

The Heart of the Home

A CALIFORNIA COUPLE FALLS VICTIM TO CENTRAL OREGON'S CHARM

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when a friend recommended that avid skiers Bette and Jeff Fraser check out the slopes of Mt. Bachelor, they had no idea where the journey would lead. Though living in Redondo Beach, California, the pair had skied all over the world and had always wanted to live in a mountain community. When they came to Central Oregon, they fell in love. The friendly people, fantastic restaurants, beautiful views and slower pace were all so different than what they were used to. They were so enamored with Bend that before the left to go back to California, they bought a piece of property.

Five years later, after many meetings and interviews with architects, the Frasers chose Norman Building and Design to assist them in creating the house of their dreams. They wanted a house with a gourmet kitchen, large garage and views of the Cascades that made them feel as if they were part of the outdoors, not just on a piece of land in the middle of a neighborhood.

Bette, who has worked in many high-end kitchens during her 20-year career as a caterer says, "I wanted to have the perfect kitchen. I knew what worked and what didn't. I knew there were key components." She wanted to be able to entertain friends and family in the house, so a lot of space was very important. Bette also knew she really wanted to have a wood-fired pizza oven, for which she had been trained to use in Italy, and a large 10-foot island to accommodate pizza-making as well as baking. A double beer keg was installed as a great complement to the pizza oven as well as a wonderful entertainment feature. There are even two dishwashers, a wine cellar and a second "dirty" kitchen perfect for doing prep work or just hiding the mess when friends and family are over.

The kitchen is "truly gourmet and truly the heart of the home," says Greg Garrick of Norman Building and Design in Bend.

› exterior

- Chief Cliff natural dry stack stonework done by **Rasmussen Masonry.**
- column lights in Atlantis bronze by **Hinkley Lighting.**
- two-and-a-quarter-inch-thick Hickory front door by **Norman Building and Design,** Bend.
- custom made "The Road Home" ark glass by **Rich DeWilde of DeWilde Art and Glass,** Bend.
- landscaping done by **Land Effects,** Bend.



› kitchen/bar area

- refrigerated double keg for light and dark beer by **Haier.**
- halogen puck lights provided by **Quality Builders Electric Inc,** Bend.
- all cabinetry and woodwork, including seven-inch plank hickory floors, by **Norman Building and Design,** Bend.



› master bath

- polished Napoleon blue countertops and laurel green and Napoleon blue backsplash tile by **United Tile,** Bend.
- Hansgrohe Axor Massaud lavatory mixer provided by **Ferguson Enterprises Inc.**
- Vitriform under-mount-lit cobalt blue glass sink by **Ferguson Enterprises Inc.**
- heated porcelain Century Rapenoul flooring provided by **United Tile,** Bend.
- Hubbardton Forge lighting by **Design Lighting,** Bend.





› prep area

- 1900s refurbished Wedgewood range given to the Frasers by Jeff's sister.
- Seneca hand-molded tile in old world periwinkle by **United Tile,** Bend.
- vintage Vent-a-Hood range vent hood was repainted to match range.
- Crossville Empire Series countertops in unpolished black swan.



› kitchen

- pot rack and lighting by **Hubbardton Forge.**
- Antiqued Blue Barracuda granite countertops, which offer subtle texture, from **Classique Marble and Granite,** Bend.
- stove and 36-inch-wide double ovens with French doors by **Blue Star.**
- Italian Mugnaini wood-fired pizza oven creates delicious, authentic pizza in two minutes.