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1090 RUBIO

This glorious Federal Colonial Revival style home was built in 1912 for the first mayor of Pasadena, Hiram Wadsworth and his wife Ella. The architect was Joseph J. Blick, who designed many of Pasadena's landmark buildings including the Star News and the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The home was built by William Loesch of Pasadena at a cost of \$12,500. The estate covered well over 5 acres, but today it is just under two acres. The house has over 7,000 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms. The arched window above the front door is original to the home. The chandelier and the European inlaid cabinet in the entryway are from the homeowner's mother's summer home in Austria. The beautiful grandfather clock was made in the late 18th century.



On the floor next to the fireplace is a miniature bench, chair and table by Thonet. This is the only complete set outside of the Thonet Museum in Vienna. Three of the dining room chairs were needlepointed by the homeowner's mother and six others were done by her two aunts. The china and silver on display are part of the homeowner's collection. The kitchen was designed by Mario and Kenn. The showpiece of the kitchen is the huge island made in Honduran mahogany.

Over the years, this home has been used for filming many movies and television shows, including This is Us, NCIS, 7th Heaven, and three movies, "Christmas in Connecticut" directed by Arnold Schwarzenegger and "American Pie" 1 and 2. In 1991 this home was featured on the Altadena Heritage Home Tour. While wandering through the backyard, it is easy to stop and appreciate all of the things that make Altadena such a Gem!

1105 RUBIO



This single-family home, the newest built on Rubio Street in 2001, sits on a half-acre lot and is a combination of contemporary, Spanish, and Mediterranean architecture. The home has 4,560 square feet of living space and includes 4 bedrooms, 4 baths and an extra-large 3-car garage. There have been three owners over the last 22 years. The current owners purchased and started to remodel this property in 2018. This was originally part of a larger estate which sits just behind the hedges at the rear of the home.

This home offers great curb appeal with its scrolled wrought iron entry gates leading up the Tuscan style paved driveway past Olive, Pine and Palm trees and a view of the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop.

The newly hardscaped and relandscaped front yard leads onto a low platform stairway that guides you to the front entry. Take note of the Italian hand-painted tiles below the steps of each platform leading to the front door, with the calming water feature and seating area on the way into the home.

Upon entering the house, a sweeping two-story staircase to your left guides the family to three large bedrooms upstairs, including the main ensuite bedroom with a fireplace and balcony to enjoy the mountain view. On your right, the living room has a twenty-foot-tall welcoming fireplace and a front window seating area overlooking the front veranda and yard. The home's open-concept gourmet kitchen with an adjoining family room makes for great entertaining. Another ensuite bedroom & bath, laundry room and large home office with fireplace are located on the first floor. An exquisite formal dining room with French doors that open to the newly created backyard that features a natural freeform-designed swimming pool, spa, waterfall and firepit all complemented with an outdoor kitchen for those summer outdoor barbecues.

1163 RUBIO

This beautiful Craftsman-style home was built in 1909 and is the oldest house on Rubio Street. It was designed by Altadena Architect George J. Webster who had designed several fine homes in Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre. The house was built by Gunnison and May of Pasadena at a cost of \$5,400. The original owners were John and Elizabeth Paul.

When constructed the house consisted of over 3,000 square feet on a three-quarter acre lot and was later expanded to 3,350 square feet when the previous owners enclosed two porches. The current owners have lived here for forty-five years and raised nine children in this home. A tremendous amount of work has been done to restore it to its original craftsman-style beauty as the current owner is a well-respected Restoration Architect whose architectural firm, The Arroyo Group, initiated the restoration of Old Pasadena and the Pasadena Playhouse. The TV series "The Old Man" starring Jeff Bridges was recently filmed here.



As you walk up the driveway towards the renovated studio/garage, notice the homeowner's fabulous Steinway piano. The owner's father was a concert pianist and teacher who had performed primarily throughout Europe, as well as the US. The homeowner's father paid \$680 when he purchased it new over 85 years ago in Cleveland, OH. The original concert posters in Italian and German are from his concerts in 1929.

On display are models, photographs, and renderings of the homeowner's previous architectural practice. The studio/garage have African mahogany garage doors, windows, and interior columns. The interior is brightly lit by four skylights and a pocket patio at the north end of the interior. Six craftsman-style pendant light fixtures provide light in the evening. The architect's library, drafting table and storage are within the original 1909 garage.



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This lovely two-story Spanish Colonial Revival style home was built in 1925 for Stuart G. Barnes, a consulting engineer. The home is approximately 3,850 square feet, has 4 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms and sits on a 1/3-acre lot. Its architectural details include a beautiful original Batchelder tile fireplace in the living room with a stunning ivy motif. The living room is filled with bright light from two large picture windows.

The current owners have been in the home since 1989 and have restored it to its original splendor, paying particular attention to restoring the moldings to their original beauty and removing heavy window coverings to bring sunlight and garden views into the home.

They also updated the front landscaping to include all drought tolerant plants, which are also complimentary to the property's architectural style.

Among the most interesting details of this home are the owners' collection of eclectic art. In the living room, visitors can't miss the masterful painting of lemons which occupies a central place in the room which is framed to match the basket weave pattern of the piece. Also notable is an Andy Warhol poster with his original signature, a gift from the artist. The portrait of the homeowner as a young girl near the fireplace was painted by her mother.

They extensively remodeled the kitchen, family room, and half bath in 2003. The back garden is not to be missed. The highlight of the backyard, the two "screen rooms", is the homeowners' take on greenhouses which will be the envy of all gardeners.

1360 RUBIO



1380 RUBIO

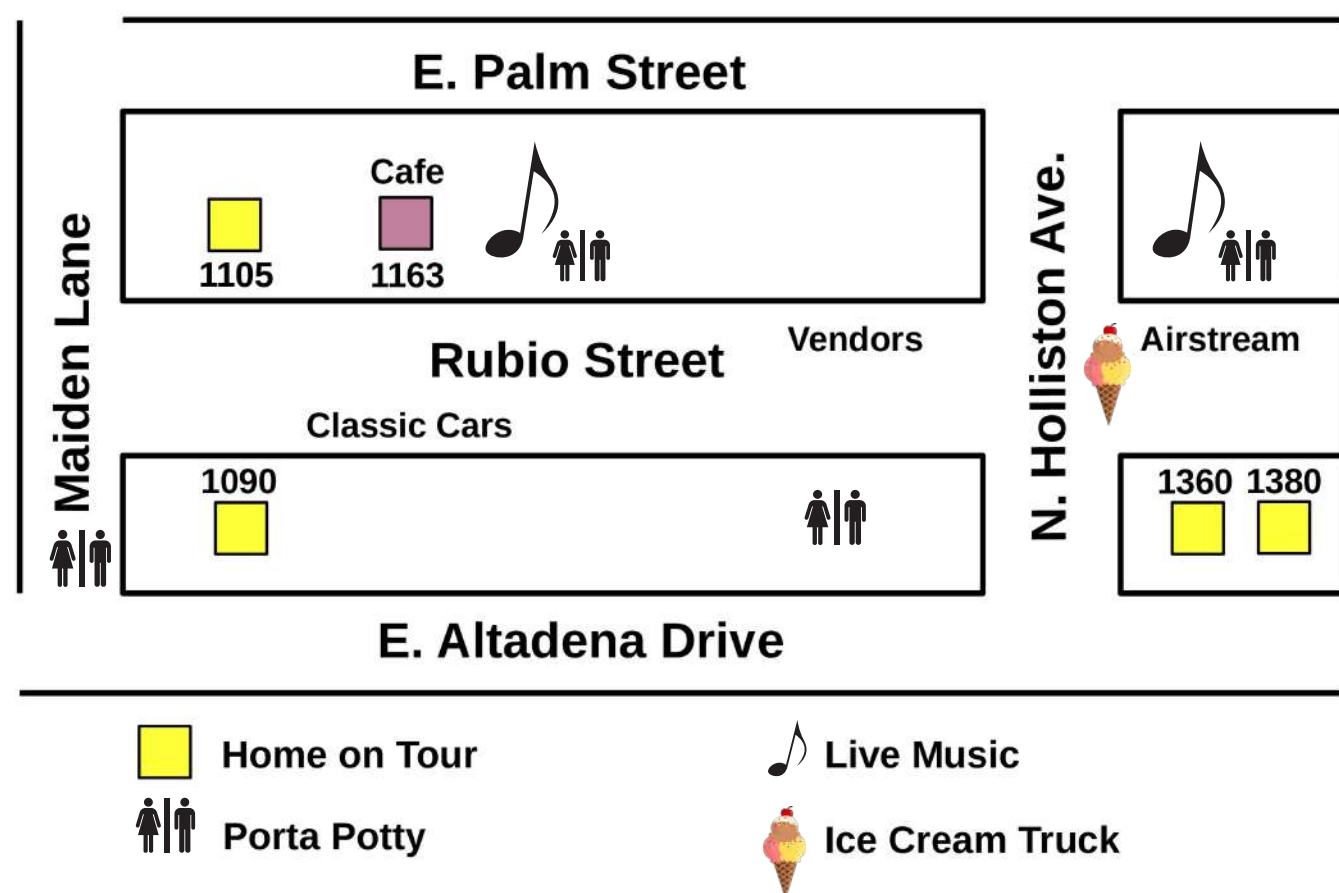
Located in the estates area on one of Altadena's most coveted streets, this home is a glorious mid-century treasure. Enter through an impressive wrought iron gate and peacefully move down the lush driveway to the motor court.

The inviting front entrance faces west, but upon entering, the "L-shaped" floor plan assures that the home takes full advantage of the magnificent views of the San Gabriel Mountains, the shimmering leaves of years' old trees, and the immense sky.

There are five bedrooms including a master suite with a fireplace, three bathrooms and a family room with a fireplace. The kitchen has a large eating area with an adjacent laundry room.

There is a formal dining room and huge living room with recessed lighting, a fireplace and beautiful hardwood floors. The open floor plan and walls of glass provide an amazing indoor/outdoor lifestyle.

The large, multi-level backyard has been creatively sculpted to offer three fabulous living areas, anchored by an outdoor kitchen. As you wander down each level, you will then understand the imagination and planning that went into the transformation. This is Southern California living at its finest.



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