

HOMES OF THE YEAR

31ST
ANNUAL

BEST GREEN PROJECT

DESIGNER/HOMEOWNER: HEATHER JOHNSTON, AIA
CONTRACTOR: SAGC

COOL, CLEAN AND GREEN

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WHILE ARCHITECT HEATHER JOHNSTON AND HER husband, David Dickins, were pleased with the second story of their 1950s La Jolla home, the never-remodeled first-floor main living area didn't work for them at all. It had no air conditioning, serious circulation issues, virtually no storage options and restricted access to the backyard.

Left: Energy-efficient windows provide natural ventilation in the remodeled green home of architect Heather Johnston and husband David Dickins.

Opposite: Cantilevering roof eaves help cool the interiors on hot days; redwood exterior siding was purchased from lumber mills certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).