

Hidden Cow Hollow home in a 'magical garden' asks \$3.295 million

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The wood-shingled home sits behind a lush garden.

People often walk by 2377 Filbert Street in Cow Hollow and don't even realize there's a home there. All you can see is a wood-shingled two-car garage, which many might assume is attached to the large wood-shingled building to the right. Instead it goes with the brick wall and wisteria-covered wooden gate to the left, behind which you'll find "truly magical gardens," according to listing agent Rebecca Schumacher.

“The setting is totally unique, hidden away and very private,” she said. “The luxury of being so farback from the street could not be replicated today.” Schumacher added that the outdoor space was definitely one of the amenities that sold the current owners on the home back in 2010. The large front garden has climbing vines, flowering trees and a circular brick patio, among other charming features. In the back, there’s a smaller stone patio with a gas firepit and built in seating.

But the owner, Anne-Elise Lansdown, says that while she was “struck” by the outdoor spaces she was “sold” by the sunny kitchen. That being said, she and her husband also saw room for improvement. They embarked on a nearly ten-year process to update and modernize home, starting with basic issues like bolting the foundation and replacing the furnace of the 1910 property.

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Life-safety issues taken care of, they got to move on to the fun stuff with the help of Drummond Architects and Designers. In 2017, they installed window coverings, light fixtures and Sonos sound systems throughout the home, refinished the original wood floors, upgraded the two bathrooms with new fixtures and tile, and reshingled the whole house. The sunny kitchen has all new appliances, including a wine fridge, and got a new tile backsplash. “The inspiration was to add a contemporary vibe while respecting the turn-of-the-century architecture,” Schumacher said. “They wanted to be certain not to lose the charm.”

Though the family has only been able to enjoy the fruits of their labors for a short time, they decided to sell the home after having 2 children. They now need a larger living space than the three-bedroom can provide.

Schumacher **listed the home recently** for \$3,295,000 and doesn’t think it will be long before the unique property is scooped up. While it has a low-profile to passersby, she said, it is well known to those in the neighborhood. “It has intriguing street presence even though you basically only see the charming gate with wisteria and the two-car garage,” she explained. “When I mentioned it in our office meeting, the other agents immediately knew which house it was. It definitely has an aura.”

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