

Merit Award



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A Tennessee couple bought the Knob and Kettle Ranch after spending many vacations in Montana. The original program called for a two-phase project. Phase I was to be a guest house for the extended family of 6 grown children and their spouses and children. The second phase would be the 'main' house.

The client was in agreement that this summer home would be playful yet restful, eclectic, 'funky' and Montana through and through.

Blackfoot Summer Home

The solution was to relocate the 5 buildings and connect the 4 log cabins with a new structure which did not dilute the integrity of the old or try to mimic them, a modern link which has its own identity and complements the cabins and does not compete with them. The link clearly delineates the old and the new. The new construction was clad in a green corrugated siding, which is a recessive element against the green forest background. As the log buildings intersect the new they are exposed on the inside, enhancing the linkage. The transparency of the new structure allows views of the surrounding mountains and meadows and has an openness which contracts with the more cozy log elements.

The first phase turned out so much to the clients liking that they decided to abandon the second phase.

