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Friday Five with James R. Harlan

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Chicago-born, Los Angeles-based James R. Harlan (<http://www.jamesharlan.com/index.php>) is not only an architect, he's an artist, author, and preservationist. After moving to LA to attend USC School of Architecture, where he earned a Bachelor of Science, he opened his own architecture studio in 1989 and focused on modern residential projects. Over the years, his work has been published in The Los Angeles Times, Metropolitan Home, and Architectural Digest. He previously served as Vice Chair on the Palm Springs Architectural Committee and now is on the Board of Directors of The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation. With offices in both Pasadena and Palm Springs, Harlan is staying busy currently with renovation in latter, as well as Laguna Beach. In this Friday Five



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Casa C in Italy by Damilano Studio (<http://design-milk.com/casa-c-italy-by-damilano-studio/>)

A house with a heavy mid-century vibe to it, where spaces interact with each other instead of delimiting areas. I love the play of modern de...



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Avalon House in Australia by Fox Johnston Architects (<http://design-milk.com/avalon-house-by-fox-johnston-architects/>)

This home by Fox Johnston Architects is a re-build of a dilapidated 1950s beach house into a light filled home for a growing family. Trying ...

(<http://design-milk.com/column/friday-five/>), architect Harlan gives us a sample of five of his favorite things.



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1. Tretorn (<https://us.tretorn.com>)

Classic design and styling – like a pair of jeans, they get better with age.



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2. Tahquitz Plaza

(http://www.pspreservationfoundation.org/tahquitz_plaza.html)

Using simple materials – wood, stucco, and glass – architect Hugh Kaptur has sculptured



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**A Backyard Room:
Kenjo Outdoor
Cottage**

forms that are dynamic but are also sensitive to the climate. Recently saved from destruction, the buildings will be repurposed.



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3. [Ghost Ranch](https://www.ghostranch.org)

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Ghost Ranch is a 21,000 acre adult summer camp. You can't help but be inspired taking a class ranging from photography to archeology.



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4. [Stan Bitters](http://www.stanbitters.com)

There is a sensitive rawness to his work that I admire. His colors are fantastic.

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A prefab cottage that comes with a movable roof that doubles your outdoor space.

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5. Bang & Olufsen (<http://www.bang-olufsen.com/en>)

Beauty and function combined to create the Bang & Olufsen



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