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## HUGH M. KAPTUR

Kaptur was born in Michigan in 1931. His work is primarily in California's Coachella Valley. During his fifty years as an architect, Kaptur has designed residential homes, apartment complexes, civic buildings, commercial office buildings, hotels and two Palm Springs' fire stations.

He moved to Palm Springs in the mid 1950's where he apprenticed in the offices of Wexler and Harrison. He set out on his own and designed several model homes for the Ranch Construction Company. He was a member of the American Institute of Building Design from 1957-1964. In 1965, he became a licensed architect and formed a company with Larry Lapham, noted architect Howard Lapham's son, which lasted for 10 years. His last partnership was with James Cioffi, after which he semi-retired in 1992.

Most of Kaptur's work is in the Midcentury modern style. He is well known for his designs for the Steve McQueen and William Holden residences.

Hugh Kaptur's Premier work in Palm Desert is Kings Point at Palm Desert (Cactus and Mesquite Courts). Kings Point Development, Robert Grundt and David Greene (1974-76) built 36 units. The original selling prices were \$44,950 for 2 bedrooms and \$49,950 for 3 bedrooms.

In 1962 Kaptur designed a "Post & Beam" home at 74110 Covered Wagon Trail was in Dwell magazine, October 2022.

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### Kings Point at Palm Desert Cactus & Mesquite Courts





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