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Tickets are **\$45 per person**. For more information, visit our **frequently asked questions**. The ABQ Mid Mod Home Tour is organized in partnership with Ted Janka of CHED Designs, mid-century interior designers and retailers at Albuquerque's Antique Specialty Mall, and through the support of the above sponsors.

WORK RESUMES ON FORMER MONTGOMERY WARDS

In an **interview** with KRQE last summer, developers at the Winrock Shopping Center described how the former Montgomery Wards building would receive windows for its new life as an office complex. It appears that progress has resumed on the renovation project, as cut-outs to the 1961 original building's facade have been made. Thanks to David Hale for both this update and photograph, below.



David continues to seek interior and exterior photographs of the Winrock Mall in operation for his digital recreation project. If you have any to share, please **contact us** at your convenience.

DEMOLITION PLANNED FOR FORMER ELKS CLUB

Photo by William Dodge. Used with permission.

The lifespan of the vacated Elks Club on University Boulevard is coming to an end. The University of New Mexico announced last week that the building that they have owned



since 2006 will be demolished in a four-month effort expected to be completed by the fall. KRQE reported the news in a **broadcast** on April 10th.

The University building replaced the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks' (BPOE) downtown lodge which was purchased by the government for \$800,000 for the site of the Dennis Chavez Federal Building in 1962. For the new lodge's groundbreaking ceremony, the Elks extended special invitations to members of the architectural firm of J.B. Burwinkle & Associates, as well as Dub Underwood and John Testman, the contractors whose company would construct the structure. Because of that invitation, we believe that Burwinkle & Associates may have been responsible for the lodge's design. Joseph Burwinkle himself was a member of the Elks.

Completed in 1963, the blonde brick Elks Club was described as 'singularly modern', its interior colorfully appointed as was the fashion at the time. A double-sided Arizona stone fireplace divided the lobby and a vast ballroom. The building also housed multiple bars, a dining room, member's facilities, and a basement which UNM will fill with soil.

Roxanna Caird, mother of Modern Albuquerque's Director of Guest Experience, was a regular fixture at the club's heated, free-form pool, now filled in. Pool-goers entered through a separate door at the southeast side of the building, as the club interior had an enforced dress code. A nice restaurant overlooked the pool. Membership to the Elks (and dining at the establishment) was by invitation only. Roxanna admitted that her father joined the order largely in anticipation of the completion of the new club and its pool. With changing times, membership in the social club dwindled, eventually leading the Elks to relocate.

For more on the decision to demolish the property, refer to page 126 in the recent University of New Mexico Board of Regents' **meeting minutes**.

CHED DESIGNS IS AT HOME IN ALBUQUERQUE



Ted Janka sits enveloped in the warm glow of wood and persimmon colored glass. Semi-retired, Ted is co-owner of CHED Designs, along with husband Chuck Honse. Around him, their mid-century contemporary home is coming together. Cork flooring spans the hallway and abstract art from the previous owners adorns the walls near a colorful time-capsule kitchen. Ted has plans for it.

In 2017, Chuck and Ted (collectively, CHED, a friend's abbreviated name for the pair) relocated to Albuquerque from that mecca of mid-century modernism, Palm Springs. It was there where the two interior designers were first immersed in mid-century modern design. Living in a Hugh Kaptur home in the Desert Park Estates neighborhood, CHED embraced the style, transforming their home and business to specialize in elements from the period and becoming active in Palm Springs community modernism events. With the rising cost of living in California and Palm Springs' extreme summer heat, the couple made the decision to relocate. They hit upon the idea of making Albuquerque their new home.

Ted admits that he was 'blown away' by how much mid-century architecture there was in the city when he began looking. It was while hunting for their future residence with realtor Talia Freedman that the idea for a mid-century

modern home tour in Albuquerque was first floated. Talia couldn't have known that Ted had been on the committees to host four home tours in Palm Springs, but suddenly there was someone who had done it before (and was eager to do it again). The ABQ Mid Mod Home Tour owes everything to Ted and Talia's vision and enthusiasm.



Chuck and Ted, owners of CHED Designs.



CHED Designs' home in Albuquerque. All article photos courtesy Ted Janka.

Now mid-century goods retailers at the **Antique Specialty Mall**, Chuck and Ted are tapping into their experience and outlets to make their mid-century home in Albuquerque their own. Completed in 1965, the "H-shaped, expandable, contemporary" house was custom-built by the W. Randall Fowler Construction Company for Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mease, its first residents. CHED intends to stay true to the home's style and era, furnishing with finds that will never make it to their booth and recreating a privacy screen originally drawn up for the home to enclose a courtyard outside the front door. They had hoped to highlight the home's restoration on the first mid-century modern home tour, but look forward to featuring it in a completed stage in a future event. But anticipation of what the home will look like is already beginning. Photographs Ted shared with us of the 'before' and 'after' of he and Chuck's home in Palm Springs make us eager to see what CHED has in store for their Albuquerque abode.



How Chuck and Ted's Palm Springs home appeared when they purchased it.

The same home after the homeowners completed their work.



We couldn't pick a favorite interior photo, **so see them all in the home's real estate listing.**



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