

"The design process is one of painful exhilaration in human endeavor," Haertling once said, "where one gives ultimate importance to the problem to being solved, letting the problem itself be an integrated solution which uses materials and structure void of distortion of uses untrue to the nature of the material or process, testing the boundaries of the application so as to give excitement, variety, adventure and human relation to the project." - Charles Haertling



Mountain Modern Exudes 'Wow'

1969: Brenton House, Boulder



1970: Kahn House, Boulder



1964: Volsky House, Boulder



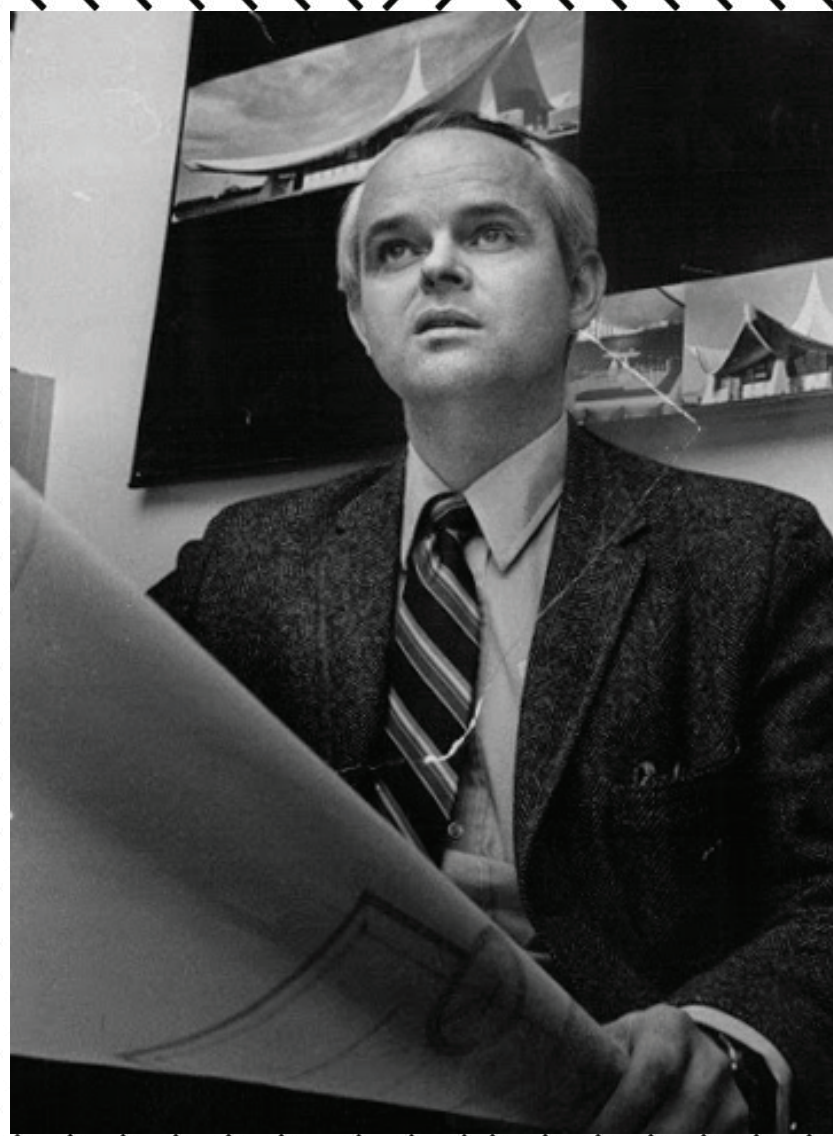
1967: The Conlin House, 440 Seven Hills Drive, Boulder



1961: Willard House, Boulder



1964: St. Stephens Church, Northglenn

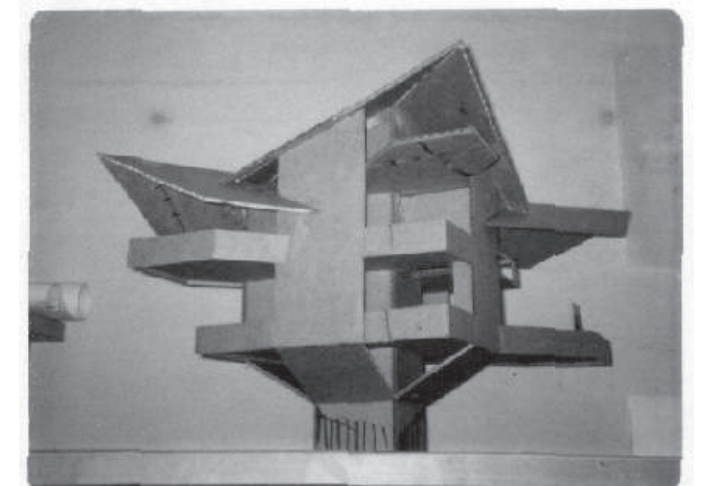


The Original Owners

- Charles Haertling built 440 Seven Hills for James E. Conlin & Sharon Conlin in 1967.
- James and Charles likely met while they were both working for the University of Colorado.
- In 1974 the Conlins sold the home to travel the world. They eventually settled down in New Zealand where they lived for a year.
- In 1977 the Conlins moved back to Colorado and opened the Licksillet Cafe in Gold Hill. Sharon still lives in Gold Hill today.

Notes On Conlin House Design by Joel Haertling

"The Conlin residence is located just west of Boulder in the foothills. The house appears to point upward from below, due in part to a very high balcony on the front. The foundation is a pedestal, incorporating drastic overhangs that create a hovering effect. A model illustrates the cantilevered design. A different model photograph also shows the top of house."



Photograph of the original model

Haertling designed homes reflecting an eclectic mix of different architectural styles and philosophies, incorporating elements of modernism and organic architecture, and drawing the outdoors in. Haertling often made efforts to harmoniously integrate his buildings with their physical environments and The Conlin House is a true reflection of this philosophy.

Each commission Haertling received involved in-depth interviews with the client to determine their particular needs. The personality of the client factored in greatly in the final resulting design. Even the children in families had their input in the process.

"The building has my signature, but if I kept my clients at arms length, all my buildings would look the same."

Haertling also wanted his work to contribute to the fabric of the city and to enhance the image and spirit of Boulder. To this end he strove to make the work progressive, innovative and exciting, representing the artistic and ruggedly individualistic nature of the community, and reflecting the physical environment, both earth and sky.



First known photo of Conlin House, 1967

440 Seven Hills Timeline

- Built 1967
- Sold in 1974
- Sold in 1979
- Adobe studio built in 1983
- Changed hands in family in 1984
- Garage built in 1988
- Sold in 1990
- Sold in 2015
- Renovations in 2015
- On market 2020

1958: Wheat House, Boulder 1958: Noble House, Boulder 1958: White House, Boulder, 1960: Knudsen House, Boulder 1961: Krueger House, Boulder, 1961: Willard House, Boulder 1961: Quaker Meeting House, Boulder, 1961: Our Savior Parish Center, Denver 1963: J.R. Knitting Mill, Boulder, 1963: Warburton House, Gold Hill 1964: St. Stephens Church, Northglenn, 1964: Volsky House, Boulder 1965: Triframe Modular, Denver, Cleveland, Albuquerque, 1965: Frederick House, Denver 1965: Albersheim House, Boulder, 1966: Moment House, Boulder 1966: Fahrenkrog House, Snowmass (unbuilt), 1966: Dammann I House, Boulder 1967: McConnell House, Boulder

1967: Conlin House, Boulder

1968: Caldwell House, Boulder 1968: Smith House, Snowmass, 1968: Faye-Peterson House, Littleton 1969: Boulder Eye Clinic, Boulder, 1969: Brenton House, Boulder 1970: Kahn House, Boulder, 1970: Menkick House, Boulder 1970: Steward House, Boulder, 1970: Evergreen Apartments, Boulder 1970: Grace Lutheran Church remodeling, Boulder 1970: Davis House, Boulder, 1970: Razee House, Denver 1970: Gill House, Boulder, 1971: Jourgensen House, Boulder 1971: Barrett House, Boulder, 1971: Stead House, Boulder 1971: Solarcrest Condominiums, Vail, 1971: Matheson House, Boulder 1971: Wilson House, Boulder, 1971: Seminar Center, Boulder 1973: Tambor Guest House, Tambor, Costa Rica (unbuilt) 1974: Rink Office remodeling, Boulder, 1974: Dammann II House, Boulder 1975: Goodman House, Telluride, 1975: Ford House, Boulder 1975: Gosko House, Snowmass, 1975: Baumgartner House, Brighton 1976: Johnson House, Boulder, 1976: Riverside Building, Boulder 1978: Roitz House, Boulder, 1980: Leaneagh House, Boulder 1981: Fleck House, Golden 1982: Chart House Restaurant, Mamaroneck, New York (unbuilt) 1983: Mountain Shadows Montessori School, Boulder (unbuilt), 1983: Cunningham Addition, Boulder

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