



Welcome to the Bob Hope home built in 1935.



Brief Description/History

Bob Hope and wife Dolores purchased this home in 1946. They undertook major additions to the property in 1947 as shown in the City permit file. Additions/renovations at that time include installation of a large swimming pool with a depth of nine and one-half feet, construction of a guest house, additional guest quarters and a pool bath. Later construction consisted of expansion of closets for Mr. and Mrs. Hope, adjacent to their separate bedrooms.

The Hope Estate sold the property in February 2013, following Dolores Hope's death in 2012. By that time, the home had fallen into a state of moderate disrepair. The new owners replaced systems and upgraded some of the plumbing and electrical. Additionally, they replaced the roof, updated six of seven bathrooms, installed new travertine tile floors and remodeled the kitchen from a space meant for staff use to a family style kitchen with adjoining laundry/pantry and powder room. A prior wall was removed, to allow a storage closet off the dining room to be used in the expanded laundry and pantry. The swinging door from the kitchen to dining room was also removed and the opening expanded to allow sight lines from the dining room to the kitchen.

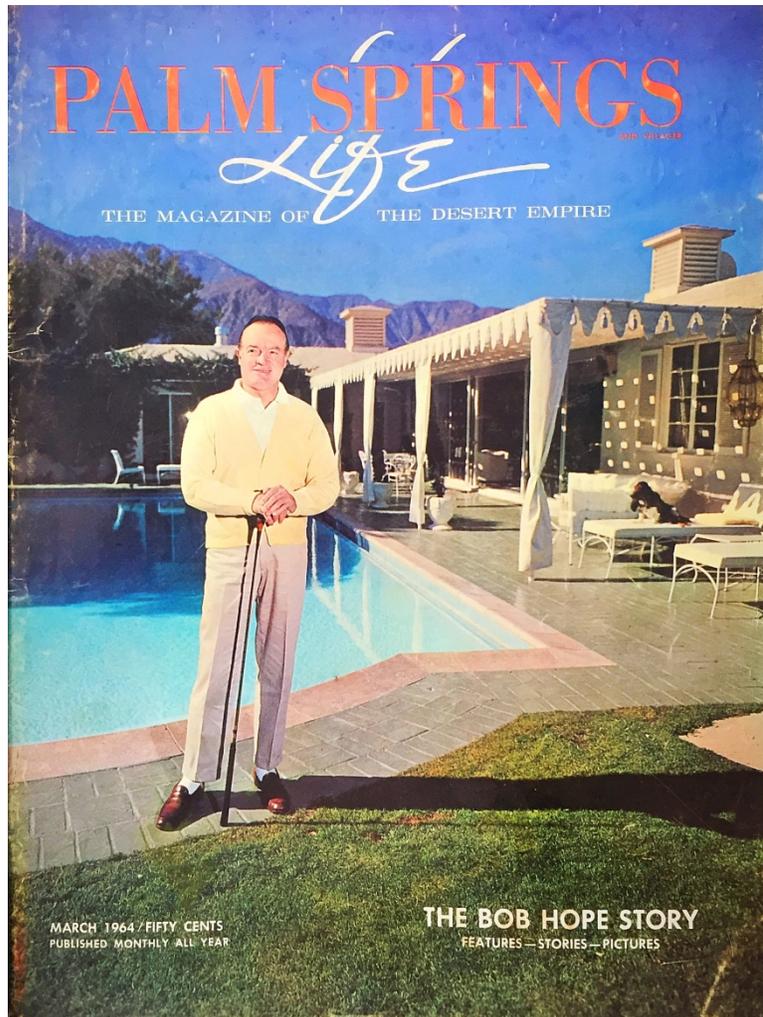
We continued to expand the refresh of the house by updating the décor, beginning with the public rooms. Paint colors by Donald Kaufman were used on the walls. Schumacher grass cloth wallpaper was installed in the living room on opposing walls. Two walls of mirrors were removed in the dining room, which revealed three additional layers of wallpaper. Cole & Sons wallpaper was installed in the dining room. Furniture, designed and manufactured by Jonathan Adler was used generously in the public rooms along with locally-sourced vintage pieces from Trousdale and pieces obtained through the design services at Grace Home Furnishings.

The Hope family enjoyed many years living here in their beloved Palm Springs. The Hope estate sold the property 67 years later in 2013. This California Ranch style home on two city lots retains much of its original integrity.



Interesting Elements

- Bob Hope audio receiver and turntable are here
- Exterior wall is original
- There is a cement patch on the west side of the house that was inscribed by the Hopes. This is where the washer/dryer structure was. The inscription was found after demolition.
- All the rooms in the house are mostly original. Wall from dining to kitchen was modified by removing the swing door and opening it up more.
- The bar is mostly original including the mirror which reflects the pool
- The wall of glass in the main room seems to be of original design
- Bob Hope's bedroom is like he had it...we have a photo to prove it.
- We have several photos in the house that show him on the property
- The mirrors on the doors in Dolores Hope's bedroom area are original as well as doorknobs and handles
- Bob Hope used to practice his golf swing on the front yard area
- Bob Hope shoe rack and tie rack still here
- Living Room: Two sets of original sliding wooden shade screens
- Brick patio around pool is original
- Front casita bathroom is original
- Maids room was in the laundry room area
- We have furnished the home in the Hollywood Regency style. Modern glamor to reflect the Hollywood connections.
- We have drawers that were in a dining room closet with Dolores Hope's writing on them giving directions and labels to the contents.
- We have fundraising materials for Eisenhower Medical Center.



The cover of Palm Springs Life magazine in 1964 taken at the house.



From that same photo shoot



Bob and Dolores in the living room.
This looks like it was taken in the 1970's



Dolores and Bob enjoying breakfast poolside



Bob and Dolores with their four adopted children taken at the pool near the steps



Bob practicing his golf swing at the head of the pool. Every year towards the end of the Bob Hope Desert Classic Golf Tournament they would invite people over to the house for a big spaghetti dinner on the back lawn. Entertainers, heads of state and sports figures were guests.



Mamie Van Doren shown here with Bob Hope at the pool area circa late 1940's. She was an American actress, model, singer, and sex symbol who was known for being one of the first actresses to recreate the look of Marilyn Monroe.



As you can see the house remains today much like it did when this was taken,
most likely in the 1950's.

They always had permanent awnings to protect the interior and making the patio more usable.

The pool is 10 feet deep this end. It is one of the largest private pools in Palm Springs.



Bob had a comic book series that ran for 17 years!



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