

## Owner's Reflections *From the Outside- In*

The amazing views of Lake Tahoe and the east shore mountain range from each room of living space in our 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath home at 4490 Huckleberry Drive in Carnelian Bay, provides constant beauty and a sense of serenity that lightens the heaviest of loads. One of the most wonderful things about our beautiful home is witnessing the changing lights and shadows on this magnificent Lake. The Lake expresses her moods in so many different ways. Accompanying her ever-changing colors, sometimes she is very calm and glassy reflecting magical images of the east shore mountain range and the magnificent clouds resting above, and other times, she is raging with huge waves and white caps, demanding your attention.

The East Shore mountain range, peaks highlighted with snowy accents, evening hues changing with the seasons, enchanting alpenglow and on crystal clear days, the view seems almost unreal. As the seasons change from winter to summer, witness shadows cast upon those mountains across the Lake as the sun, on it's annual spring/summer journey northward, slowly dips behind the majestic peaks of the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Range, casting shadows that slowly creep from the shoreline to mountaintops as the evening turns to night.

The nighttime provides unparalleled vistas of the eastern sky, whether standing on one of the decks, or lying on the Master bed viewing the heavens through the large pentagon windows above the 9' glass doors. See the heavenly bodies in the eastern sky, full of beautiful stars and planets, meteors and satellites and yes, the monthly full-moonrises. Ah the moonrise. Sometimes a golden ball, sometimes a huge orange Harvest moon, many nights, a silvery moon, with every moonrise sending a beautiful shimmering pathway across the lake to you, silhouetted with the beautiful outstretching limbs of the stately Sugar Pine trees below. In addition to the other constellations, in the springtime night sky, find the full constellation of the Big Dipper to the north.

This beautiful home, highlighted with creative log accents, sits upon two separate lots, which we consolidated into one large lot. The adjoining lot to the north is conservancy land, which means a home can never be built there. Below the deck, the elevation drops off close to 100 feet. The result is a very private home on a very quiet street.

There are so many things that you will appreciate outside of the house. Whether viewing Ospreys and Bald Eagles soar past to their nesting sites near Carnelian Bay or, while sunning and relaxing on the deck, the house (and the Dollar Point peninsula) provides a break from winds that originate in the southwest. You will appreciate the convenience of the light switch on the post at the top of the entry stairs for a late night arrival.

Some thoughts about the inside.

The beautiful oversized granite fireplace warms the living room and provides dancing shadows upon the ceiling above the rafters, which gives the room that Old Tahoe charm. On the fireplace mantle find two electrical outlets, one with dimmer, for artwork or for the lighting of seasonal decorations.

The kitchen is a gourmet chef's delight. Besides top of the line appliances, beautiful granite slabs top each counter space. The kitchen island has a special history of it's own. It is crafted with river rocks quarried from an area where the Emigrant Trail, which brought many families westward a century and a half ago, crosses the nearby Yuba River. One of those rocks, easily removed, conceals the electrical output required by code.

The master bedroom provides one of the best experiences of the home. Lying back on the bed, enjoy beautiful lake views from every window, feel the warmth of the gas flame fireplace where one may look through to the deep Jacuzzi tub, which sits besides the lake view window beyond. From the tub, relax and take in a beautiful view of the lake or of the star filled night sky. In the winter months, enjoy a warm, sunny exposure on the large, comfortable south-facing window seat. This spot is perfect for reading, napping, meditating or simply relaxing and appreciating the peaceful views of the lake. In the warm summer months, the window seat provides shady retreat.

The upstairs office area has a refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker for those times when going down to the kitchen just seems like a little too much effort. A light switch at the top of the stairs illuminates the outside entry steps if needed.

There are many more things to appreciate. Hand hewn log baseboards throughout the house, Australian Cyprus flooring in the kitchen, living room and entry hall, knotty alder cabinets, deck access from each bedroom, bead lighting on a dimmer highlights the steps to the dining room and kitchen. Surround sound in the living room and master bedroom. There are outdoor speakers on the main deck and bead lighting (on a dimmer) highlights the steps to the deck.

This home is our special baby. We hope that you will love and appreciate her as much as we have. Thank you for your interest and time.