

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



Albert Frey's first home featured a stunningly framed view of Mt. San Jacinto. COURTESY OF THE PALM SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Palm Springs history: Albert Frey enjoyed the wild, wide-open spaces

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Albert Frey was fortunate to have a paid position in the atelier of famous architect Le Corbusier in Paris in 1928. Frey worked on what would become an iconic piece of International Style modern architecture, the Villa Savoye, before

immigrating to the United States, first to New York, and then improbably the desert of Palm Springs.

The Swiss-born architect found himself in the wild and wide-open spaces of the Coachella Valley by chance and was so charmed, spent the rest of his career and life here. The design principles advocated by Le Corbusier would figure

prominently in Frey's work. For his own home in the desert, Frey framed the views of the magnificent surrounding mountains. For his second home, he moved onto the mountain itself.

The Palm Springs Art Museum has a major retrospective of his work opening in January 2024 curated by historian Brad Dunning which will present rare

and previously unseen architectural models, drawings, films, photographs and furniture. Learn more at psmuseum.org under Exhibitions: "Albert Frey: Inventive Modernist."

Thanks for reading. "Thanks for the Memories" will be abbreviated for the next few weeks with the regular column returning on June 18.