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~June~

Owning A West Side Modernist Architectural Gem

Public Sculptures Along A North Valley Ditch

Fifty+ Years Living In The SE Heights





The MetroABQ has some amazing architecture! We've all passed architect Bart Prince's "[Spaceship House](#)" in the Nob Hill Neighborhood, for example, & his [studio next door](#)--daily tourist busses stop there...Besides these almost over-the-top structures, we're fortunate here to have great architecture in small, often out-of-the-way places. Searching for & finding interesting places across the city can be a lot of fun.

On the West Side along the Rio Grande near Montañó Blvd, sits a small discreet community of all adobe townhomes. Ninety-six living units, generally in pods of four, are surrounded by five acres of tended gardens & green spaces. It was designed by architect Antoine Predock & is [called La Luz](#). You may have already seen the architect's work if you've driven on Central Ave/Route 66 by the University of New Mexico & passed the Modernist-styled [George Pearl Hall](#).

Directly above is a scene from Arco Court, a cul-de-sac that ends at 40 acres of Open Space adjacent to the Rio Grande Bosque. Far above is the entry to [5 Arco Court NW](#), a beautiful example of an architecturally interesting structure & an extremely comfortable dwelling. The Mid-Century Modern concept was an attempt to integrate the home into the landscape. There are two large courtyards, one on each side of the home for air-flow when the doors are open.

Below are some images from 5 Arco Ct NW: looking across the residence from one courtyard to another, from the dining room to the north courtyard, & one of many view scenes.







Dollhouse

Above is the Dollhouse View of 5 Arco Court NW. It's part of the 3D Virtual Walking Tour that comes in super handy when wanting to view a home that lives

in another city, say, or deciding whether to go see it in person. Clicking on the image will bring you to the [3D Tour](#).



Come on in...

See what

[5 Arco Court NW](#)

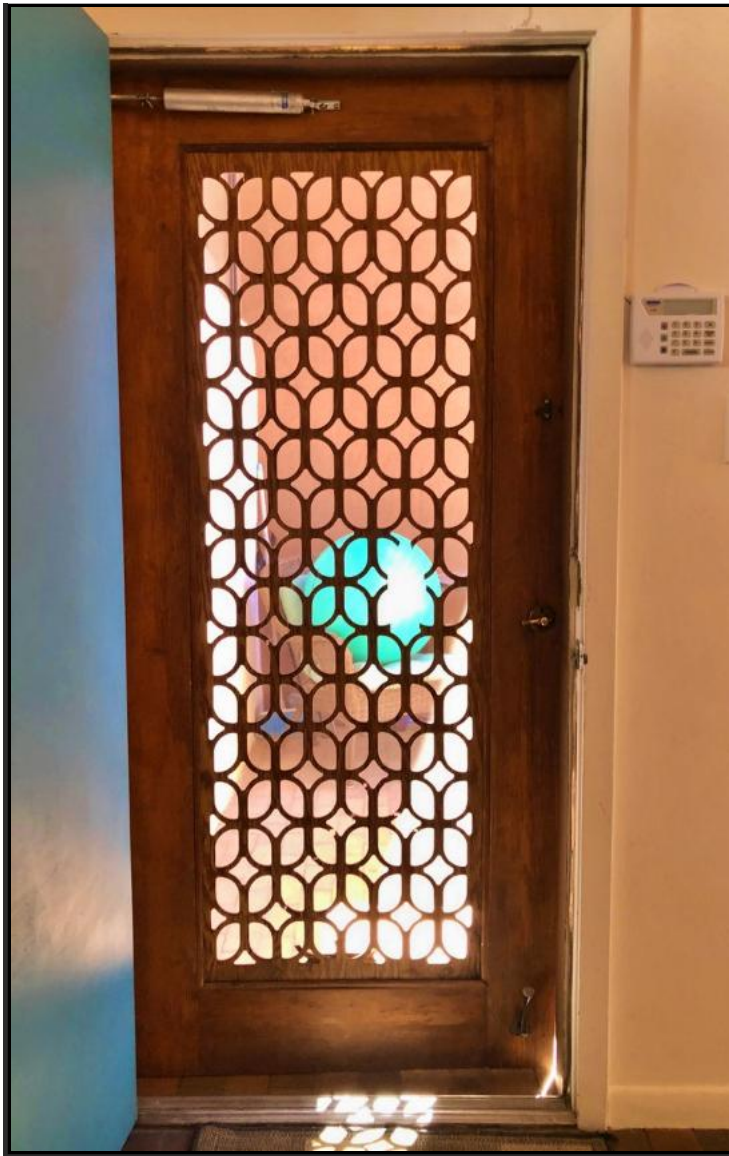
looks like inside, & enjoy
the extensive views
gazing out...

La Luz

Open House

**Saturday, June 18th,
from 11-1pm.**

Please park at the end



of the immediate Arco Court cul-de-sac, where there are about five spaces. There are plenty of parking spaces by the Pool & Tennis Courts, a short walk across the Open Space to the home...

View the full listing:
[5 Arco Court NW.](#)

Leaving the La Luz community & crossing the Rio at the adjacent Montañño Bridge, you soon find yourself at Second Street. There, I always look for the metal sculpture on the northwest corner. [Bat Family Cruisin'](#) is a wildly frenetic sculpture that once you see it, you will remember it...

Four other MetroABQ [1% For Arts](#) sculptures dot the landscape heading north, below...

"Nuthatch," created by Tim Mullane, was installed along the North 2nd Street



pedestrian corridor in 2019. It's a surprisingly large sculpture when you stand underneath it. More of [Tim's work is here](#).



Perfectly curated & just down the road is "Nest," by John Christensen, also installed in 2019. I love this [image, a little bit out of context](#).

These sculptures are found on North 2nd Street, along the [Alameda Drain & Trail](#).

Along a drainage ditch in the North Valley, public sculptures...

"Quietly Here," installed along this mostly industrial corridor, is what caught my eye & made me stop. There are four installations between Montañó Blvd & Osuna Road. Created by Russ Connell, the MetroABQ [1% For Public Art Collection](#) installed it in 2019. The

artist has quite a varied oeuvre--[see more of his work.](#)



"Grr-Hiss Masquerade," by Evelyn Rosenberg & Steve Borbas, is a whimsical metal sculpture on the west side of Second Street, standing at the corner of Willow Rd. Walking around the piece is necessary, especially to see a fantastic blooming Desert Willow tree that seemed to [frame the artwork well...](#)

Apparently Evelyn Rosenberg, a rather unique local sculpture, enjoys using C4 [explosives in the creation of her work.](#)



Fifty+ Years At Home

It's always beautiful to come across a well-loved & always cared-for home. For more than a half century, the family that built this home, cherished it. With fond memories, it's time to pass it on...

Spacious lovingly-maintained SE Heights custom red brick 'weeping mortar' Ranch-style home sitting on 1/5th acre in the park-&-greenspace-rich Ridgcrest Neighborhood. The home was built for comfort. Come on inside...



Welcome to 809 Valverde Drive SE

Click the Dollhouse image above to view the [3D Virtual Walking Tour](#).

[See the full listing for 809 Valverde Drive SE.](#)

Below are images from inside the home & from the backyard greenspace...





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