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THE GIBSON HOUSE 1951

46021 Goldenrod Lane, Palm Desert, CA



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This 1951 home is very similar in design to the Botthof House (73331 Fiddleneck Lane) and therefore has been attributed to H.E. Weston.

It is a large - 3,590 square foot rancher, and has 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms and a two room casita. It has been extensively renovated but the exterior entrance and carport bear the signature of H.E. Weston.

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
H. EUGENE WESTON, JR
(ATTRIBUTED)

BUILDER:
ROBERT GIBSON

ORIGINAL OWNER:
ROBERT GIBSON



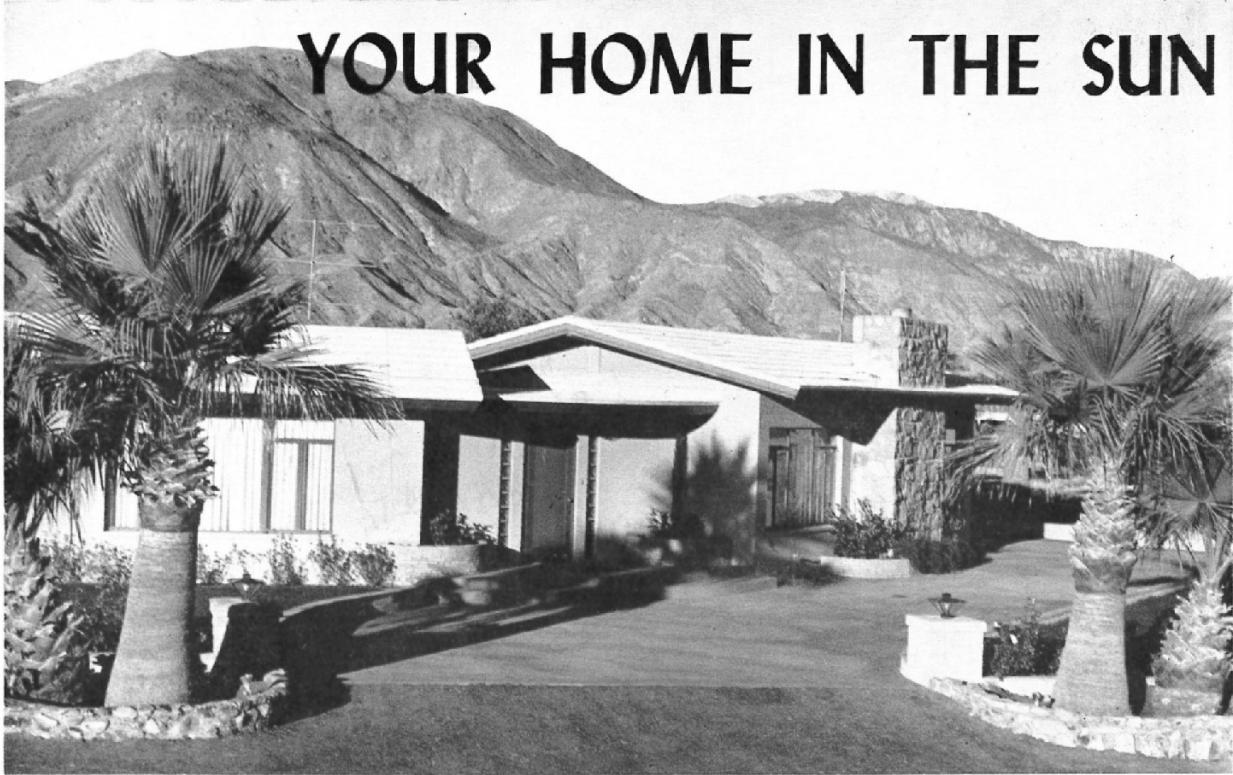
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H.E. "GENE" WESTON III, A.I.A.

Gene Weston was born in Hollywood, the son of a Los Angeles architect, who had worked for Bertram Goodhue in 1923, and nephew to Joseph Weston also an architect. In the mid 30s, they formed a company to design and manufacture factory-built houses, clearly ahead of their time.

After serving in the US Army during World War II, Weston studied Industrial Design at the Art Center in Pasadena. Following graduation, he worked for his father's architectural firm and later for Alvin Lustig, where he prepared working drawings for a building contractor client. Following his employment with Lustig, Weston worked alongside Douglas Byles for Smith and Williams Architects.

Weston and Byles left Smith and Williams together and formed the partnership Byles and Weston, a design-build firm. Both became General Contractors and built a number of houses in and around the Pasadena area.

In 1956, Weston and his family moved to La Jolla where Weston continued his design-build career. In 1960, Weston became a partner at Liebhardt and Weston. Eugene Weston III joined the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1962.

In 1956 The Los Angeles Times quoted Weston in saying, "Even a modest house could be 'more beautiful and meaningful' if it was built with post-and-beam construction that opens up interiors and invites the outdoors in through walls of glass."

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