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Traditionally Spanish

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Couple's vision transforms a plain Conejo Valley 1960s house to a traditional Spanish-style retreat and all that makes it authentic.

When Brent Fletcher and his wife, Lisa, purchased their home in Thousand Oaks three years ago, their vision was to transform the ordinary 1960s era home into a Spanish-style retreat, reminiscent of the classic 1920s Spanish-style homes they had seen in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. The results — a brilliant success.

Having looked at several properties they chose this location for its panoramic views of the Conejo Valley and its peaceful, private location — an ideal setting for the Spanish-style home. “We did research for more than two years, studying designs and concepts before settling on this property,” he said.

Remodeled from the ground up, the attention to detail exhibited in both the interior and exterior of the home is remarkable and the quality of the craftsmanship is evident throughout.

The four-bedroom, three and one-half bath, 3,041 square-foot home sits on an acre lot behind a gated entrance not visible from the street. A custom paver drive leads past the incredible views to its serene setting. The structure's exterior has been completely renovated, with arched entry ways, traditional white plaster walls, a red tile roof and wrought iron accents. Brent also took inspiration from the Bacarra Resort in Santa Barbara, by imitating its traditionally tiled roof edges.

At the homes entrance, an arched front door with custom wrought iron detail opens to a traditional Spanish interior. The floors are laid with oversized 16-inch terra cotta tiles imported from Tecate, Mexico.

White plaster walls with dark oversized baseboards match the beamed ceilings found throughout the residence. Imported Mexican Talevera tiles accent several rooms in side and out, adding splashes of color enhancing the authentic Spanish style.

Brent paid close attention to the smallest details. He had the paneled casement crank windows custom built to his specifications as well as the interior doors, even down to the hinges and hardware. Chandeliers and sconces throughout the home were either custom crafted or purchased from Arte de Mexico in Los Angeles for their authenticity. The interior walls have bull-nosed edges and the doorways have been arched.

Though the residence has the appearance of an earlier era it has all the amenities of a modern home, most notably in the kitchen.

The cabinets made of distressed alder encase top-of-the line stainless steel Viking appliances. There is a separate refrigerator and freezer, warming drawer, built-in beverage refrigerator and a range with an exquisite custom hood.

Adding to the kitchen's rustic feel is a farmhouse sink with custom faucets. It's the little touches that might have been overlooked by someone without Brent's eye for detail, including the arched stained glass windows on either side of the range.

The center island has been painted blue-black and topped with yellow tile with a cobalt blue accent stripe. It complements the colorful Talevera tiles that border the kitchen's backsplash and granite counters.

The formal dining room located off the kitchen has beamed ceilings, a custom wrought iron chandelier and a paneled arched window at the end overlooking the pool. The home is ideal for entertaining. In keeping with the traditional Spanish style, the indoors extends to the outdoors, off the dining room with paneled sliding doors that lead seamlessly to the outdoor patio with fireplace.

Also on the home's first level is a spacious living room and family room complete with home theatre. These rooms include built-in entertainment centers and bookshelves in the same distressed alder wood as the kitchen cabinets. Off the living room is a full wet bar with a Talevera tile counter and custom wood detailing. The office, which could convert to a fourth bedroom or guest room, opens onto a private courtyard complete with fountain and an olive tree. Even the landscaping has been chosen with the Spanish motif in mind.

Two additional bedrooms and the master suite are located on the second level.

A private balcony off the master suite, covered with a brick red awning, offers breathtaking views and is a perfect spot for an afternoon siesta. The master bath has a steam shower and separate tub, his-and-her pedestal sinks and custom tile wainscoting. There are built-in dressers in the same distressed alder and a walk-in closet. The laundry facilities conveniently are located upstairs as well.

Outside, several outdoor entertaining areas grace the property. The spacious patio off the dining room with a gas fireplace as its focal point has overhead beams connecting to symmetrical archways. On one side is a full outdoor kitchen, with rotisserie barbecue, sink and refrigerator. The other archway leads to the saltwater pool and spa. The pool features a rock waterslide and the deep well Jacuzzi spa seats 15. Below the pool area is an expansive lawn with panoramic views of the Conejo Valley.

Ideal for entertaining, the Fletchers have hosted wedding receptions here as well as large Fourth of July gatherings with their unobstructed view of the city's fireworks. The property also has a finished three-car garage.

“This property has so many amazing features, you don’t want to miss it,” said Realtor Ginger Flynn of Rodeo Realty in Westlake Village. Offered at \$1,490,000, Flynn will be hosting an open house today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the property, 2016 Rayshire St., in Thousand Oaks.

For more information contact Flynn at 267-6570.

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