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2025 Pasadena Showcase House of Design Bauer Estate & Gardens House History

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The setting of the estate is a veritable private park with broad lawns, stately oaks, tropical plantings, rose gardens, and mediterranean terraces. Behind the house, the ground slopes down to a delicious pool accompanied by a pool house with his and hers changing areas. The trees behind the pool veil the north-south tennis court below. The sweeping circular drive extends southward past the home toward a concealed motor court area, where a four-car garage encompasses a guest house, a workshop, and a gardener's bath.

In the lovely home are 18 major rooms of harmonious proportions and a purity of detail; ten of which feature wood-burning fireplaces. Both wood and plaster moldings make their delicate statements as the flooring shines with random-width wood planks. On the main floor are the gracious reception rooms. Chief among them is the very large step-down living room, where an alcove opens to the southern terrace and the pool below. The living room and dining room, as well as the breakfast room, library, and family room, all have fireplaces. This floor also features three bedrooms, a sitting room with fireplace, two baths, and a variety of service rooms including a staff breakfast room, butler's pantry, and flower arranging room. The second floor accommodates four family bedrooms and baths, as well as a study and a nanny suite.

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