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EYE-PLEASING DESIGN

Hillside Home Has Many Fine Features

By JOAN FRINGLE
As a fine painting pleases the eye because of its symmetry, color and overall design so does the Robert W. Burnett house in the Berkeley hills.

Architect Norris Gaddis made best use of a sloping corner site by raising the main living level enough to capture a wide view of the Bay and to allow space under, south on the downhill side of the property for carport, workshop and large storage space.

The soft lines of the arch-

Livingroom features massive Palo Verde stone and high-glass windows opening to the sky and tree tops.

Sundeck let off the dining and livingrooms provides space for pleasant morning, offers fine view of Bay.

Light from clerestory windows casts soft patterns against stone in livingroom.

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texture, and features of redwood and Palo Verde stone are blended into simple, natural beauty in perfect harmony with the tree-studded setting.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the Burnett house is its many exposures in all directions to the outdoors. In addition to the Bay view, Architect Gaddis developed openings from other sides of the structure to terrace, patio and deck. The terrace of the master bedroom acts as a private retreat for gardening and sunning. The large family room opens to a sheltered patio. Kitchen, diningroom and livingroom have access to a continuous elevated sundeck which joins side and front of house and has a full view of the Bay.

Roofs of clerestory windows under the highly pitched roof provide, as a change of pace, pleasant glimpses of sky and tree tops. The high pitched roof line—17 feet at the ridge runs over the family room and 12 feet at the highest point in the bedroom wing—is an important element of the architecture. It not only opens up the interior into a greater volume of space and lends drama to the design, but also creates a cathedral quality with the light coming in from the high windows.

A massive Palo Verde stone wall containing five places on both sides divides family room kitchen and livingroom and is the central feature of the house. In the family room a black iron hood protruding ceiling, cast-iron fireplace wall, and built-in grill and storage built in the livingroom. The stone is retained in retaining walls and garden plantings.

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