

Creativity Apparent in Boehner Home to be on Tour

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Doug and Rita Boehner's house in Carbonera has been growing for 18 years along with their four children.

Kermit Darrow drew the plans for the home which Doug, an English teacher who commutes over the hill every day, built with the aid of a retired carpenter.

Rita's skillful touch is apparent in the furnishings within the shaked roof board and bat ranch style home which flanks Branciforte Creek.

The Boehners' home will be among those shown during the April 16 tour sponsored by Santa Cruz County Symphony for the benefit of the symphony orchestra.

When it came to the building, Doug didn't stop with the structure. The dining room which he added 10 years ago has an 18-foot handcrafted buffet and a 60-bottle wine cabinet made from red Spanish tile — the same shade as the quarry tile used on the floors

throughout the house.

Currently he's crafting a trestle table made from an old water tank brought down from Cottage Grove, Oregon. There also was enough of the redwood to make 18 Renaissance style chairs.

Walls are cedar throughout the house with beamed ceilings and the Boehners have incorporated other memorabilia in their furnishings. The light fixture in the dining room is from the old Brookdale Lodge and the coffee table in the living room is made from a single plank taken from the old Pacific Avenue bowling alley.

Other finds were two stained glass windows from the old library on Church Street. The mantel of the huge brick fireplace in the living room (the other side opens into the family room) is the resting place for one and the other is used in the new master bedroom, just completed.

When it comes to furnishings, Rita mixes and

matches and the effect is charming. Wickers fan chairs are right at home with the more modern furniture in the living room and a Victorian hall tree shares a portion of the fireplace wall with a copper boiler for wood.

But you can't talk about the Boehner home without its art. Doug and Rita have been collecting work by Santa Cruz artists for years and in all have at least six paintings by Robert Moesle who now makes his home in France. The eight-foot Moesle oil in their living room is one of the few large oils Bob has done.

They have woodcuts by Doni and Ed Tunheim as well as an original watercolor by Doni, and several whimsical Victorian style paintings by Diane Devine.

A collection of Bruce Anderson pottery also is prized.

One attractive collage in the breakfast room was done by Doug.

Rita's long pullman kitch-

en opens into the family room and also is adjacent to the bricked patio in back.

The new master bedroom, done in whitewashed redwood, has a complete window wall overlooking the patio, the lawn and the trees which grow along Branciforte Creek. The stained glass window is set in one wall and opposite is an 18-foot long shelf made from a board taken from an old mine in the Sierras which holds paintings, plants and books. Floor tile also is white and Rita has made a white and green bedspread for their king size bed. Final feature is a small free standing fireplace.

Other homes to be shown include those of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ifland, Mr.

and Mrs. Thomas Demski and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Denbow.

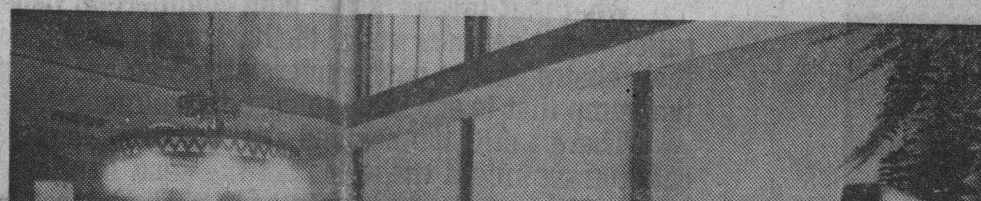
A reception at the Pasatiempo home of guild president, Theima Nelson Marston, will complete the afternoon.

Mildred Hunkin and Mildred Plane are in charge of tour arrangements and others assisting are Mimi Coggins, Richard and Jean Petersen, Jack Flanagan, Barbara Stutz and Bernice Anderson.

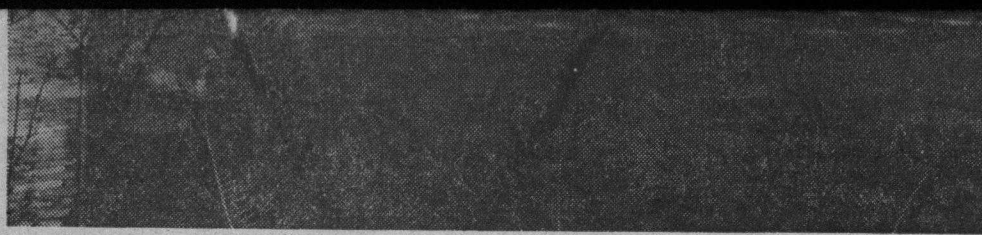
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Distinctive living room of the Doug Boehner home, to be on the Symphony Guild's April 16 home tour, includes a Moesle eight-foot oil behind couch on which Rita Boehner is seated. The stained glass on the high mantel of the fireplace wall is from the old main library on Church street. Floors are tile softened with scatter rugs. Below is the new master bedroom done all in white, which opens onto patio.



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It's indoor-outdoor living for the Boehner family with the kitchen, family room and master bedroom all opening on the patio and lawn which is just above Branciforte Creek. At right is the dining room and trestle table and chairs, the newest handcraft project of Doug Boehner.

