



Napa Field Trip



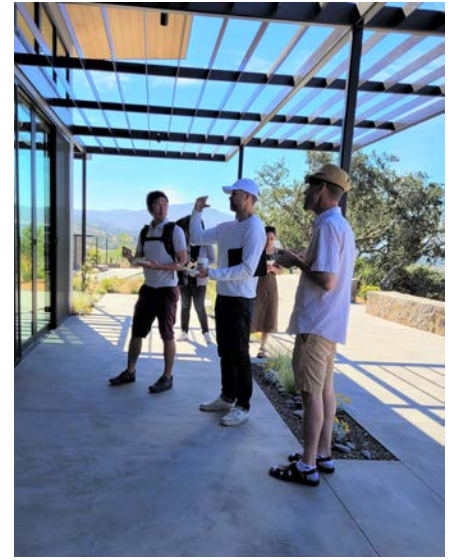
Pool House

The [Gast Architects](#) office just returned from a glorious field trip to Napa where we toured our recently completed new build with the team from [Saturn Construction](#). We designed a fire-resistant home and pool house to replace the originals which were lost in the Napa fires five years ago. The GA project design and construction administration team was led by Matt Williams and Matthew De Mott. Landscape architecture by [Jonathan Plant & Associates](#).



Responding to the Rocks

Only the rock wall and pool survived the conflagration - both have been updated in place. Perpendicular in orientation to its predecessor, the new main house is perched above the pool area with a burnt tree trunk standing memorial sentry in the background. Beautiful stone flooring flows throughout the house and blends seamlessly to meet the colored concrete patios making maintenance easy for our delightful clients and their beloved dogs.



Views to the Horizon

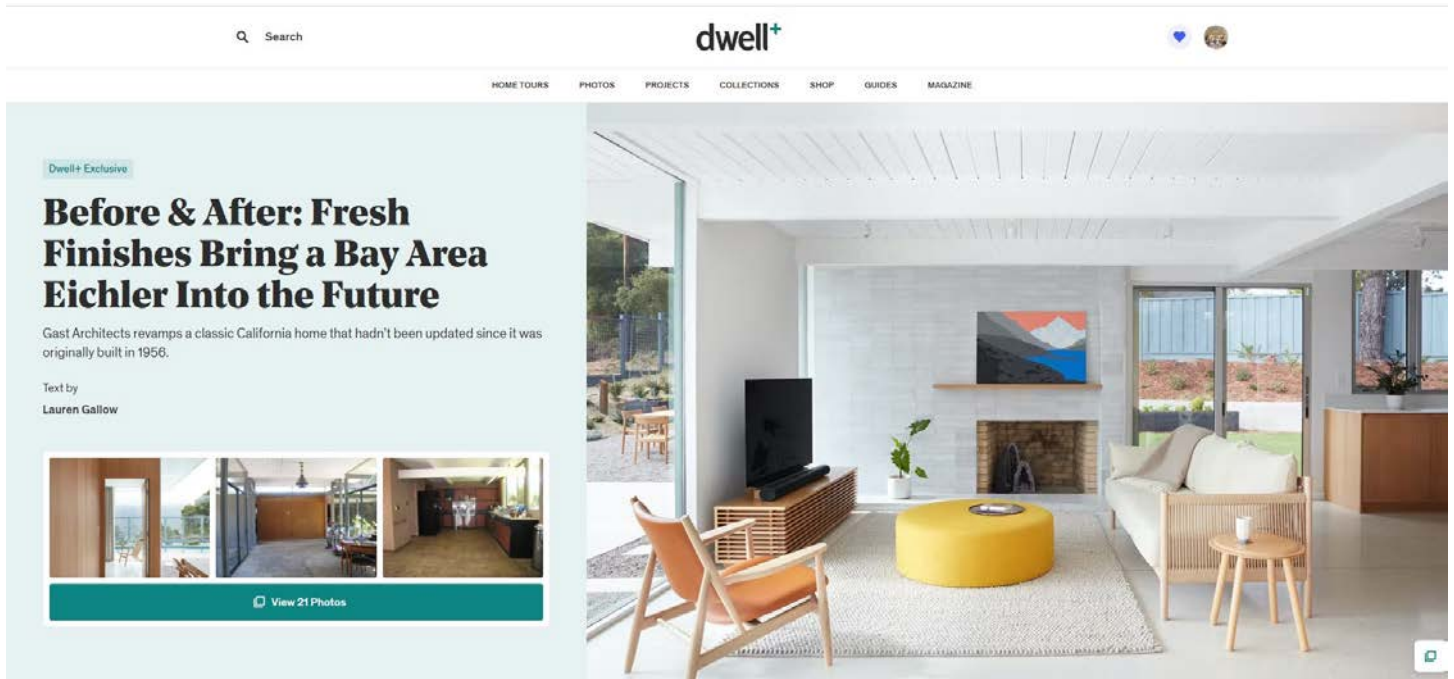
Throughout the project the views have been opened up in concert with shading the interiors using roof overhangs and soon-to-be green covered trellises.



Our Own Photographer

Most folks probably don't realize that our own John Oliver, Principal, is also a professional photographer. This project will be the first he is photographing for [Gast Architects](#). Stay tuned for a future newsletter to see the full photo spread. Meanwhile, for a peek inside the home's layout, an animated fly-through can be viewed on our [website here](#).

Dwell+



Gast Architects is excited to have a project featured in Dwell+. Writer Lauren Gallow interviewed the clients and project architect, Dennis Budd, about the Peninsula Eichler project (featured in our Winter Newsletter) as part of a thorough Before & After article. Lauren perfectly captured the feel of what the homeowners envisioned when they purchased the original in-need-of-care home, and Gast Architects' skillful interpretation of that vision in this collaborative renovation. Dennis and homeowners, Firdaus & Stella, summed it up at the end of the piece saying "From the beginning, we thought that if we could make the least amount of changes to this house, we'd be doing our job," says Budd.

"At the end of the day, it just feels like home," says Firdaus. "Every time I walk in the front door and look out the windows, I feel fortunate and thankful. It's a very grounding home."

You can read the entire article with Before Photos on our website [here](#).

Cinco de Mayo with the Neighbors



A few years ago when Principal Dennis Budd acquired his vintage VW camping van and started retrofitting it, he “test drove” its mini kitchen by hosting Cinco de Mayo street taco parties for our staff. Now that he’s got it figured out, we invited the neighbors this year! We were so delighted that the team from [Matarozzi Pelsinger Builders](#) joined us for a fun, delicious (and windy!) Gast monthly luncheon.



Clockwise from top left: Shireen Teheranian, Dan Pelsinger, Eric Hartz and Ange McLane De-Levi, and Dennis Budd warming tortillas in the infamous vanagon.

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