

# Jorgensen/Mavis House

Located on the 9th fairway of the Thunderbird Country Club, Cody designed this exquisite home for Mr. & Mrs. Earle M. Jorgensen in 1955. One year later, the home sold to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mavis, lock, stock and barrel.



The Mavis family has kept the home 100% original, down to its Helen Conway-designed interior. When the sofas in the living room needed recovering, Mrs. Mavis tracked down the original fabric in

New York. When water soaked the living room rug, it was cleaned and restored not replaced.

The building hugs the site. The drive slopes down to the house with carport on left. The double door entry is recessed two more steps below the drive.

Upon entering, one looks directly out at a view of golf course, pool and mountains. A massive stone fireplace anchors the room. Terrazzo floors run throughout. The master bedroom is reached through a glass-walled gallery. Pecky cypress covers walls in the living room and master bedroom. Guest bedrooms feature the same pecky cypress and stone work. The home also has a separate guesthouse. Every bathroom features a sunken shower opening to a private walled garden. The kitchen features its original



ABOVE: Main entrance to the home, with the carport at left. RIGHT: Glassed gallery leading to master bedroom. PHOTOS BY WILLIAM KOPELK

cabinets, Formica counter tops and original Thermador ovens and stove.

All elements throughout the house show Cody's obsession with detail. Tolerances on doors are to the 1/16 of an inch, glass disappears into stonewalls or ceilings, piano hinges support wardrobe doors, blinds disappear into the ceiling and support posts are notched before meeting the ceiling. The result is masterful.

—Andy Sotta

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