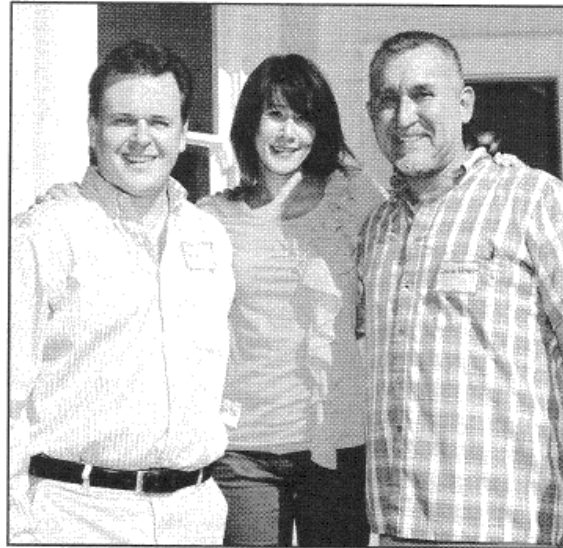


Classic Greene & Greene Home Listed on Market



The newly listed Greene and Greene home at 920 Seco St. was built in 1895 is less than a half-mile from the Rose Bowl.



Michael Bell with his wife, Anne, and Daniel Estrada

One of the oldest Greene and Greene homes in Pasadena, the Conrad Covelle House, built in 1895, recently became listed for the first time in three decades by Michael Bell of Keller Williams Realty.

It was the fifth designed by the Greene brothers and has significant importance in Pasadena's history. (It is located at 920 Seco St., less than a half mile from the Rose Bowl.)

Built in the Colonial Revival style, this Victorian-era house predates Charles and Henry Greene's venture into the Craftsman style that contributed to their eventual place in architectural history as icons. It has been restored to its original use in a painstaking 27-year "labor of love" project and was saved by a local preservationist.

"This is a unique opportunity to own a Greene and Greene, one that affords its chance perhaps once a year," Bell said.

Construction started almost one year after brothers Charles Sumner Greene (1868-1957) and Henry Mather Greene (1870-1954) established their architectural firm of Greene & Greene. Known to most Pasadenans and architects, the Greene brothers' creations are all treated as cultural landmarks. Fewer than 100 of their homes remain.

Bought for \$1 in 1982 by William and Rosemary Barbus, it was at about that time that the discovery was made that this home is a Greene & Greene. This home was once owned by Isabella Coleman (1892-1982), who gained her fame as the "first lady" of the Tournament of Roses, designing and building floats from 1910 to 1971 and winning more than 300 major trophies in the process.

This home has three bedrooms and two bathrooms on a huge lot, a lovely front porch, entry hall, parlor, refinished fir floors, a built-in dining room cabinet with pass through to the kitchen, and original hardware on the interior doors. The current owners have built a newer garage. "It also has a large storage area with a 1,334 square-foot basement that would be perfect for a home theater, band rehearsal, or arts and crafts," Bell said.

This property is being sold with certificates of appropriateness, city occupancy clearance, and their 2009 City of Pasadena Historic Preservation Award. In 1980, this home was listed in Pasadena's Architectural and Historical Inventory. This property is certainly eligible for Mills Act consideration.

The home is being offered at \$999,999. Michael Bell may be reached at Keller Williams by calling (626) 796-4100 or e-mailing MikeBell@kw.com.