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Silver Fox Homes at Bright's Creek

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Silver Fox Launches Show Home Program at Bright's Creek

Silver Fox Homes, a newly formed sister company to Silver Fox Gallery, has launched a planned 10-year model home program at Bright's Creek Golf Club.

The first show home, called "Silver Fox Retreat," is scheduled to open in Spring 2009.

The home is being built and designed by Silver Fox Homes and furnished by Silver Fox Gallery. General contractor is Hawkins-Cyrril Custom Homes.



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SILVER FOX HOMES AT BRIGHT'S CREEK

Building a Custom Home that Nurtures the Lives of Those Within

Have you ever observed in yourself a yearning for sanctuary ... for a quiet place?

Imagine that you are alone in a large field with a stand of trees in the distant corner. At first, you might be aware of the larger scale and different texture and color of the trees.

Next, you might find yourself moving toward the protection of the trees, to take shelter from the vast openness of the field.

Silver Fox Homes was formed to create homes that offer this kind of sanctuary. Our vision is to provide authentic interior spaces:

... for family and friends, where folks can move from the vibrant outdoor activities of golf, swimming, tennis, fishing, riding and hiking, into an expansive great room filled with light and comfort:

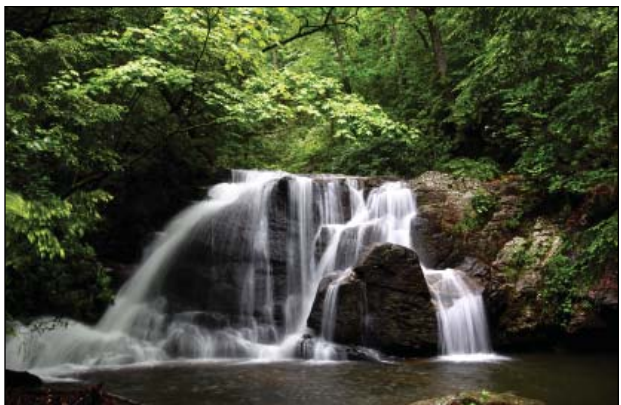
... for 'couples,' where intimate spaces are shared;

... for the 'self,' where individuals can be still and listen to what their hearts have to say.

What better place to build such a home than at Bright's Creek, "where nature plays."

These acres of mountain and valley provide the same variety of spaces that we seek to build into the Silver Fox Home – from wide, open places where people can play alongside nature; to quiet, sheltered sanctuaries where people can commune one-to-one, or alone with nature.

Contact us if you are interested in learning how Silver Fox Homes can help you build your own custom sanctuary or if you'd like to see Bright's Creek.



A Few Favorites from an Awesome Market!

The American craft markets were better than ever! Choosing a few is difficult, but here are some of our favorites. See larger photos and learn more about these artists on our website.

Ceramic: **Leanne Ash** took the award for *best ceramics* at the Baltimore American Craft Council (ACC) show! In addition to all of the dinnerware we carry by this young North Carolina artist, we are bringing in one of her fabulous new, large lidded jars like the one shown here.



Wall Art: **Jack and Alice McLean** work together to make these wonderful compositions on 9 x 9 inch bronze plates that are patina “painted,” then made into small still life wall art. Tiny shelves are attached to the plate with bronze pegs, and antique beads are set on and attached to the shelf. One of our favorite purchases!



Jewelry & Wearables: **Kristina Kada** wants those who purchase her jewelry to ‘carry the eager spirit’ of the redwoods where she lives and works in Northern



California. We like how Kada scatters organic shapes over architectural forms in sterling silver and 22k gold. Very sweet.

Glass: **Bernard Katz**, a new glass artist for the Silver Fox, is surely not new to the world of art glass. After designing in hot glass for 20 years, Katz introduced this new body of work that we simply could not pass by, even though we were not looking for a new glass artist. The relatively new inspira-

tion in Katz’ life—a beautiful daughter—is clearly reflected in this work. The new series references Navajo words, such as Shima (the enduring quality my mother), Shidoni (friend), and Bikeya (the beauty of the land and its forms).



Lighting: **David d’Imperio**, lighting artist whose work we brought in a month ago, won the best lighting award at the Baltimore

ACC show. Here is a ‘sculpture’ that we are considering for the Silver Fox Home. (We have it in stock, also!)



Furniture: **Nathan Hunter**. A classical pianist turned fine wood craftsman, Hunter grew up in a family of professional furniture makers. He talks about the “lyric

nature of his furniture designs, which is apparent in this Gazelle table and chairs, which will soon be shown in the loft at the Silver Fox.



Designing the Silver Fox Home: Start with the Art to Build a ‘Soulful’ Home

The soul of a home, we believe, is found in the art. And so we begin the process of building a ‘soulful’ home by following these steps:

Step 1. Choose a place that exudes both peacefulness and playfulness. A serene, wooded lot at Bright’s Creek with a nurturing view and a walkable hillside is our choice.

Step 2. Select house plans that fit the land. A well

designed house is a large sculptural object, with beauty of form and material. Our selection is a design by architect Ed Kriskywicz that we will call the ‘Silver Fox Retreat.’

Step 3. Start with the art.

Find the primary piece of artwork that speaks to your soul. This painting will define the home and will be the focal point; the art will provide all the guidance you need for the

colors, materials, furniture and accessories.

A piece from William Martin Jean’s new Sabi Series is our choice! (See below and visit the gallery to view in person.)

With the land, house plans and primary artwork selected, we will move next to the selection of **materials and colors**, which is a much easier task when you ‘start with the art.’ Watch for these details in our next newsletter.

‘Sabi Series:’ Underplayed and Quiet Beauty, Waiting Patiently to Be Discovered



Artist Statement: “My Sabi Series is based on the quint-essential Japanese aesthetic of Wabi-sabi, which deals with the perfect beauty of things imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete.

Wabi stems from the root “wa,” which refers to harmony, peace, tranquility, and balance. This is the essence of what I hope to achieve in my work.

Sabi, by itself, means the “bloom of time.” It is the kind of beauty that comes with age; it is a gift of time and cannot be acquired. Sabi talks about the natural cycle of growth, the patina on a work of sculpture, aged wood and ancient walls.

In my work, inessentials are eliminated and trimmed away; what is found is the elegance of shape in relation to textures and color. Slashes of calligraphic brushwork infuse the work with energy that lies in contrast to the overall introspective, contemplative nature of the series.

Wabi-sabi is underplayed and quiet beauty, waiting patiently to be discovered. It is the tree

branch seen behind the Shoji screen, the moon hidden by ribbons of clouds, the sun filtered by the dry leaves of fall. It is a cup of brewed green tea.

Though I strive for perfection in my work, I know that perfection and imperfection are both mirrors of our minds; as aspects of Yin and Yang, neither can exist without the other.”

William Martin Jean

New Work by William Martin Jean Opens Friday, May 30 at Silver Fox

A show of new work by **William Martin Jean** opens Friday, May 30 at the Silver Fox Gallery. Join us for a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

Watch us build & furnish the *Silver Fox Retreat*

• **Online:** On our website home page, click on Silver Fox Homes to follow progress and view the home plans, artworks, materials, colors, furniture and accessories, as we make our selections.

• **In this newsletter:** We'll continue sending this newsletter, which will remind you to visit the website. (Let us know if you'd rather get a copy by email.)

• **In the gallery:** Visit our gallery at 508 N. Main St. in Hendersonville, North Carolina to see the blueprints, plus the artwork and materials, then the furniture and accessories, as they are selected.

Authentic Homes, LLC, d/b/a Silver Fox Homes, and sister company Authentic Living, LLC, d/b/a Silver Fox Gallery, are located at 508 N. Main St., Hendersonville, North Carolina. The gallery offers American art, craft, furniture and lighting, focusing on a less-is-more design it calls *mountain contemporary* or *contemporary Craftsman*.

BRIGHT'S CREEK GOLF CLUB

First Class Amenities, First Class Neighbors



Called "a course to watch" by *Golf Magazine* and "as good as it gets" by golf course designer Tom Fazio, Bright's Creek Golf Club is a breathtaking 5,000-acre development in northern Polk County, Western North Carolina. The Fazio designed course, which measures 7,435 yards from the championship tees, is host to the BMW Golf Classic this May.

A second Fazio-designed course is being planned now. When the third course is built, Bright's Creek will be the only private club in the world with three Tom Fazio-designed golf courses.

More than golf • In addition to year-round golf, the prop-

erty has an equestrian center and hiking trails that lead to waterfalls.

Construction is nearly complete on the first inn and restaurant. Two additional villas will be completed in May or June. Plans are being finalized for the swim and tennis center, and land has been purchased for the fishing and shooting club, along the Green River.

March 30 Open House •

Bright's Creek is holding an Open House on Sunday, March 30. One of the five open homes is furnished by the Silver Fox Gallery! Get details, including a map, at www.silverfoxonline.com.

2008 Calendar

See details for these events at www.silverfoxonline.com

- March 30, Sunday** Bright's Creek Open House
- April 4, Friday** Downtown Hendersonville Gallery Stroll
- May 2, Friday** Downtown Hendersonville Gallery Stroll
- May 24 & 25, Saturday & Sunday** Garden Jubilee Festival, Downtown Hendersonville
- May 30, Friday** William Martin Jean, Opening, New Work



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