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A contemporary-style glass house in Monkton, a 1914 Craftsman bungalow in Portland and a modernist home designed by Stan Allen in Glendale.



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Glendale, Calif. | \$1.695 Million

A house completed in 2000 with two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a lap pool, on a 0.12-acre lot

Stan Allen, the former dean of Princeton University's school of architecture, designed this house for an artist, which backs up against a busy road about 10 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. Known as the L.B. House after its client, Linda Burnham, it was Mr. Allen's first residential design and is admired for creating a sense of tranquillity in the dense, mixed-used environment. Surrounding businesses sell groceries, used cars, office supplies, pottery and psychic chakra and energy balancing. Freight trains pass close by. Forest Lawn Memorial Park, where the actress Carole Lombard and the "Wizard of Oz" author L. Frank Baum are buried, is a few blocks east.

Size: 1,994 square feet

Price per square foot: \$850

Indoors: The building consists of stacked aluminum-sided concrete volumes on a narrow lot. Cement pavers embedded in gravel lead to a recessed glass front door; a light well at the entrance brings a glimpse of sky and the occasional Southern California raindrop. Just beyond the foyer is a double-height main room with a concrete floor, clerestory interior and exterior windows, a fireplace, corrugated-aluminum wall accents and Fleetwood sliding-glass doors opening to the rear pool area.

A cherry-red cabinet with an integrated cooktop sections off the open kitchen; a green backsplash adds another jolt of color. Behind the kitchen is a small guest room with a wall of open shelving and, opposite that, a wall of glass. The guest bathroom is surfaced in tiny sage green tile, which extends into the walk-in shower.

A curving staircase in the kitchen takes you up to the lofted primary suite. The upper landing is spacious enough for a desk and bookcase. The bedroom includes bamboo flooring and translucent plastic closet doors (it looks much better than it sounds). The bathroom has tiny tiles, double sinks and Anglepoise-style lamps mounted over the vanity. A custom bathtub and free-standing shower nestle together in a corner. Sliding-glass doors open to a narrow balcony overlooking the pool.

Outdoor space: A deck off the upper landing, facing the street side, was not intended for lounging (it lacks a railing or parapet and has a circular void in the center), but the owner strategically furnished and used it. The pool area is sheltered with bamboo, palms and grasses, and includes many pots of succulents arranged along a wall. The attached garage's main door looks solid from outside but is translucent from within. More parking is available in a driveway.

Taxes: \$21,188 (estimated)

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