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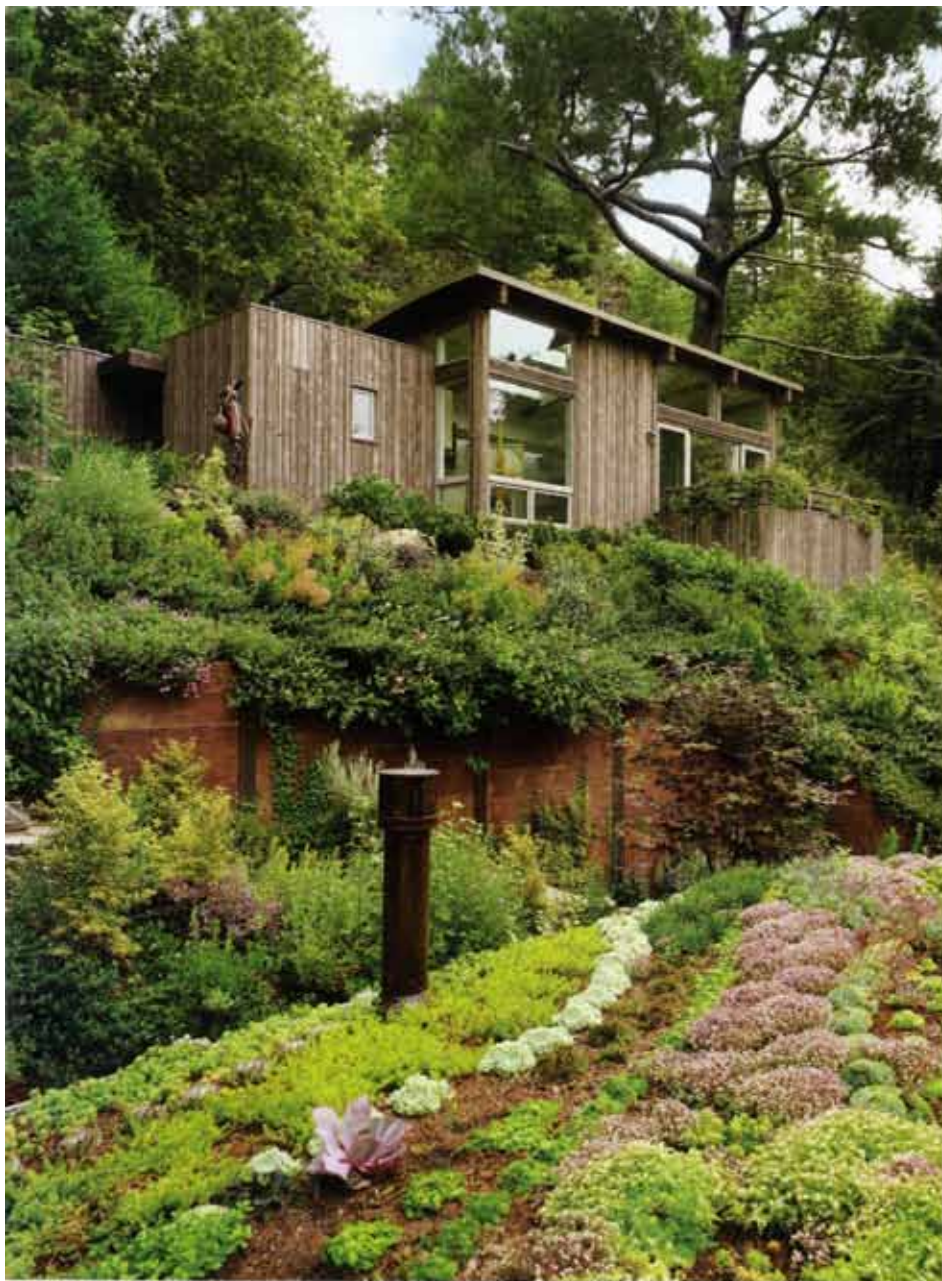
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2012 Custom Home Design Awards

HK Associates' Barrio Historico House in Tucson, Ariz.,
wins the 2012 Custom Home of the Year award

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Merit Award

Outdoor Spaces
Mill Valley Cabins, Mill Valley, Calif.

Nestled into a steep hillside, the artist studio overlooks the yoga studio's artfully planted roof. Both cabins have curved roofs that mimic the land's natural forms, cantilevered decks, and pre-weathered wood siding to blend in with their surroundings.

Avid hikers and gardeners, these clients wanted to be out on the land. So when they decided to add rooms in which to practice yoga and art, the idea of two outbuildings made sense. Nestling slimly between trees and stepping up the hill so one is perched over the other, each room offers a different view of the landscape.

Poetically, the upper art studio looks down on the yoga/guest cabin's green roof, a planted canvas. "They didn't want to see a metal roof," says architect Jonathan Feldman. "Our first thought was to make it disappear, but then to actually make it a garden art project."

Our judges liked the roof and the experience of approaching the buildings. "It's so contextual to California," one said.—C.W.

Entrant/Architect: Feldman Architecture, San Francisco; Builder: JP Builders, Oakland, Calif.; Landscape designer: Jori Hook Landscape Architecture, San Anselmo, Calif.; Structural engineer: Yu Strandberg Engineering, San Francisco; Living space: 500 square feet (upper studio), 380 square feet (lower studio); Site: 2.01 acres; Construction cost: Withheld; Photographer: Joe Fletcher. / Visit www.customhomeonline.com for additional images and products.