



THE ARTHUR ROUSE RESIDENCE

23959 Park Belmonte
Calabasas Historic Landmark No. 3

Date Built: 1973
Architect: Jerrold Lomax
Style: International / Modern
Size: 3,100 sq. ft.

Designated: October 28, 2009



Above: View of residence taken by world renown photographer Julius Shulman

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rouse purchased this lot in Calabasas Park and hired renowned architect Jerrold Lomax to design them a glass house that would showcase their spectacular views of the valley. They also entertained frequently and wanted the outdoor spaces to be merged with the indoor spaces.

The Rouses also owned Trailer Life Publications, which specialized in magazines geared towards the owners of Recreational Vehicles (RVs). Their headquarters in Agoura Hills was also designed by Mr. Lomax.

The Rouse Residence is the only example of Lomax's work using Glu-lam beams. It also utilizes long, uninterrupted glass walls, and a feeling of combining the outdoors with the interior of the dwelling, which are all integral to Lomax's design. It is an excellent example of the International/Modern style of architecture and the Mid-century Modern period of design.

Jerrold Lomax was a renowned modern architect and referred to one of the "Los Angeles 12" a group of architects noted for their significant architectural contributions and potential" (Jerrold E. Lomax, FAIA, The First 80 Years guidebook for MODAA Gallery exhibition, October 2007).. Having been designated a member of this austere group; Lomax exhibited his work in an exhibition at the MODAA Gallery at Studio Pali Fekete architects in celebration of his architectural style and contributions. Lomax's work is regarded as an important contribution to the architectural fabric of Southern California and his name is associated with such luminaries from the architecture field as: Frank Gehry, Craig Ellwood, Ray Kappe, Cesar Pelli, Anthony Lumsden, John Lautner, Daniel Dworsky, Leroy Miller, James Pulliam and Bernard Zimmerman.



Right and Below: Photos of the house from 1976 "Building, A House and Garden Guide article



The City of Calabasas' Historic Preservation Program was created in January 2008 to safeguard Calabasas' heritage by protecting our unique historic places for the education and enjoyment of the people of Calabasas. The City of Calabasas is currently identifying properties such as the Rouse Residence that are worthy of preservation and demonstrate Calabasas' unique character and heritage.



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