



The Hans Wegner “Papa Bear” chair, which Smith bought in Denmark in 1961, sits in front of the fireplace of the Cardiff home she helped design. RAYMOND ELSTAD

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the furniture Smith purchased from designer Hans Wegner in Denmark in 1961.

“Also, to see the structure of the house is really important,” said Haeger of the home’s construction. “You’re not hiding how something is done, you’re it opening up.”

Smith believed that “utilitarian” spaces should be beautiful, light, and efficient and have immediate access to the outside.

While her neighbors’ laundry rooms were in their garages and their kitchens closed off, Smith had banks of windows in both her kitchen and the laundry room next to it. The rooms have a view of the backyard orchard that still feeds her family and the pool where her daughter’s mosaic now glistens.

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today. They were being championed by San Diego’s modern architects of the ’50s and ’60s and can be traced to pioneer Frank Lloyd Wright.

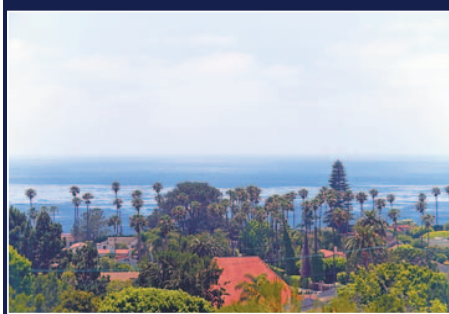
These elements include indoor/outdoor living space; generous overhangs; southern orientation for passive solar heating; butt-glass corner windows; an open floor plan for ease of use; and natural, simple finishes in stone, wood and glass.

The home incorporates such mid-century touches as a floating staircase suspended from the ceiling by iron rods and a stone fireplace that opens to both the living and dining spaces. It also still has

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