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THE SELINE HOUSE 1959

73218 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert, CA



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This recently renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bath 2,800 square foot home sits on a .39 acre lot in South Palm Desert.

The designed is attributed to Harold Bissner Sr. who worked extensively with the contractor, Lloyd Robbins.

While it has been extensively renovated over the years, in a Maynard Parker (Architectural Digest) photo of the Pinkley House across the street, it seems this house originally had Bissner's signature roofline.

ARCHITECT:
HAROLD BISSNER SR.
(ATTRIBUTED)

BUILDER:
LLOYD ROBBINS

ORIGINAL OWNERS:
MR AND MRS W.M. SELINE



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THE HOUSE



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HAROLD BISSNER SR.

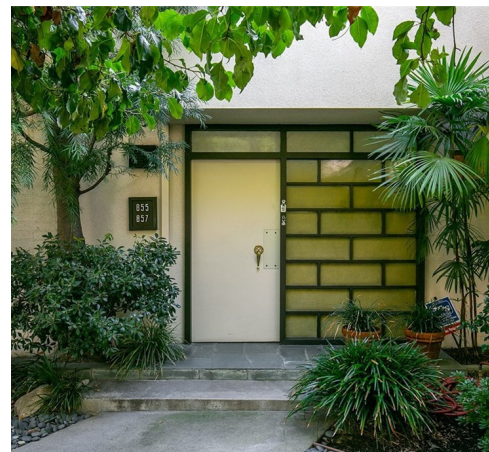
Harold J. Bissner (1901-1988), AIA. was a well-known Pasadena architect best known for Spanish Colonial Revival and Monterey Revival style residences build in the 1920s and early 1930s in Los Angeles and Pasadena.



E. Lawrence Brown House, Pasadena, 1928. Photo: Richard Horn

As a middle-aged man he enlisted in WW2, as did his son, Harold Bissner, Jr. (1925-2020). Both were stationed in the South Pacific. Bissner Sr. spent time in Japan which had an immense influence on his architectural style.

When he returned to Pasadena after the war he began to design modern residences with a distinctly Asian influence. The Belle Grove Apartments (right) in Pasadena are an example of this change of style.



After the war, Bissner Jr. joined his father's practice. In 1951 he established his own practice and went on to prominences as a commercial architect, designing the production facilities, corporate offices and restaurants for Van De Kamp's Holland Dutch Bakers and Restaurants, Baskin- Robbins Ice Cream Company Worldwide, JBL/Harman International Speakers, Royal Industries and many other international companies.

In 1958 Harold Bissner Sr. opened a Palm Desert office. His most prominent works in Palm Desert include the Halekulani Apartments (1958), Village Green (1961), Sands and Shadows (1963), Maui Palms (1964), Mountain Shadows (1964) as well as numerous single-family homes in Palm Desert and Pinyon Crest, where he worked with contractor Lloyd Robbins.

The Robbins house on Goldenrod Lane is believed to be designed by Bissner (1958).

Realty Board Members Visit New Halekulani

PALM DESERT — Members of the Palm Desert Realty Board were guests of honor at a reception and private showing of the new "Halekulani at the Desert" apartments here Thursday.

The affair was hosted by Harold J. Bissner, owner of the attractive new, Hawaiian units, and Roy St. Leon, exclusive leasing agent.

Bissner, who moved to the desert some six months ago, is a member of the A.I.A. and still maintains offices in Pasadena as well as Palm Desert. A graduate of the University of Washington, he has designed many outstanding homes and schools in Southern California.

Roy St. Leon, a seven-year resident of the desert, was former manager of the Ronald Button properties in Rancho Mirage. Last year he opened his own general real estate brokerage office in the Palm Springs building.



LAST-MINUTE PLANS for the opening of "Halekulani of the Desert," fashionable new rental apartment building, are discussed by owner-builder Harold J. Bissner, left, and Roy St. Leon, Palm Desert Realtor, exclusive agent for rental units. Bissner was also the architectural designer of the beautiful 16-unit Halekulani. (Sun Photo).

Desert Sun , 1958

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