

A NEW MOUNTAIN STANDARD

Updating a home in Beaver Creek means more than choosing new appliances and carpet — today's remodels reflect a trend toward family-gathering spaces

by WREN BOVA



DEPENDING ON YOUR perspective, the word vintage might inspire images of '50s roadsters or Roaring Twenties ad campaigns, but in Beaver Creek's original neighborhoods it means one thing: '80s-era architecture. And sometimes it's just got to go.

That's where Kyle Webb enters

the scene. The principal and owner of KH Webb Architects has spent the past 22 years designing new builds and remodels both in and outside of the valley. He recently completed a remodel in Beaver Creek for clients he'd worked with before.

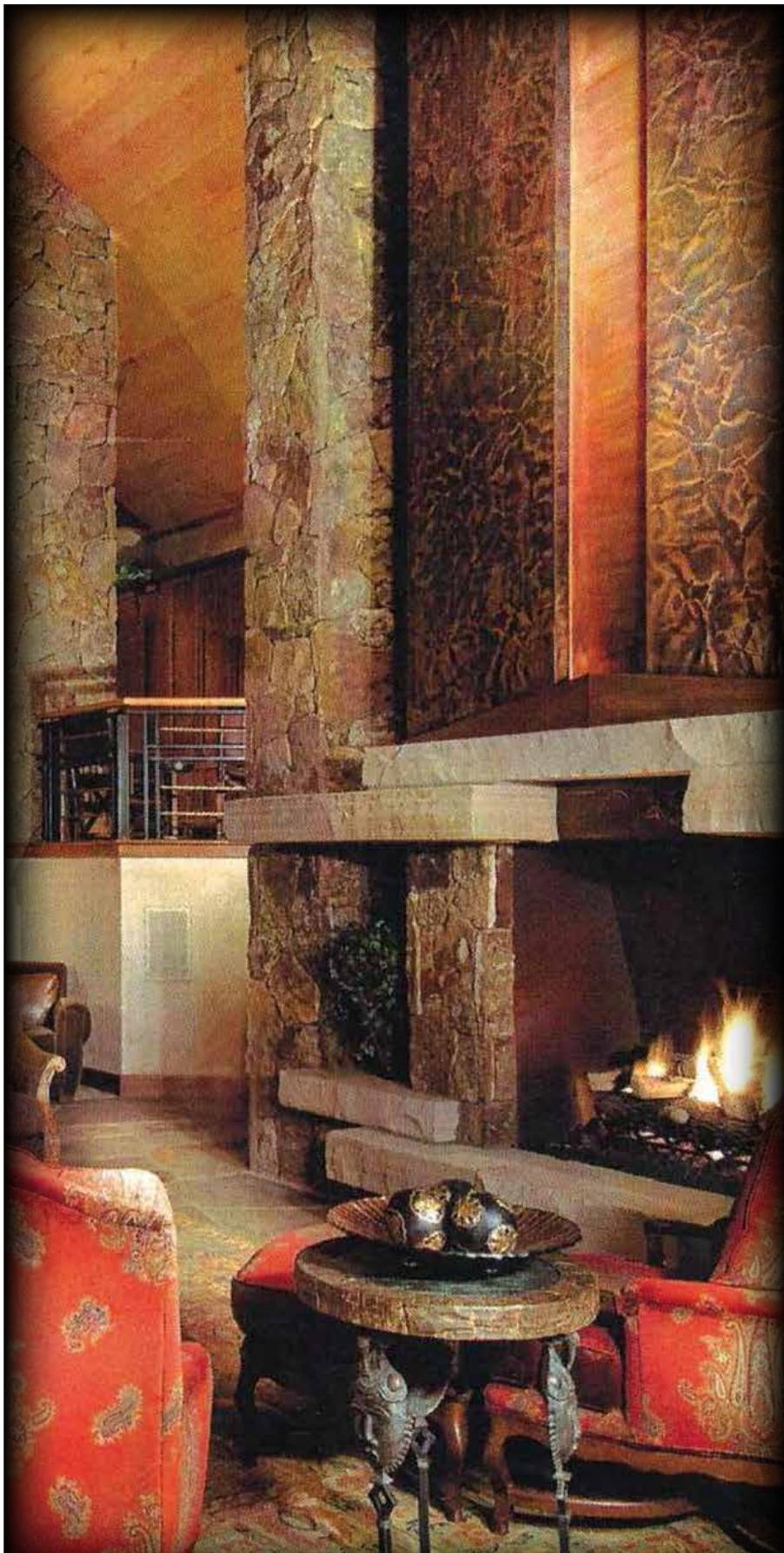
"It was vintage early '80s: It had not been touched," he says

about the property at 406 Holden Road. "We reinvented the house from scratch. It wasn't torn down because the roof remained, but every wall was reconstructed. We changed the garage configuration, put the kitchen in a different place — changed everything."

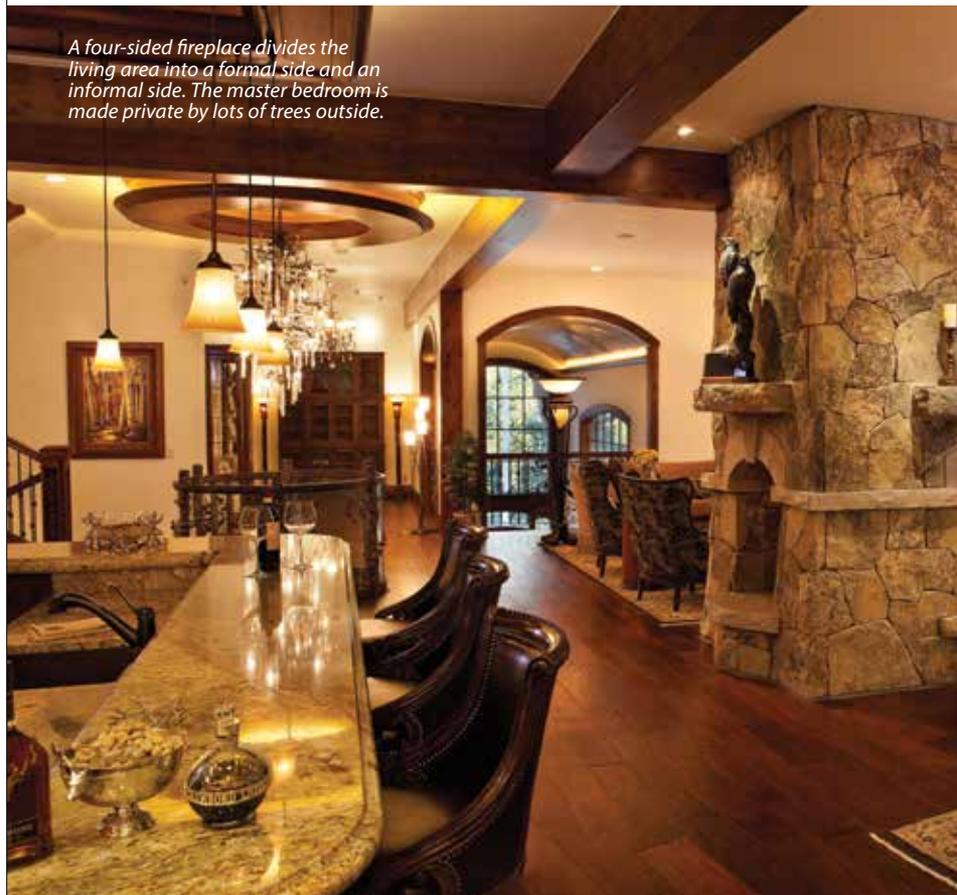
Despite all the changes, they really go back to one key idea:

how space is used in a home.

"More than anything these days, when we modernize a house we set it up differently than in the past," Webb explains. "We try to sleep a lot of people, so everyone wants a bunk room. And homes are meant to be gathering places for family and friends. You need to accommodate several groups



A four-sided fireplace divides the living area into a formal side and an informal side. The master bedroom is made private by lots of trees outside.



of people who want to relax and be together, so there should be a place for them to do that. It's not as simple as just having a great room — it's multiple places around the house. We really made it a family-gathering home."

406 Holden Road was typical for its age: stucco, plaster, stone, wood trim and rough-sawn beams. But that's all a distant memory. The new-and-improved version includes a focus on natural stone and materials, a great fit for the

mountains. Loads of custom finishes, wooden floors and a complete mechanical-systems update completed the home's "bone structure," which was then embellished by interior design.

"It's a sophisticated house," says Heidi Bintz, the listing broker for the property. "Despite the size, it's a very comfortable house."

That size is daunting — eight bedrooms and nine bathrooms. But it's laid out in such a way as to allow for areas of privacy as well as gathering spaces. The great room has an enormous four-sided fireplace built of stone right in the middle. It serves as

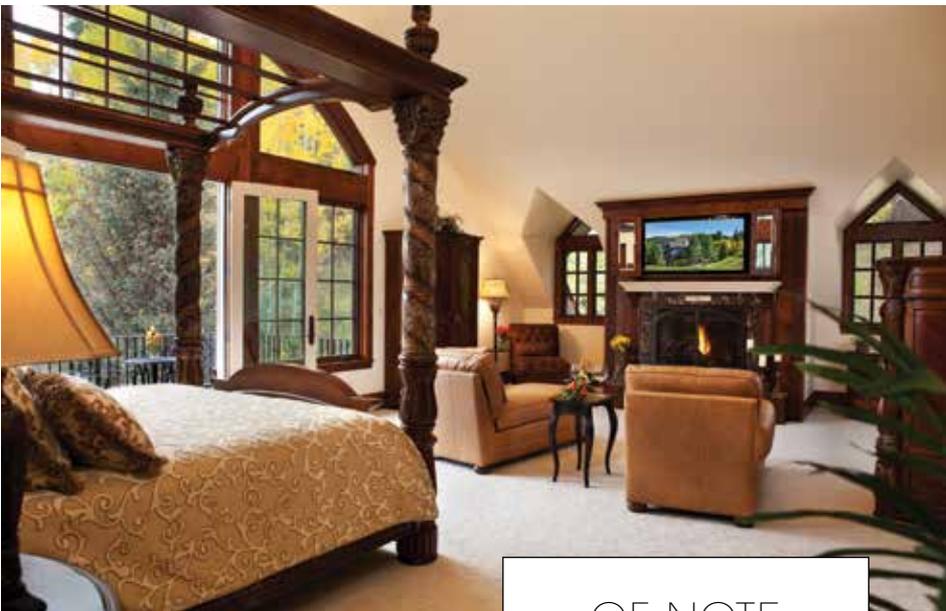


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a line of sorts, between a formal side and an informal side on that main floor. That's right: two dining tables and two sitting areas.

"It's a wonderful great room," Bintz says. "It's actually very cozy. I love it during sunset time." **VVH**

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OF NOTE AT 406 HOLDEN ROAD

- A four-sided fireplace
- Two dining room areas in the great room
- Room-sized master shower
- Rec room with pool table
- Elevator
- Indoor and outdoor gourmet kitchens
- Multiple well-appointed bars

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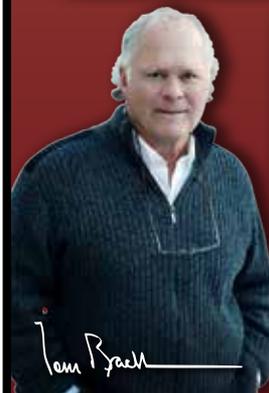
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