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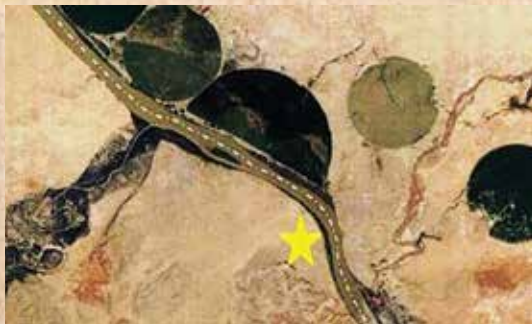
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# Moab in bloom

6 local gardens  
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Nestled in a high desert valley and known for its rugged red rock canyons, the city of Moab doesn't always conjure up images of verdant greenery or delicate blossoms. But many Moab locals have labored to create oases of growth and beauty in their corner of the desert. In small backyards and in expansive, rambling properties, gardeners nurture plants from fruit trees and flowers to kitchen herbs and desert shrubs.

Often starting with patches of bare ground, these residents have crafted unique spaces that not only beautify and improve their homes and neighborhoods, but, according to the homeowners, also provide a place for socializing, day-dreaming, and meditating.

"Gardening is a very intimate experience between the land and the gardener," says Julia Myers, a Moab native who has gardened professionally for twelve years and been instrumental in the planning and care of most of the gardens featured here. "Gardens create a peaceful, calm place to quiet the soul and allow time to reflect," and they can be a refuge from "the constant demands of a busy schedule ... and the commotion of a busy town."

Suzanne Lewis, an agent with Arches Real Estate Group, says that a loved and well-tended garden adds value to a property, and sends a larger message that a homeowner cares about the home. "The old axiom still holds true," Lewis says, "curb appeal plays a big role in sales."

Many fantastic gardens flourish throughout the Moab area. Six local residents welcomed us into outdoor sanctuaries, and shared thoughts on what their landscapes mean to them.







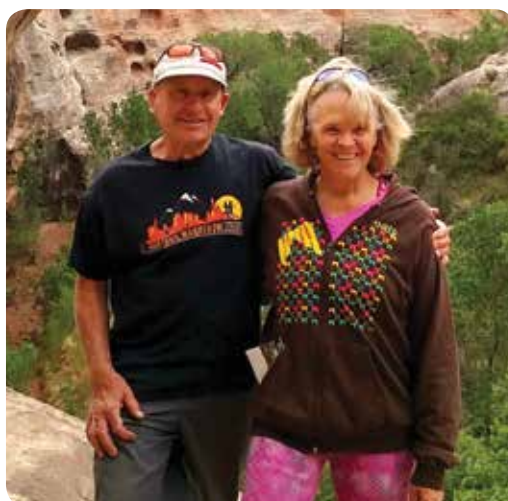
## From bare dirt lot to sanctuary Garden of Warren and Lydia Young

Warren and Lydia Young's garden wraps around their home along a crunchy gravel path, buffered from the street by a stucco wall and from a neighboring property by a tall fence. Vegetable and flower beds dot the ground below fruiting and decorative trees. Sculptured metal animals perch and prowl among the growth, and small birds flutter between feeders.

Several of the raised beds are supported by colored wine bottles, inverted and stuck into the ground, with alternating blues and greens defining rounded organic shapes. "I did not drink all that wine," Lydia points out. "We're the old people who go up and pick through the recycling bin occasionally, to find the pretty colors—they have to be the right color."

Rather than partitioning her vegetables from her flowers, Young has beds of each interspersed throughout the space, and likes to experiment to see what she can grow. She pointed out small wooden raised beds designed to grow large potatoes. As the potatoes put leaves up aboveground, the gardener adds soil so that the plant continues producing more potato below ground.

Young moved to Moab from Summit County in Colorado. She and her husband had a home with a yard in that area, but the growing season was not as generous as it is in Moab. "You can't grow tomatoes there," she says. "We had two kinds of trees—we had aspen and we



had narrow-leaf cottonwood. Buying all these trees [for the yard in Moab] was really fun for us." Warren is "really into trees," Lydia says, so all of the trees in the garden were carefully selected. "This big one in the front here is an ornamental pear... it is just exquisite in the fall," she says, describing how the pear tree and a neighboring Purple Ash turn shades of red and purple in autumn.

The Youngs brought some trees from Colorado, in-

cluding a Taylor Sunburst Pine. The tips of the branches are a bright yellow. The pine thrives in her Moab yard.

Another plant brought from a previous residence is her spurless purple Columbine. She brought it from a home at 9,000 feet, in the foothills outside of Denver. She says her variety of the flower is rare—the more common Columbine has long "spurs" on the underside of the blossom. "They tend to like the cooler weather," she says of the flourishing bloom, "so I was surprised they were growing over here."

Tall purple iris bloom against the fence—they, too, are transplants to their current home. "Iris live forever and ever," says Young. "So those came from Warren's grandfather, who in the early 1900's, planted those in Denver somewhere. They didn't like growing in Summit County — but they love it over here!"

The Youngs developed their property from an empty dirt lot. They designed and built their home, and brought their garden to life, incorporating elements brought from previous homes. "We figure we can die here now," Young says light-heartedly. "Our house is all on one level. We have two bedrooms and two bathrooms and a wonderful kitchen. And y'know," she jokes, referring to their location near the Canyonlands Care Center, "if we're in motorized wheelchairs—you go down here, you take a right, we're at the senior center!"

*Clockwise from top: The Youngs' colorful garden oasis includes a small pond that attracts frogs year round. A poppy flower. A purple iris. A red house-finch visits the backyard birdfeeder.*





## Flowing water and abundance Garden of Mary and Mike Wilson

**I**n a quiet neighborhood south of town, Mary and Mike Wilson tend an ample and diverse landscape centered around a spring-fed water feature, with a small waterfall babbling from an upper pond to a larger, lower pool. Orange and white koi fish swim beneath the lily pads. Around the ponds, paths weave through healthy shrubs, trees, and flowers. Eclectic birdhouses, built by Mike, shelter small birds, and occasional stone Buddha statues keep watch over the flowers.

The spring was what motivated the Wilsons to purchase the property. The existing house, in which they still live, was not their dream home, but the fresh flowing water was a unique opportunity. “If you have water in the desert, you can do anything!” says Mary. The lot, when they bought it, was mostly bare ground, with a few trees and hedges, and grass in the front yard. Through the years, the Wilsons have transformed it into a water-rich ecosystem.

Trial and error have been a large part of the transformation. “Gardens—you plant things and they don’t make it, and then you try something else,” says Mary. “You get better with experience.”

But what works one year might not always work. “As trees grow up, then you have a shade garden instead of a sun garden,” Wilson gave as an example. “and then you rearrange that. So the garden is never finished. That’s the way it is.”



Scout the dog (who, fortunately, doesn’t dig), accompanied us on a tour through the paths. We passed a dainty tree with tiny white flowers that saturated its surroundings with a pleasing scent. Mary identified the tree as a Russian hawthorne. “It just bloomed today,” she says. “Voilà!”

Through a juniper hedge and up a few steps lies the Wilsons’ meditation labyrinth. Marble-sized rounded pebbles cover a leveled area, and larger stones mark

out a circuitous path leading to the center. “This is a seven circuit labyrinth,” Mary says. “It’s supposed to support water. We have the spring here, so I thought it was a good choice... it is kind of like the river. It has a meandering shape.”

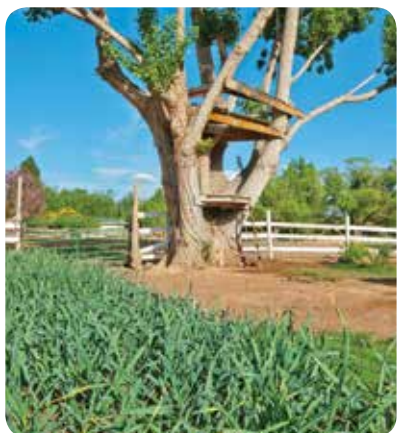
The Wilsons had a shaman come help them rake the pattern into the pebble ground cover. “Then it was a labor of love, putting the rocks down,” says Wilson. She and her husband use the labyrinth, especially on significant days of the year such as solstices and equinoxes.

The property accommodates a vegetable garden and a fire pit, as well as a “cutting” flower bed. “I know a lot of people don’t like to cut the flowers in their garden,” says Mary. Her solution was to create a space for flowers destined to be cut. “[The flowers] enjoy coming inside and being appreciated, that’s my theory.”

Mary spends a couple of hours each day in the garden, “It’s really fantastic,” she says. “I can enjoy the garden as well as work in it.” On a visit to Claude Monet’s garden in France, Mary resonated with a quote about the famous painter, who was also an avid gardener. “There’s this saying, that paper and paint—it wasn’t big enough for him anymore,” Mary recalls. “And so his landscape was like painting the earth. I think for people that garden, they don’t just have landscape put in. It’s their palette. Their creative expression.”

***Clockwise from top:** A small wooden bridge spans a spring-fed water feature in the heart of the Wilsons’ expansive garden. A wide-angle view of the elaborate garden and koi pond — all nourished by the free-flowing spring that also provides culinary water to the homeowners. A purple chive flower.*



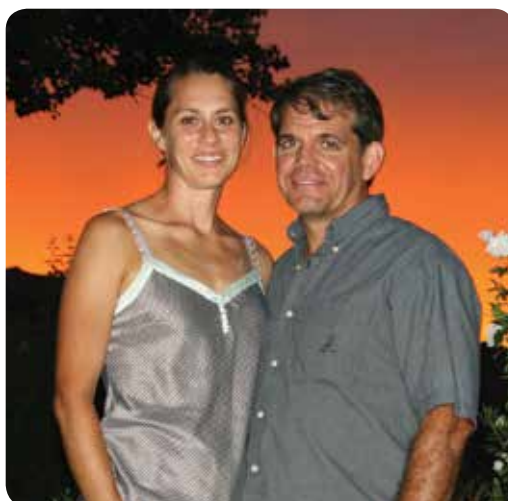


## Pomegranates in the desert Garden of Kevin and Becky Chase

Kevin and Becky Chase cultivate a one-acre property surrounded by agricultural spaces—on one side is a refuge for rescued circus donkeys and llamas, another side is sometimes used to pasture sheep, and a third side alternately hosts horses and is used to raise hay. Inside the Chases' fenced lot, orange Rugosa roses have opened their showy blooms, and yellow Columbines are adding a splash of color to the yard.

The Chases have only been developing the property for a few years. After removing several neglected trees from the front yard, they planted drought-tolerant and deer-repellent species, including Catmint, Autumn's Joy, and Allium. While cleaning up and removing existing growth, they almost chopped down a row of pomegranate bushes that another gardener had planted, because the bushes looked scraggly, but decided to keep them when they proved they could produce fruit. "We have some ugly bushes with some pretty product," says Becky Chase. "We had several dozen pomegranates last fall!"

The Chases grow a huge variety of food crops. Asparagus, broccoli, brussel sprouts, kale, spinach, beets, and all kinds of lettuces populate the vegetable plots. Six or seven beds are devoted to different kinds



of garlic, Kevin's favorite food plant that they grow. Cherry trees, blueberry, blackberry, raspberry, and goji berry bushes provide fruits.

In the greenhouse, some more exotic species are getting established: an avocado tree, a mango

tree, and a lemon tree. The lemon tree has started to bear fruit—it is studded with small green lemons. The greenhouse is also where Becky grows her kitchen herbs. "Basil, mint, cilantro, dill," she recited, "and whatever else you can name, it's probably out there."

Becky loves to use her own herbs and produce in her cooking. She described her recipe for fresh tomato sauce: "As soon as we have enough [tomatoes] to cover two baking sheets, I'll cut them in half and take all the rosemary and oregano and basil and whatever else is out there, and I'll mince it up and sprinkle it over the tomatoes, and roast them in the oven at 200 degrees for, like, seven hours. And then put them in the blender, and you've got tomato sauce!"

Gardening is a fairly new pursuit for Becky, and she acknowledges challenges. "It's definitely a learning experience," she says. "I text Julia [Myers] all the time, with random questions about the yard." And there is always weeding to do.

However, she still has time for joy in the garden. "This spring, Kevin put a swing and a set of rings on the mimosa tree out front," she says. "We have an eight-year-old daughter, and she plays on it—I play on it too."



*Clockwise from top left: A thriving garlic crop with tree fort in the background. Red valerian — also known as Jupiter's beard — blooms alongside copper roses next to the Chases' home. In a photo from last fall, a vine-ripened pomegranate bursts open. [Courtesy photo] Garlic and leafy vegetables grow in the shelter of a hoop-house.*





## Peaceful place to entertain Garden of Floyd Humphreys

Behind the hedge and fence that flank a dignified, but unpretentious historic home on a busy downtown street, Floyd Humphreys delights in her neatly planned garden and patio. Flower-filled planter boxes line the steps that lead from the back door to a curving flagstone walkway. Pink blossoms creep over the ground in the flower beds along the path. A trellis across the garden shades patio furniture, and festive strings of miniature lanterns provide a warm glow when friends enjoy the space in the evenings.

"It's really great at night with these little teeny lights on," says Humphreys. "I entertain a lot."

Humphreys has lived in the area since 1986. She and her husband (who has since passed away) once operated the Proudfoot Bend Ranch near Dewey



Bridge. Humphreys now spends only part of the year in Moab, and, leaves the care of her garden "to the professionals."

When she bought the property, the yard was a bare dirt plot. She had a fence put in, and ordered Rocky Blue Stone from Philadelphia for her flagstone path. After the path had delineated the space, she hired Julia Myers to design the garden beds and hand-draw a diagram of where the plants would be placed.

"There was nothing here," says Humphreys. "She drew a map of all of these areas and color coded it, each plant, as to when it was going to come up—in the fall, in the spring, in the summer—and named them all." Through the season, irises, spirea, and roses bloom in the tidy beds.

*Clockwise from top: Lemonade honeysuckle grows along a wooden pergola structure in the patio area of Floyd Humphreys' backyard garden. Colorful and diverse container-gardens accentuate the outdoor living space. The inviting patio area is frequently used for entertaining.*





## Native plant showcase Garden of Denise and Don Oblak

When Denise and Don Oblak bought their property in the Blue Vista development south of town, they had only a few neighbors—but construction has been steady. Now there are close to twenty houses around theirs. They purchased and combined two half-acre lots to be sure to preserve their view.

"It's fabulous," says Denise. "We love it here. We love sitting out on our back deck and looking at the La Sals and watching the sunsets. We do call it our oasis—it's pretty incredible."

The Oblaks chose mostly drought-tolerant species for their landscaping, so that they could maintain it with low-water use. The large white sand cherry blossoms are just beginning to ebb, and the small, yellow-white cliffroses are at the beginning of their bloom. Both flowers produce a delightful fragrance. The yuccas' tall stalks are sending out white flowers as well.

"It's a nice landscape," says Denise. "It's not water-intensive — but it's not just rocks. It's really beautiful."

Denise and Don consulted an experienced landscaping friend when they designed their yard. The lot was "flat as a pancake" when they bought it, so they created some definition with a faux-arroyo in the back yard and berms to create different levels. An arched metal bridge spans the arroyo and leads to a firepit, with seating arranged in a semicircle.

Large Redtwig Dogwoods, leafy in the summer, are showcased in the off-season. "We planted that because we wanted some color in the winter months," Denise says of the shrub. "It's a deciduous plant, but in the winter months you still have the red stalks kind of contrasting with the snow, and you get a little bit of the garden even in the winter."

The yard is fenced in to protect the house and landscape from the wind, and to mitigate the inevitable tumbleweeds. Even so, Denise says "there's still lots of weeding that we do, every single season." Fortunately, she relishes the physical part of gardening. "I really enjoy just digging in the dirt," she says. She and her husband try to spend time in their garden every day. "When we're not out hiking or playing, or on the river, we're out in the backyard, picking dandelions or tumbleweeds."

Denise also keeps an herb garden, and makes use of it in the kitchen. "It's great when you're cooking, to just go out and snip a few fresh herbs for whatever you're cooking," she says. But the Oblaks' garden is not primarily about feeding their bodies.

"We knew we wanted something that would feed our souls out here."



## Pack Creek wonderland Garden of Jan and Cliff Crutchfield

Residents of the Pack Creek Ranch area, at around 6,000 feet above sea level, enjoy cooler summer weather than the Moab valley, as well as close proximity to high desert flora and fauna. Jan and Cliff Crutchfield treasure this natural landscape, and designed their Pack Creek home with a focus on preserving the existing terrain.

"The person who helped us build our straw bale house was very, very mindful of our desire to not disturb the natural landscape much," says Jan Crutchfield. "It was quite beautiful, watching as the excavation was happening, because it was kind of like a choreography. I think they lost one little spindly juniper tree. They were really careful about it."

After the house was complete, the Crutchfields enlisted help from knowledgeable and experienced Moab landscapers and gardeners to design the grounds. "Once

you've built the house, you have this big residue of construction—as careful as we'd been, it still needed to be healed. And that's when we started calling for help and getting to know people here," says Jan Crutchfield.

Years later, the landscape is flourishing. Native shrubs and flowers bloom yellow and purple near the house, blending harmoniously with the natural sage meadow on one side of the house and into the riparian vegetation along Pack Creek on the other side. Yellow Columbine drink up the rain water directed to their beds from the roof, and bloom exuberantly. Dry-stacked stone walls help define outdoor areas, and a flagstone path connects the patios that border three sides of the house. Views from the site sweep over the Moab rim and the La Sal mountains.

Many large windows, free of coverings, and glass

exterior doors on all sides of the home allow the surroundings to be enjoyed from inside, and invite inhabitants and visitors to come outside. Cliff and Jan spend a lot of time outdoors. They eat most of their meals outside when the weather is warm, and Jan uses some of their outdoor spaces to visit with her professional clients—she is a psychotherapist and also does bodywork. She likes to work in view of a stone Buddha statue perched on a platform on the west side of the house.

Another favorite spot of theirs is a path leading from the yard down to Pack Creek, with a rock-work stairwell and bench alongside the water. All the stone was found on the property or taken from the creek. "My mother-in-law, who's in her 90's, says it looks like it's been there for a hundred years," says Jan Crutchfield. "I love that feel -- the naturalness of it." ■

**Top of page, middle:** Seen in the fall, sumacs come ablaze with color in the Oblaks' garden. [Courtesy photo] **Top of page, right:** Yellow Scotch broom and giant blue catmint beautify the front yard. **Bottom left:** A Zen garden with Buddha statue creates a meditative space in the Crutchfields' garden. [Courtesy photo] **Bottom middle:** The custom Pack Creek home and garden were designed to blend harmoniously with the surrounding high-desert landscape. [Courtesy photo]





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**RIM VISTA TOWNHOME** – This 3BR/2.5BA townhome is being sold as a turnkey rental. Owner has taken great pride in this property. Recently touched up all paint, including repainting garage. This unit faces the LaSal Mountain and has easy access to the pool and tennis/basketball court. MLS#1504918 \$425,000 | **Dave 260-1968**



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WabiSabi's store manager, Violetta Wynn, right, assists customers at the store in May 2018.  
[Photo by Murice D. Miller]

# THE THRIFT STORE WITH A HEART OF GOLD

*With every purchase,  
WabiSabi supports local nonprofits*

Written by Sharon Sullivan

**W**here in Moab can you shop for brand-name, unusual, homemade items, and other goods at prices that can't be beat? The answer is WabiSabi Thrift Store, which, incidentally, is much more than a second-hand shop. WabiSabi sponsors various community workshops, distributes grants for worthwhile projects, store vouchers for those in need, plus, every time you make a purchase it adds to the coffers of nearly a dozen local nonprofit organizations.





Sarah Bauman was a thrift store junkie who was looking for something good to start in Moab when she founded the nonprofit thrift store with her former partner Joe Pale in 2002. "I loved thrift store shopping at the time," she says. "I went with the idea of starting a thrift store that would benefit a nonprofit." She rented a house across the street from the Moab Valley Multicultural Center, donated some of her own belongings, bought additional items, and set up shop in the front of the house while she lived in the back of the residence. WabiSabi moved twice more, before settling into its present location at 160 E. 100 South.

On opening day for the first store, the staff at WabiSabi asked customers to name the nonprofit organizations they wanted to see supported. The list grew, and after word got out that they were giving money away "it took off," Bauman says. "It became a part of the community." Fifty percent of all store proceeds are divvied up among 11 nonprofit partners based on the number of votes each organization garners. The remaining revenue goes toward staff wages and operational expenses. "Our mission is to redistribute proceeds to the community nonprofits who have their fingers on the pulse," WabiSabi program manager Nara Bopp says.

And while it's nice to know your purchases are benefiting others, it's also a good place to find treasures and good deals. "It's the most interesting place to shop in Moab – it's the only place I buy clothes," Bopp says. "It's where you'll find interesting brands from other places. We don't have many big-box stores" in Moab. At WabiSabi you'll find low-cost furniture and household items – it's always different every day. Things move quickly. There are gently used kids' clothes, kitchenware, books, and, in March, there happened to be an appliqued folk-art piece from Central America hanging on the wall. Madison Johnson, a 20-year old who has worked at WabiSabi for the past three years, says she has found vinyl records signed by the artists. Tourists often leave behind items that they don't want to carry with them onto the airplane, Bopp says.

Others donate because they believe in the store's cause, like Grand Junction, Colorado, resident Bruce Beier. Beier began donating new items after discovering the shop years ago when he came to Moab to mountain bike. Beier has since lost his vision due to a retinal detachment, but continues to donate new bikes, as well as new towels and washcloths, and clothing. His caregiver drives him to Moab to deliver the goods. "I believe in their cause," he says. "Being of sound mind, and good will, I give away everything." He once dropped off a dozen new bikes and several new sleeping bags. "It was perfect because it was winter," Johnson says. "People love us so much and want to contribute."



Volunteer Bob Bailey arranges books at WabiSabi. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]



*Sarah Bauman*



*Holly Dinsmore*



*Madison Johnson*







In front of the WabiSabi store and custom-made bike rack, from left to right, Program Manager Nara Bopp, former Executive Director Mandy Turner, VISTA worker Liz Donkersloot and 2017 Artist-in-residence Lily Erb. [Courtesy photo]

## 'The beauty of imperfection and perfection'

Holly Dinsmore, who has worked at WabiSabi for 15 years, says she tries to learn the backstory of donated items whenever possible. Dinsmore, 67, used to manage the store but now works part-time as she eases into retirement. "I love WabiSabi – the beauty and the imperfections," of what comes through the store, Dinsmore says. "I can't remember when I last bought anything new. Even if I won the lottery I don't think I would change much."

The name WabiSabi refers to the Japanese concept of "the beauty of imperfection and perfection" – which became a "fitting name for the thrift store," Sarah Bauman says. For some people, knowing an item, or a piece of clothing's history adds to its value, she adds.

After determining clients' needs, various Moab agencies issue vouchers that can be used at the store to acquire clothing, household items, and other necessities at no cost. Dinsmore remembers a single mother who used vouchers to set up house. She was starting from scratch after leaving a bad situation, Dinsmore says. She chose some furniture and a few household items from the store. "She was so grateful," Dinsmore recalls. Six months later, the woman returned everything, because by then, her father had bought what she needed and delivered it to her from out-of-state. "It gave me goosebumps," Dinsmore says. "She wanted to get the things back to us so the next lady in need would have what she needs."

Bauman, who now works for First Step House, a behavior health treatment provider in Salt Lake City, calls Dinsmore a longtime "grounding force" for the organization. "She showed up to the very first fashion show, helped me pull it off, and then ended up coming to work," Bauman says. WabiSabi used to host a fashion show in which people modeled clothing and accessories pulled from the racks by Bauman and her staff of "designers." The event eventually grew too big for the store, prompting a move to the Old Spanish Arena. "It was really fun," Bauman recalls. "It was a huge production; it was awesome. People came and bid on stuff." In-between runway walks WabiSabi's nonprofit partners joined in the fun by performing theatrical skits about their missions.



Local kids work on projects as part of the Wabi Hobby upcycled art club. [Courtesy photo]

## Workshops and events

While WabiSabi no longer hosts a fashion show, the store helps out with a similar type of event – the Resilience Hub's Trashion Show – a fun dance party and costume contest at Woody's Tavern, where community members wear outfits created out of recycled materials. WabiSabi donates clothing and other items for the costumes and trophies. WabiSabi also donates materials for "upcycled" community art workshops at the store to encourage people to reduce waste and be creative by repurposing recycled materials.

On Tuesdays, children enrolled in the BEACON Afterschool program come to WabiSabi's Community

Engagement Center for the Wabi Hobby upcycled art club. "It is a great way for kids to learn about the waste stream in our community and turn 'trash' into treasure," BEACON Afterschool program manager Kaitlin Thomas said. "WabiSabi has been a great supporter of BEACON Afterschool Program for many years. They have consistently provided supplies for our clubs and office through their community donations program, and financial support through their nonprofit partner program."

WabiSabi's nonprofit beneficiaries can change from year to year, depending on an organization's

needs. This summer, Bopp says she plans to open up applications to other nonprofits seeking to become a WabiSabi partner beginning in 2019.

Monthly nonprofit networking socials founded by WabiSabi bring together various organizations to share their news and announcements and occasionally form partnerships. Additionally, WabiSabi sponsors nonprofit skill-building workshops to teach people things like how to use social media, or design flyers. A community calendar of these and other community events can be found on the WabiSabi web site.





## Community giving

Last year WabiSabi donated \$47,320 to the community through grants, store vouchers, and donations. Various organizations, such as schools and the Moab Valley Fire Department, produce “wish lists” most of which are filled directly from the incoming donation stream and never reach the salesroom floor, Bopp says. Other items are pulled from the store.

Since 2003 WabiSabi has provided \$19,032 in “Make a Difference” grants to individuals and organizations to start innovative projects in Moab designed to make a positive difference in the community. The organization received 18 MAD applications this spring and will accept additional requests again in the fall. “A lot of my job is giving away money, which is fantastic,” Bopp says. Each project can receive up to \$750. In a typical year, over two grant cycles, the store gives away \$5,000.

Bopp appreciates how WabiSabi’s dozen employees interact with customers who come to the store – sometimes just to chat. “They really care about what you need,” she says. “They’ll keep an eye out for an item that they know a particular customer is looking for.” Dedicated volunteers also lend a hand. A couple from La Sal comes each week to tag clothes. Another man fixes donated vacuum cleaners – his specialty. Other volunteers wash cups and dishes whenever needed. And each year, 100 volunteers show up to help organize the free community Thanksgiving meal WabiSabi serves at the Grand Center.

If you happen to be doing some spring cleaning this season and come across items you no longer need or want – consider donating to WabiSabi. The thrift store is open seven days a week. Current summer hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. You never know what treasures you might find. ■

WabiSabi is located at 160 East 100 South in Moab; store phone (435) 259 3313, or for program info call (435) 259 2553; Visit WabiSabi online at [wabisabimoab.org](http://wabisabimoab.org)

**Top and Above:** Customers shop at the WabiSabi thrift store. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

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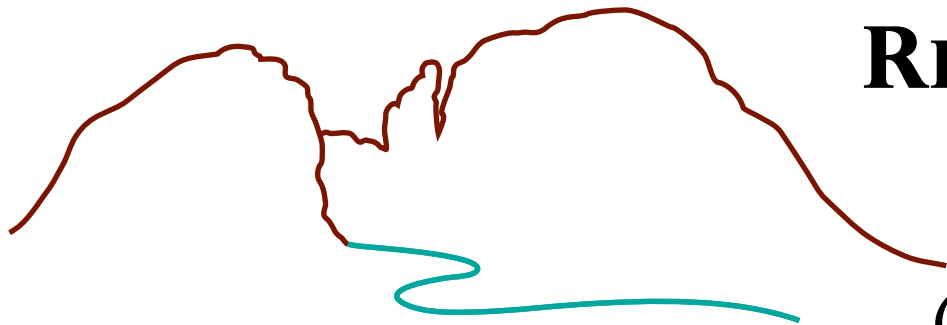


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**HIGHWAY ACRE** Excellent high visibility location in town, perfect for an array of uses and fabulous development potential! Two abutting lots, for 1.02 acres zoned Highway Commercial, with gorgeous mountain and red rock views and utilities in place. Fabulous 1,827 sf commercial structure with restroom, office, and overhead doors, well suited to an array of uses. Flexible zoning allows for multi-family, commercial, lodging, vacation rentals, dining, and more! **\$1,500,000 #1519745**





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### ECOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

Harmonious balance of green living and extraordinary design in an amazing creek-side setting. This soothing retreat is perfectly situated between desert and mountains, on 9.01 acres in gorgeous Pack Creek. The welcoming home features elegant craftsmanship, natural materials, and artisanal detail throughout. Stunning sunroom with 75' indoor lap pool. 2 car garage.

- 2 Bed, 2 Bath, 3,372 SF
- Grid-Tied Solar System
- Offered at \$846,000 #1325867

## THE WESTERN LIFESTYLE

### CASTLE VALLEY RANCH

Rugged beauty in a stunning red rock setting with breathtaking views! This magnificent log home is tucked into 5.17 acres in beautiful Castle Valley. A truly luxurious Western estate, the home is rugged, yet utterly elegant! Phenomenal Great Room with fireplace, two Master Suites with sitting areas, game room, indoor spa. 2 car garage with work bench.



- 5 Bed, 4.5 Bath, 3,986 SF
- 5.17 Acres
- Offered at \$795,000 #1461208



## CRAFTED IN HARMONY WITH THE LANDSCAPE



### STUNNING LOCATION

An extraordinary Flat Iron Mesa home, built for energy efficiency in harmony with the landscape. Thoughtfully designed, beautifully crafted living spaces that are intimate, yet luxurious and welcoming. Two Master Suites, sunroom, indoor lap pool. Dual artists's studio. Oversized 2 car garage. Lovely outdoor living areas, stunning views, amazing red rock hoodoos!

- 3 bed, 3.5 Bath, 3,282 SF
- Gorgeous 13.07 Acres
- Offered at \$795,000 #1463584



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**WELCOME HOME** Gorgeous setting in White Horse Subdivision! This lovely 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,018 sf home features vaulted ceilings, an open and airy floor plan, beautiful natural light. Wonderful fenced side yard for your pups! Relax on the patios & enjoy the views of the Rim, La Sals, & slickrock. Mud room, 3 car garage, .50 acre. **\$550,000 #1441997**



**RARE DESERT OASIS** This lovely property is a haven in the desert! The classic 2 story, 5 bed, 3 bath, 3,047 sf home offers an excellent floorplan and living space that is both comfortable and dramatic. Beds & baths on both levels, formal living room, huge family room with wood stove. Lush, 1.23 acre parcel, double carport with shop, root cellar. **\$550,000 #1475356**



**EAST SIDE ELEGANCE** Beautiful, 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,000 sf home with gracious living inside & out. Sophisticated and inviting, split floorplan with open design, vaulted ceilings, beautiful finishes. Gorgeous back yard with patio, oversized garage with storage, bonus parking. Perfectly landscaped .28 acre. **\$489,000 #1517779**



**VACATION HOME** Gorgeous views surround this rare 4 bed, 2 bath, 1,416 single family home, zoned for vacation rentals! Open floorplan is perfect for entertaining. Private fenced back yard, .11 acre parcel, 2 car garage for all your toys and gear! Great amenities including pool, RV parking. **\$415,000 #1515041**

*Moab, where views inspire...*



**POOLSIDE VACATION HOME** Turn-key 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 1,608 sf Tierra Del Sol townhome sits close to the pool with gorgeous views! Great open floorplan, room for you and your guests to relax. Attached 2 car garage for all of your toys. Zoned for nightly rentals! Excellent Moab home base for you to enjoy; vacation rental capable when you are away! **\$440,000 #1520888**



**HISTORIC MOAB** Absolutely charming 1906 home with a fabulous location in the heart of downtown! This 4 bed, 2 bath, 2,741 sf home features an enclosed front porch and gorgeous Victorian-era accents. What fun you will have, making the historical details of this home shine! Sweet .15 acre parcel two blocks off Main. **New Price! \$350,000 #1498416**





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**VIEWS SURROUND YOU** Well-maintained 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,848 SF manufactured home on .75 acre parcel with stunning views in all directions! Bright, open floorplan, oversized 2 car garage with wood stove, storage shed. Gorgeous, mature trees including evergreens give the property an amazing private feel. **\$318,000 #1518781**



**SIMPLE COUNTRY LIVING** Lovely 5 acre Castle Valley property w/ a great agricultural feel, w/ deeded irrigation rights and an excellent well! The 5 bed, 2 bath, 2,340 sf home is bright and open and features numerous built-ins. Amazing views of iconic red rocks & snow-capped mountain peaks. **New Price! \$295,000 #1492668**



**HEART OF TOWN** Absolutely fabulous location just off 400 East! This adorable 3 bed, 1 bath, 984 sf downtown cottage is waiting for you to make it your own! Cute and cozy, the home offers a warm and welcoming feel throughout. Fenced back yard, mature trees, storage shed on .18 acre. **\$280,000 #1510489**



**SWEET START** Adorable 3 bed, 1 bath, 1,008 sf in-town home with a fabulous fenced back yard, storage shed, and bonus RV parking! Move-in ready with fresh paint, new appliances, and a convenient cul-de-sac setting. Fully landscaped .20 acre lot with automatic irrigation system; huge concrete patio! **\$268,000 #1520275**



**YOUR MOAB HOME** Move-in ready 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,117 sf home with a fabulous downtown location! Bright and fresh throughout, with a cozy gas fireplace. Fenced back yard with patio. Attached 2 car garage plus bonus 2 car garage! Beautiful .21 acre parcel, mature trees. **\$395,000 #1507680**



**VACATION TOWNHOME** Lovely 3 bed, 3 bath, 1,531 sf turn-key vacation townhome. All Master Suites, including a desirable main floor suite. Open floorplan with vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, bonus loft. Private back yard with patio, two private balconies, attached 2 car garage. **\$405,000 #1504332**



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**EASY LIVING** Cute 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,008 sf La Sal cottage with beautiful views of the mountains on .50 acre. Nice updates including an updated full bath. Great open kitchen and dining, cozy wood stove, nice flow between the living spaces. Bright & happy home, for a perfect low-key lifestyle! **\$99,000 #1503166**



**PRIVACY & VIEWS!** 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,767 sf off-grid home in a peaceful setting with stunning views on 80 private acres NE of Monticello. Solar electric, propane cooking/hot water, wood stove, cistern, well, septic. Cell/Internet service; keep in touch while you get away from it all! **\$284,000 #1386941**



**UNIQUE RETREAT** "Not so big" house in gorgeous Pack Creek. This 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 1,687 sf home offers a serene setting and a comfortable feel. Fabulous views from the deck! Workshop, storage shed on 1 ac, surrounded by 23+ acres open space. **\$349,000 #1436947**



**RECREATIONAL PARADISE** Beauty, privacy, a stunning mountain setting, year-round access. Welcome to Wray Mesa, just past Old La Sal near the Colorado border. Acreage parcels from 2.59 to 38+ acres, power & water stubbed to most lots. A dream retreat! **Priced From \$57,000**

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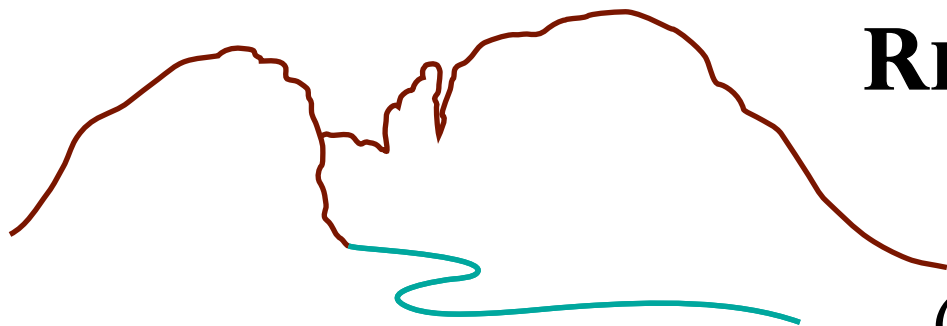


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**YOUR MOAB ARCH** An exceptional acreage parcel for your Moab estate! This prime 19.34 acre Flat Iron Mesa lot features stunning terrain including an amazing red rock butte and your own sandstone arch. Ideal for a true connoisseur of the Moab region! **\$289,000 #1508010**



**MOUNTAIN VALLEY LIVING** Prime La Sal lot, 3.98 acres. Bring your horses and build your dream retreat! **New Price! \$38,000 #1488679**



**EXTREME VIEWS** Stunning views & terrain atop Kayenta Heights! Perch your dream home on this 2.6 ac lot! **\$170,000 #1399391**



**SECLUDED BEAUTY** 2.39 acre building lot in a lovely location. Utilities in street, includes 3 Acre Feet Irrigation! Great red rock and mountain views, quiet setting. Wonderful location to build your dream home, and plenty of room to bring your horses along! **\$222,777 #1302613**



**RED ROCKS ON THE RIDGE** Navajo Ridge Lot 6B, 2.3 acres with stunning views of the slickrock fins of Millcreek! Gorgeous setting in Moab's premier gated subdivision. All utilities located in the street, including municipal water and sewer. **\$202,500 #1342619**



**BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOT** Lovely valley setting, half acre with excellent views, community open space. **\$135,000 #1494382**

**RARE DOUBLE-SIZED LOT** Spacious 2.61 acre double lot, water and power, perc tests done. **New Price! \$95,000 #1316168**



**CASTLE VALLEY CLASSIC** Sweeping, iconic views in all directions from this great corner lot on the valley floor! Flat, easy-to-build 4.62 acres with power and telephone utilities in either street. A perfect lot to capture, for the dream home you've imagined! **\$117,000 #1520632**



**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING** 3.66 gorgeous acres perched above the valley in Kayenta Heights. Magnificent red rock, slick rock, and mountain views. Abutting parcel is also for sale, consider both for an exceptional estate site! Seller Financing Offered! **\$250,000 #1346908**



**YOUR ISLAND IN THE SKY** Kayenta Heights view lot, 3.23 acres in a dramatic landscape. Breathtaking views toward the Rim and mountains. The abutting lot is also for sale; consider both for an absolutely stunning estate parcel! Seller Financing! **\$189,900 #1260380**



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- **115.39 Acres**
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# BUILDING BOOM

Construction companies busier than ever  
as residential and commercial demand sizzles

Written by Sharon Sullivan

Construction is booming in Moab, making it a good time to be a building contractor, an electrician or plumber in this small eastern Utah town.

In the past three years in particular construction has accelerated, says Moab building permit technician Chantze Palmer. "There's been a ferocious increase – and it's not just homes," he says. "There's been a sudden expansion in hotels." Two are currently under construction and six new motel/hotels are planned.

And while there has also been an uptick in residential construction – it's happening in areas zoned for overnight rentals, says Grand County Building Official and building inspector Jeff Whitney. These are primarily second homes where the owners stay when they are in town. When they're not in Moab, the houses are rented by the night via a property management company.

While those types of homes do little to alleviate Moab's housing shortage, they are good for the town's tax base. In areas zoned "business" – a requirement of

nightly-rental homes – owners pay 100 percent of the value of the house, compared with 50 percent of the value on a home lived in or rented full time.

That type of construction is what J2 Builders owner Brandon Jones says he is seeing a lot of in his business. "There's a lot of building of second homes," he says. "People want to get on the nightly rental train."

That means professional plumbers and electricians are busy, too. "There's a huge opportunity for someone (with those skills) to come in (and set up shop)," Palmer says.





Whitney suggests contractors looking for a new project might want to consider building an apartment complex. Not only would it help alleviate Moab's housing shortage, owners would have no problem renting the units. "It would fill up immediately," he said. "There are none right now (under construction) but the city and the county are talking about making that easier to happen. Height and density (requirements) are two main things they're looking at."

If you're looking for a builder, the Grand County website lists licensed local contractors – click on the building department tab. Local architects, designers and engineers are also listed. One thing people should consider if they hire an out-of-town contractor: the company might have difficulty housing its crew – while local crews, though busy, already have housing, Whitney says. A new camp park is currently under construction south of town. Called "Contractors' Roost" the development is designed to house contractors temporarily.

Jamie Johnston, owner of Triple J Construction, specializes in custom homes, with an emphasis in providing a strong contractor client relationship. It's

important to choose a contractor in whom you have full confidence, he says.

"Patience and a willingness to work together is a big advantage," says Johnston.

When choosing a contractor to work with while building your home, Jones recommends talking to local residents to get a feel for a contractor's reputation. Learn about people's experiences with local builders, he said. With construction booming these days, wait times for a contractor can vary depending on how large the company's crew is. Local companies wait times vary widely; currently anywhere from several weeks, to two years out, for taking on new jobs.

Real estate agents can help identify suitable lots on which to build, Whitney says. Some subdivisions retain their property value very well, while other less expensive subdivisions may have fewer restrictions. Some neighborhoods are more environmentally conscious than others. "There is a lot of variety as far as subdivisions go," Whitney says. "There are a lot of vacant lots within subdivisions that are already there."

One area being primed for development is the northern end of San Juan County in the lower part of

the Moab Valley. The area is in the process of getting sewer and water hooked up in the coming year. Currently the property operates with wells and septic systems. "Once you have sewer and water, density can fill in," Whitney says. "That might be an area where apartments could go in." San Juan County has less restrictive height and density requirements, he adds.

San Juan County has hired a company to help them plan for the growth because "they know it's going to bust loose," Whitney says.

If you want to build a house in Moab, the Grand County Building Department will review your plans, ensuring that the statewide building code is strictly enforced – especially for energy efficiency. Utah adopted the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code to create more energy-efficient homes. "We get plans through the review process quickly," Whitney said.

Even during the recession that began in 2008-2009, the county did not see a slowdown in construction – only a shift in the type of lending that financed construction. "There was a lot of construction with ready cash," Whitney said. "People were financing their own projects." ■

**Opposite page:** J2 Builders works on a high-end home in Navajo Ridge in 2018. [Courtesy photo] **Top and right:** Hotel construction in Moab in May 2018. [Moab Sun News photo] **Middle:** A custom home being built by Triple J in the upper Pack Creek area in May 2018. [Moab Sun News photo] **Left:** A triplex under construction by J2 Builders in spring 2018. [Courtesy photo]





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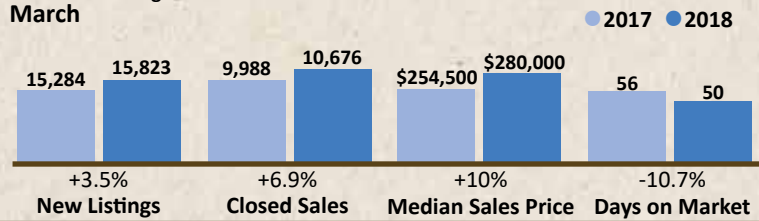
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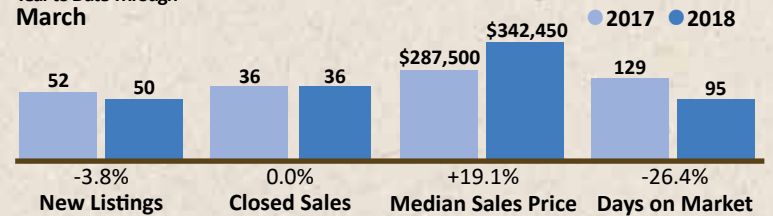
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### GRAND COUNTY MARKET STATISTICS

Year to Date Through  
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**ORCHARD VILLA UNIT IN CUL-DE-SAC**

2 🚗 | 2 🚗 | 1,185 🏠  
MLS#1516883 | 📞 299,000



**TURN KEY UNIT IN RIM VISTAS**

3 🚗 | 3 🚗 | 1,478 🏠  
MLS#1515352 | 📞 419,000



**TURN KEY UNIT IN RIM VISTAS**

3 🚗 | 3 🚗 | 1,520 🏠  
MLS#1515358 | 📞 419,000



**QUIET QUARTER ACRE LOT IN TOWN**

3 🚗 | 3 🚗 | 2,238 🏠  
MLS#1516098 | 📞 379,000





**TURN KEY CORNER UNIT IN RIM VISTAS**

3 🛏 | 2 🚿 | 1,718 📏  
MLS#1516608 | 🏠 429,900



**STUNNING MOUNTAIN VIEWS FROM THIS CORNER LOT IN SPANISH VALLEY**

3 🛏 | 2 🚿 | 1,698 📏  
MLS#1516866 | 🏠 345,000



**CLASSIC CASTLE VALLEY VIEWS FROM THIS BUILDING LOT**

4.78 Acres | Water Well in Place  
MLS#1518637 | 🏠 142,000



**PHENOMENAL VIEWS FROM THIS CLIFFSIDE CABIN**

1 🛏 | 1 🚿 | 428 📏  
MLS#1520702 | 🏠 199,000



**OFFICE SPACE ONE BLOCK OFF MAIN STREET**

1 🚿 | 1,305 📏 | Potential for 4-6 Offices  
MLS#1510092 | 🏠 499,900

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**OVER 1800 FEET OF HIGHWAY FRONTAGE**

4.02 Acres | Power & Water Well in Place  
MLS#1511788 | 🏠 375,000



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MLS#1492387 | 🏠 695,000





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**BUILDING LOT IN SPANISH VALLEY, NEXT TO DEDICATED OPEN SPACE**

0.50 Acres | Utilities Available | Cul-de-sac  
MLS#1500816 | 99,000



**UNDER CONTRACT!**

**THREE BEDROOM HOME, ON A CORNER LOT**

3 | 2 | 1,572   
MLS#1503192 | 272,500

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**CONVENIENT DOWNTOWN LOCATION, ONE BLOCK OFF MAIN**

3 | 2 | 1,456   
MLS#1502265 | 409,900



**UNDER CONTRACT!**

**RED ROCK OASIS, MINERAL RIGHTS**

240 Acres | A-1 Zoned | San Juan County | Seller Financing Available  
MLS#1454832 | 595,000



**UNIQUE CREEKSIDE PROPERTY IN SPANISH VALLEY**

2 | 1 | 1,497 | 1.18 Acres  
MLS#1513308 | 389,000





COMMERCIAL

TURN KEY BED AND BREAKFAST, TWO BLOCKS OFF MAIN STREET

8 🛏 | 8 🚿 | 4,627 🍷  
MLS#1498451 | 📞 2,900,000



SOLD! LIST WITH US!

FABULOUS LOCATION WITH SO MANY AMENITIES

3 🛏 | 2 🚿 | 1,700 🍷  
MLS#1479285 | 📞 309,000



PRIVATE SETTING ABOVE IT ALL

8.98 Acres | San Juan County  
MLS#1488773 | 📞 249,000



SOLD! LIST WITH US!

FULLY REMODELED HOME ONE BLOCK FROM SWANNY CITY PARK

2 🛏 | 2 🚿 | 944 🍷  
MLS#1509336 | 📞 295,000



FLAT IRON MESA ACERAGE, BORDERS BLM LAND

22.36 Acres | Power Available | Well Drilled  
MLS#1453791 | 📞 299,000



DUPLEX ON LARGE LOT, DEVELOPABLE

2 🛏 per side | 1 🚿 per side | 1,560 Total 🍷  
MLS#1473394 | 📞 432,000



NEWLY REMODELED HOME ON HILLSIDE DR.

3 🛏 | 2 🚿 | 1,440 🍷 | 0.21 Acres  
MLS#1513891 | 📞 389,000



CHARMING HOME IN OLD TOWN MOAB

3 🛏 | 1 🚿 | 1,972 🍷  
MLS#1477710 | 📞 369,000





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**TURN KEY NIGHTLY RENTAL OPPORTUNITY IN TIERRA DEL SOL**

3 🛏 | 3 🚿 | 1,608 📏  
MLS#1503405 | 🏠 429,000

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**BUILDING LOT WITH GLORIOUS VIEWS**

0.25 Acre | Utilities Available | Custom Home Neighborhood  
MLS#1503913 | 🏠 105,000



**FLAT BUILDING LOT WITH STUNNING 360 DEGREE VIEWS**

1.91 Acres | LaSal, UT | Power Available | Shared Well  
MLS#1471402 | 🏠 30,000



**A DOMAIN FOR THOSE WITH A PASSION FOR THE BEST**

7.98 Acres | Utilities Available | Navajo Heights  
MLS#14371214 | 🏠 329,000



**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME ON PEAR TREE LANE**

2 Acres | Zoned RA-1 | City Limits  
MLS#1498656 | 🏠 335,000





#### BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME IN MOAB'S NAVAJO RIDGE

2 Acres | Culinary Water Available | Gated Community  
MLS#1330682 | 239,000



#### 360 DEGREE VIEWS FROM THE LA SAL MOUNTAINS TO THE MOAB RIM

4 | 3 | 2,746   
MLS#1487825 | 939,000



#### NATIVE LANDSCAPING AND LASAL MOUNTAIN VIEWS

8.78 Acres | San Juan County | Gated Community  
MLS#117623 | 149,000



#### UPDATED TRI LEVEL HOME IN TOWN

3 | 3 | 1,853   
MLS#1505015 | 289,000



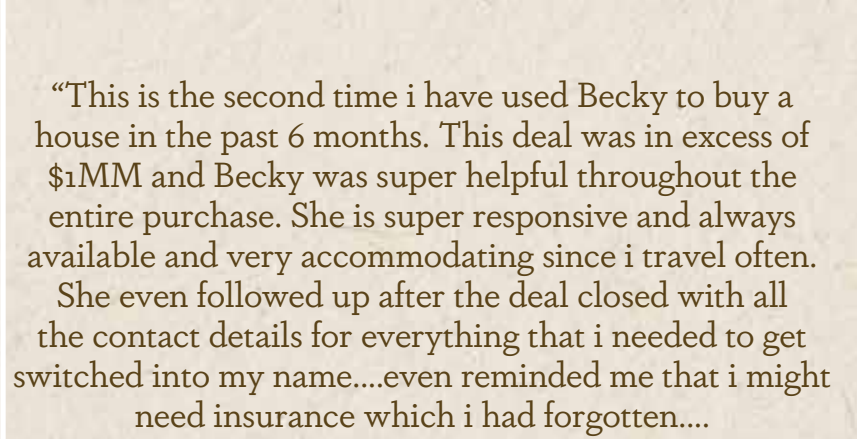
#### BUILDING LOT WITH STUNNING RED ROCK VIEWS

4.62 Acres | Several Building Site Options  
MLS#1517438 | 125,000



#### PICTURESQUE CORNER LOT IN CASTLE VALLEY

4 Acres | 25 Acre Ft. Water  
MLS#1466449 | 149,000



#### ESTABLISHED GRAPE VINES WITH CASTLE ROCK VIEWS

1 | 3 | 1,424   
MLS#1486962 | 395,000

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**MAY 17**

**Moab Information Center — Free Lecture:**  
**Jody Patterson**

*Initial Observations and Findings from the excavation of a small formative site in Spanish Valley*  
cnha.org/news-blogs-and-lectures/cat/mic-lectures

**MAY 18-20**

**Willys Overland Rally**  
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**MAY 24**

**Moab Information Center — Free Lecture:**  
**R.E. Burillo Borderlands:**

*Collision and Coalescence in the culture history of Southeast Utah*  
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**MAY 24**

**Utah Film Center — Free Film: Happening:**  
**A Clean Energy Revolution**

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utahfilmcenter.org/events/category/moab/upcoming  
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**MAY 26-27**

**Moab Arts Festival**  
*Swanny City Park*

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**MAY 28**

**Memorial Day Holiday**

**MAY 31 - JUNE 2**

**Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo**

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**JUNE 2**

**Thelma and Louise Half Marathon**

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**JUNE 2**

**Dawg Days of Summer**

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**JUNE 7**

**Moab Information Center — Free Lecture:**  
**Frank Ruggles "Chasing Light"**

cnha.org/news-blogs-and-lectures/cat/mic-lectures

**JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Moab Farmers Market**

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435-259-2742

**JUNE 8-9**

**Vision Relay**

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**JUNE 9**

**Moab Art Walk**

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435.259.6272

**JUNE 14**

**Moab Information Center — Free Lecture:**  
**Benjamin Bellorado**

*Painted Walls and Tree-Ring Dates South of the Bears Ears: Results of five years of research of the Cedar Mesa Building Murals Project*  
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**JUNE 17-23**

**Desert RATS Kokopelli 150**

*Kokopelli trail — Grand Junction, CO, to Moab, UT*  
geminiadventures.com/running-events-2/desert-rats  
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**JUNE 21**

**Moab Information Center — Free Lecture:**  
**John Foster, A Different World:**

*Southeast Utah during the Late Triassic*  
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**JUNE 28**

**Moab Information Center — Free Lecture:**  
**Robert Anderson**

*Founding Fathers: The Creation of Canyonlands National Park*  
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**JULY 4**

**Independence Day Holiday**

**JULY 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Moab Free Concert Series (every Friday)**

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**JULY 6, 13, 20, 27**

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**#1444480 / \$225,000**

**Re-think Thompson.** 1926 Italian Brick Motel, 10-guest rooms & manager apt. 2-car garage, shed with basement, two 2,000 gal. septic tanks, propane heat, built needs TLC.



**#1345434 / \$225,000**

**Commercial Property** with RXR Spur. 2 room office 1 bath on 3.24 ac. Flat lot, great views, fully fenced, with 3 bed 2 bath manhome. 5.51 acres.



**#1464139 / \$1,500,000**

**5.06 Acres for Developers.** Fenced yard with lots of water, 2 water wells. Zoned RRI! Equestrian Center is close by. Views of the La Sal Mts & Redrocks.



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Own a piece of the rock or the whole darn thing! 160 acres, mostly flat & great for camping. Enjoy the desert silence & the starry skies at night.



**#1466608 / \$875,500**

Great Mtn. Property on South Mesa. Amazing views of the La Sals & Moab Valley. Undeveloped 136.80 acres. Year around access. Many great cabin sights.



**#1432429 / \$350,000**

**Red Rock Paradise!** A plethora of possibilities exist on this flat parcel on main street, Bluff, Utah. Tasty artesian water flows abundantly from the existing well.



**#1316256 / \$257,000**

**2.12 Acres Corner Lot** —flat, easy to build. Potential for solar. Close to the Moab Golf Course. Has CC&Rs, zoned RR, water & sewer taps are paid.



**#1397580 / \$250,000**

**5.10 Acres in Kayenta Heights.** Native vegetation, outcropping rock sculpture throughout, multiple private areas to build. Beautiful views in every direction.



**#1510547 / \$215,000**

Pristine 5.22 Acres in Kayenta Heights with 360° views. Property has survey markers and street access. Seller has existing architectural house plans, included in sale.



**#1501546 / \$60,000**

**2 LOTS in La Sal.** 4.04 acres with a little house. Protected views. Build on or live in a mini house, just need to complete amenities.



**#1505675 / \$82,000**

**Affordable 1.48 acres Thompson Springs land.** Beautiful views in every direction. Water meter & power on the property, 3 miles from Thompson & Sego Canyon.



**#1422144 / \$22,000**

Low Priced, vacant land east of Monticello. Hwy frontage near MM 1 on Hwy 491. Suitable for farming, grazing & county living.



**#1505045 / \$42,500**

**40.77 Acres,** extraordinary views of the So. Desert & San Rafael Swell. Privacy, good access, only 6 miles from Green River. Great place for off grid home or recreation camp.



**#1500855 / \$21,000**

**Lot 44, Ticaboo.** Build you dream vacation home on 0.25 acre lot. Zoned for nightly rentals. Utilities in place on lot lines. Lot 45 is also for sale for \$21,000.



**#1472228 / \$39,900**

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**#1503692 / \$499,900**  
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**#1518553 / \$415,000**  
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**#1501315 / \$1,650,000**  
**Excellent Development Opportunity!** Two homes on 4.13 acres across the road from the Golf Course. 2 bed 2 bath home plus 520 sqft studio apartment. Both homes have been remodeled. Zoned SLR & RR.



**#1501320 / \$650,000**  
**Excellent Development Opportunity!** Two homes on 1.45 acres across the road from the Golf Course. 2 bed 1 bath home + 2 car garage with a studio apartment.



**#1460358 / \$489,000**  
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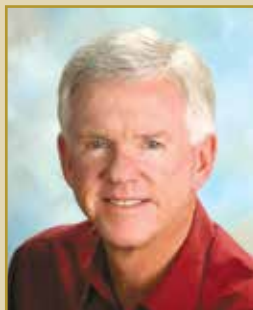




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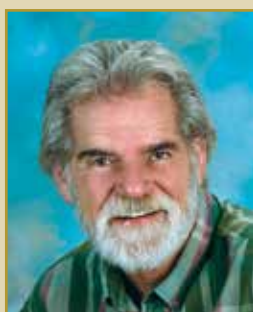
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