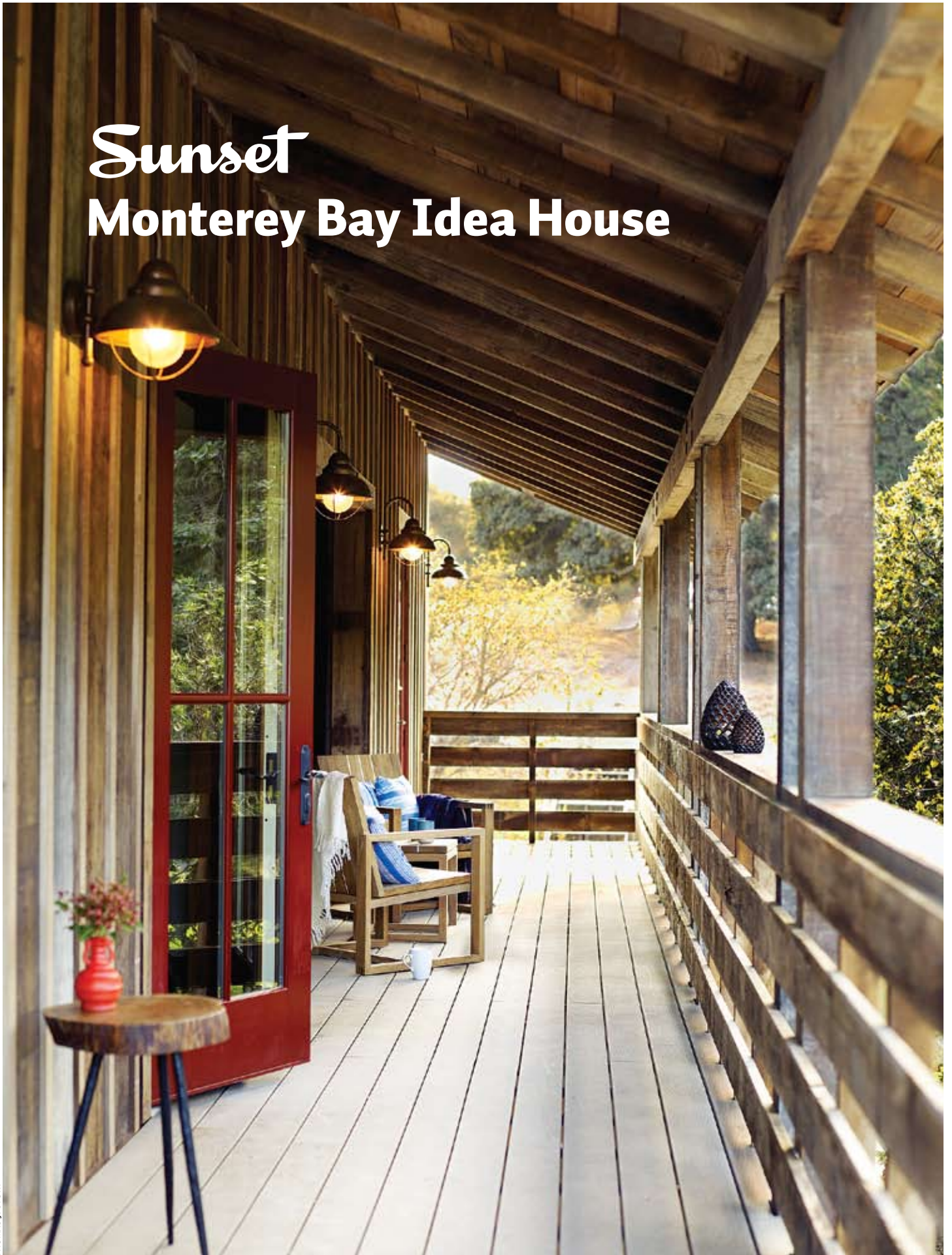


Sunset Monterey Bay Idea House





Modern barn living on the Monterey Peninsula

This is a house that inspires dreams—the kind of dreams that start with living in one of the most exquisite natural environments in California. The dream takes shape in our lavishly yet organically textured house which is reminiscent of the barns that have been here for decades. What better motivation for the décor of our Idea House than the landscape and Monterey's delicate eco-system? Both moved us to showcase the beauty of natural materials like cork, cedar, alder reclaimed redwood and hand-forged iron. We've also used amazing faux materials that mimic nature like the rustic, yet elegant stone veneer in the entry and master bath.

There are big design ideas here. Change the way you think about tile, for example. We've taken pebbles, glass, circles and metallics and combined them with freshness and ingenuity. Why not use a breezeway as a Tuscan dining destination, as we have? Or choose to create a stylish drought-tolerant landscape that complements the botanicals natural to the foothills. How about a soaring wall of windows that folds into itself enabling a complete blurring of the inside and out?

The remarkable Monterey Peninsula inspires eco-consciousness. Therefore, our Idea House has been designed to be 70% off the grid. We've achieved that with an extensive solar system to supplement electricity and water heating. We've also enabled additional energy efficiency with the installation of radiant floor heating. The never-ending need to conserve water has been addressed with a 20,000 gallon water reclamation system used for irrigation.

Special thanks go to our ten world-class sponsors and a long list of incredible contributors. Their products and services have given our Idea House its personality, state of the art function, and memorable beauty.

This wonderful house is the result of months of planning, design, building, decorating and landscaping. Our sincere appreciation goes to **Monterra Ranch** developers Roger Mills and Stephanie and Ken Hardy. Travis Loper and his **Travis Construction** team's incredible craftsmanship and positive attitude got us through to the finish line. **Thomas Bateman Hood's** vision for the house is reflected in the amazing architecture. Joseph Hittinger of **Joseph Hittinger Design** illustrates originality and imagination in every aspect of the superb interior design. Bernard Trainor of **Bernard Trainor and Associates** demonstrates his unique ability to showcase drought tolerant and indigenous plants at their elegant best.

Our thanks also to the **Monterey County Bank** and the **City of Monterey** for their consistent and enthusiastic support during construction.

The *Sunset* Idea House Team welcomes you to beautiful Monterey. We hope that as you experience the house you will leave as inspired as we have been during its creation.

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