## **PATTEN & WILD**

Patton & Wild's designs characterized low profile, flat roofs or very low pitched roofs, vaulted wood ceilings, large glass areas, exterior plaster and aluminum windows & sliding glass doors. The open floor plan emphasized indoor-outdoor living design with floor to ceiling windows and the use of natural materials (masonry or rock wall finishes). Their design falls into midcentury modern because of the clean lines, basic shapes, the home's openness and light inspired feeling.

Examples of their work are: 45906 Shadow Mountain,1958 built by P&W, (Patten & Wild) designed by Ross Patten.

46230 Shadow Mountain, owned by Refa Deaton, built by P&W, designed by Ross Patten.

46254 Shadow Mountain Dr., 1958, built by P&W, designed by Ross Patten. It was Duke Wild's original home for his family.

## Other noted work:

Frank Sinatra's "Villa Maggio", on Pinyon Crest. (Partial Construction) 14855 Fairway Dr., PD, built 1965 41915 Tonopah, Rancho Mirage, built in 1970, Morrison-Strassner residence.

In Feb. 1964, President Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson stayed at the Louis Taubman home in the Las Palmas' district of Palm Springs, which was built by Patten & Wild.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Penrith commissioned P&W to build their new home, 70447 Pecos Road, Rancho Mirage, designed by Architect, John Randal McDonald.

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Albert Wild & Ross Patten, Photo from Palm Desert Post, March 5, 1964

Marvin "Ross" Patton (1922-1996) contractor and Albert "Duke" Wild (1924-1987) general contractor formed a Palm Desert based design-build firm. They built residential homes and commercial buildings in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. Their office was located at 73-730 Hwy. 111, Palm Desert. Ross was president of the Palm Desert Rotary Club, secretary of Palm Desert's Architecture Committee and a member of the Shadow Mountain Country Club Architecture and Tennis Committees.



Penrith House, "Thunderbird" Design, (1961) Penrith Personal Collection Photo, Builder: P&W Inc., Architect: McDonald



72957 Bursera Way, PD, (1961)



73307 Willow St., PD, (1965) The Contemporary Mediterranean Design home was part of the AAUW Home Tour in 1975.



72707 Hedgehog, (1960) 1,578 square feet