to life. More than a simple home tour, this is an immersive experience.

Getting into the finer details of home design can lay bare a multitude of questions, and how often do we get to ask those questions of the architect responsible? Architect Brian Messana of the New York City firm Messana O’Rorke was present to discuss his design during the most recent Showcase, “We wanted to site the home toward the view of the Tetons, but we also have Sleeping Indian to consider. We wanted to create something that felt like it was always here, so the scale and materials needed to feel organic. The vocabulary of the exterior is very basic and echoes the simplicity of those early settlers here. Back then it was all about best use.”



The home in question is a study in minimalism, and the way the lines are affected by this aesthetic brings forth a clean and simple elegance. The space can be shared by the occupants with options for private and communal moments. This is the Western modern movement on display at its finest.

Located on a bluff 500 feet above the valley floor, featuring sweeping views of the Tetons, the Peace of Jackson home was designed with a wellness focus. Implementing a biophilic design concept means establishing connectivity to the natural environment using space and place. Local firm Rendezvous Design’s principal, Patricia Kennedy, has used the biophilic philosophy as inspiration for her Interiors for Wellness™ approach. With Interiors for Wellness™, Kennedy elevates the daily living experience by bringing touchpoints for our five senses into the fold.

During the time in which summer morphs into fall, Jackson Hole comes alive with art and a celebration of the town’s Western lifestyle. By participating in the Jackson Hole Showcase of Homes, the guest gains access into private residences that are a result of careful design considerations. ▀



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Touring through each piece of the home with the architect serving as docent gives the exploration memorable value. “The space unfolds before you, with surprises that makes the home feel larger than it is,” says Messana. The lines of the home echo a stylized consistency that becomes instantly familiar, never distracting from the view that compelled the homeowner to select the location.

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During the Showcase of Homes, Patricia Kennedy is on hand to offer the brilliant details of how Interiors for Wellness™ accentuates the home environment.