



Working with Dynamic Window Company, the team replaced the original window dividers with sleek bronze frames to support the extensive glazing; a custom Hillard chandelier gracefully grounds the space.

OPPOSITE A glass-and-bronze pivot door in the entryway matches the nearby sculpture by Julie Spiedel, which is cast in glass and bronze



Lakeside LUXURY

SHIMMERING VIEWS TAKE CENTER STAGE IN
THIS GRACEFUL TAHOE RETREAT

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HEN A BAY AREA FAMILY purchased a lakeside property on the west shore of Lake Tahoe, they were thrilled with its location but knew it would need a significant renovation to bring the design forward.

“It was a grand home, but had become very outdated over the past 50 years and was in need of a modern refresh,” says Kristi Will of Kristi Will Interior Design. “The home was dark, and its heavy design detracted from the beauty of the lakefront views.”

Will was part of a team that included architect David Kotzebue and FP Builders. The 11,000-square-foot home and its 2,500-square-foot guest house were rebuilt from the ground up with one key restriction—their footprints needed to remain exactly the same in order to comply with local building regulations. “This required us to get very creative in how we went about modernizing these homes,” Will says.



Custom 3-foot pieces of limestone from Haussman Stone are used throughout the home to create a sense of expansiveness. The large, commissioned work by Ashley Collins and woven abaca rug from Stark add warmth and texture to the vast space.



A new entry courtyard features a bronze “Heart of San Francisco” and leads to a ten-foot-tall glass pivot door; extensive glass allows visitors to see through the home to Lake Tahoe’s brilliant blues beyond. Heavy wood around the living room windows was replaced with sleek bronze frames that stretch upwards to the 28-foot-high cedar ceiling and further open the room to the breathtaking views.

The interior’s subdued palette includes textural elements, like a woven abaca rug and sheer cream drapery, to keep its vast scale cozy and warm. “We worked with lighting designer Anna Kondolf and Sam Hilliard to customize three 68-inch Hilliard light fixtures that center on the entry and living room and further ground these spaces,” Will says.

Commissioned artwork by Ashley Collins brings additional warmth and color and is positioned opposite a monolithic dark-stained walnut fireplace. “The fireplace is one of my favorite elements,” Will says, adding that it creates “a solid and statuesque presence.”

OPPOSITE LEFT The kitchen cabinetry is a warm walnut in a natural finish; the team worked with cabinetmaker Shaum Sinawi and hand selected the wood from Exotic Hardwoods for its graining and patterns. The countertops are Caesarstone, chosen for durability.

OPPOSITE RIGHT A desk by Custom Furniture Designs is accented by a Donghia desk lamp and a McGuire chair.

RIGHT A custom chandelier by Fuse Lighting makes a statement in the dining room, accented by dining chairs from Kneeder Fauchere upholstered in a woven linen fabric by Dedar.



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In the kitchen and bathrooms, cabinets are warm walnut in a natural finish. Limestone flooring was chosen for its light tones and durability; the custom, three-foot tiles create a sense of expansiveness.

Outdoors is a swimming pool, fire pit, and private dock. The spaces, outside and in, provide serene and

welcoming spaces for the family to entertain or simply be together.

The home's new design is a fresh, contemporary take on the Tahoe style. "The goal from the start was to create a legacy home for the family that would stand the test of time for future generations," Will says. Mission complete. **CH**

ABOVE The airy primary suite is anchored with a headboard by Hellman Chang, upholstered in a blue fabric by Jiun Ho that is reminiscent of Lake Tahoe's famous blue hues. The nightstand is also by Hellman-Chang.

OPPOSITE The primary bath includes sconces by Fuse Lighting; the walnut cabinetry and Caesarstone used in the kitchen repeat here to create a cohesive design.



The home's exterior stone continues indoors, blurring the lines between the spaces; the outdoor lounging and dining areas surrounding the pool feature furnishings from JANUS et Cie.

OPPOSITE Interior designer Kristi Will drew on clean lines of the surrounding trees and the shimmer of sunlight hitting the lake to create the home's subdued yet elegant palette.

