



Craftsmen and Their Homes

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The exposed rafter tails and beams that extend past the overhanging eave, the stone base, the craftsman entry door, the cedar shingles that cover the exterior walls, the green Pella windows, are all elements reminiscent of the Pasadena-based Gamble house. In the interior, the details in the wood work show Eiler's love of his art. "Jon (Eiler) is totally hands-on," says Turner, "he knows how to use fine wood and runs with his own design."

Taking cues from the Blacker house, Greene & Greene's masterpiece where the brothers created the custom inside elements with wood inlay, and where the interlocking joinery on the main staircase was left exposed, Eiler has constructed a similar staircase in his house adding a decorative element of three waves along the rail that he carried upstairs in the wood paneling. The house is a work of art in the making, but although its home to Eiler, it is not totally complete yet. If the kitchen already has a beautiful counter made of soapstone, the cabinets need a final touch. The house can nonetheless be an inspiration for those who appreciate that architecture.

A second Craftsman house in Lafayette, up Oak Hill Road, is the home of another wood artist, Steve Kauffman. It took him 14 years to remodel the home where he is raising his family with his wife Susan, and he has not missed any details. For example, he designed the mahogany windows himself, inspired by a Julia Morgan design; he made extensive use of teak, mahogany and redwood for the built-in elements and custom furniture of the home. "The Kauffman home is not only a Greene & Greene - inspired home, it is also a 'green' home," said Turner. "I used reclaimed material as often as possible as I remodeled," agreed Kauffman, "we used also green material such as cork for the floors of the children's bedroom, or sustainably harvested American teak floor, and the house is powered by inconspicuous solar panels that face south on the detached garage roof." ...continued on next page



Steve Kauffman's fireplace, created in a combination of wood, tile, and copper



The Kauffman home boasts charming interior details.



Sabine Hathaway in her living room with tile fireplace



The Hathaways' entryway is brightened by skylights