



Remodeled Farmhouse Shows Some Of Bill Banks' Designing Talents

## Banks Builds Rustic Mountain Homes

Plenty of comfort—even luxury, but with all the rustic charm and simplicity of real country living. That was the kind of ground rule Bill Banks applied in creating his mountain home developments, and he has succeeded with his aims thus far, using a remarkable talent for daring the unusual with great results.

The homes at Indian Creek Village, on scenic Indian Creek in western Yancey County; and the Buzzard Rock Ranchettes in South Toe, are each nestled in a secluded woodland setting -- with a lovely view should a buyer prefer to cut down some trees for this purpose.

An external feature of each home is a deck or porch, usually made of rough-sawn boards and using locust limbs, bark still on, for necessary and or-

namental railings and support posts.

Along with redwood, green and brown stains and paints used for the exterior of the dwelling, the result is a rustic woodland mountain home which blends beautifully with the surrounding landscape.

The interior of the homes carry out this theme, with the use of wormy chestnut for paneling on some areas, simple, rough-sawn lumber on others. Large fireplaces are constructed of native stone--sometimes free standing double sided fireplaces with the native stone extending up through the middle of a large room, separating the kitchen-dining area from the living room.

The cathedral ceilings with exposed beams add to the spacious interior look, and large windows, including an occa-

sional bay window, and sliding glass doors bring in the out-of-doors on all sides.

One of Bill Banks' favorites of these mountain homes is the remodeled 2-story farmhouse in which he took out a wall to add a huge native stone fireplace, used bark-covered locust poles for interior bannisters, used bright red shag carpet throughout the living area, and otherwise transformed the place into a cheerful rustic-looking home to suit the taste of any vacationer or year-round resident who likes the country-living atmosphere.

Banks has plans for other homes with new ideas which will continue to blend gracious charm and easy comfort into extremely liveable and desir-

able mountain homes, in locations offering both the seclusion of woodlands and scenic views.

The homes in both Indian Creek Village and at Buzzard Rock are built for year-round living and electric heat is featured for its convenience and dependability.

We hope to attract not only summer visitors, but even permanent residents of Yancey County to view our mountain home developments, says Banks. The homes will suit the taste of the most discriminating persons if a return to peace and simplicity--without sacrificing convenience--is what they're looking for.

## Autumn Color Peaks In October

Vivid traces of the autumn color spectacle are beginning to glisten in the highlands, and all signs are pointing to an exceptionally beautiful fall color splash during the next three weeks.

Rather warm September weather has delayed the turning of the leaves, but below freezing temperatures over the past weekend at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina have given promise to bringing on Mother Nature's greatest show pretty much on schedule in that area.

Fall color begins each year at the higher elevations, so towering peaks such as offered at Grandfather Mountain are the first to witness the brilliant reds and golds. The peak viewing times should be from October 7 to October 25.

The color is more evident this week at the high elevations where Maples and other hardwoods present an interesting contrast to the dark evergreens and rocky cliffs. As the month passes, the rainbow of color will descend into the valleys and foothills below.

Grandfather Mountain's Mile-

High Swinging Bridge affords a grandstand view of the glorious autumn foliage below. "Carolinas Top Scenic Attraction" will be open daily thru November 15, with Mildred the Bear and the cubs appearing for photographers three times each day on Saturday and Sunday.

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