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Working from James' designs, local woodworker and furniture maker **Blaine Taylor** crafted eight pieces of furniture, including everything in the bedroom and the dining-room table and credenza. He worked with Chris Kirkegaard, from custom framers **Carleton-Kirkegaard**, to create the suspended double-sided mirror that divides the entry area from the dining room and plays an indoor-outdoor visual trick: As one enters the house, the outdoors is reflected behind.

The house was nearly lost to wildfire - twice - first by the Tea fire and then by the Jesusita fire, but the Bacons were lucky, and their house stands as witness to the slow but steady recovery of the hillside flora, which is echoed in many of the twenty-plus plein air paintings displayed throughout the house.

The Bacons had several such paintings to start, and James worked with the **Easton Gallery** in Montecito to expand the collection with works by West Coast artists depicting Central and Southern California locations. A painting hangs from one wall; across the room a large window frames a view that might have inspired it.

Above the fireplace, a collection of nearly twenty dazzling glass sculptures made by a student of the famous glassblower Dale Chihuly are arrayed across a wall, their brilliant earth tones and circular shapes suggesting shells, flowers, lily pads, amoebas and other forms from nature.

"It was a labor of love for all of us and a total collaboration among everyone," says James. "We were all doing our absolute utmost to bring the best we had to the project. And it was mainly because the Bacons were totally receptive to whatever we brought to them."



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