

Captivating 1924 Centurion Craftsman

1616 Napa Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 (circa 1924 – 2024)

Captivating 1924 Centurion Craftsman welcomes you under a vine-arched entrance to sit & visit on the classic front-covered porch, before ringing the vintage doorbell or turning the original brass door knob to enter another Era. You'll be amazed at the artfully appointed Living Room/Family Room with vintage Cherrywood cabinetry, light-fixtures, crystal knobs & pulls and more! Check out the skillfully crafted, 100 yr.-old Coved plaster & wood-trimmed ceiling & walls. ***“IF ONLY WALLS COULD TALK – imagine the History”***; *peer through the looking-glass*, or through this large, *original* glass picture window. Admire the construction and condition of all “craftsman-like” workmanship such as the **built-in Dual Cherrywood Bookcases***, perfectly “bookended” to frame each side of an authentic wood-burning fireplace & mantel!* Peak inside the bookcase* near the big front window and you'll discover a hidden pull-down **“Secretary desk”** or one may choose to point it out as a conversation piece & use as a small end table by a couch.

Note: On the fireplace mantel observe the clock (circa unk?) – Story goes that the 2nd (Malvina Smith?) family who previously owned the house explained that this clock always sat right there on the mantel, so they left it for the current owners whom have appreciated the clock for the past 24 years. Sellers say that IF the new Buyers promise to cherish the clock and allow it to continue to grace this Craftsman home, the owners will leave it in to the charge and care of the new lucky owners and hope that you will pass down a bit of the history of this special place.

Check out the tall, matching wood wainscoting as you pass beneath the subtle ceiling arch in to the formal Craftsman Dining Room to admire *the matching built-in Cherrywood and Glass China Cabinet* - a crowning feature at the far end of the Craftsman” combo Dining-Living Room. (Note: Sellers have called this place their home for 24 years and believe they are just the 3rd owners of this well-built, comfortable, “Century-young” Craftsman and say there is original hardwood flooring underneath the carpets!)

15K+ Kitchen Remodel: Granite Countertop, glass tile backsplash, under-counter lighting, wood-look flooring, deep Farm-House sink & SS faucet, (3K) SS Fridge STAYS, along with the fully operational and Refurbished **(\$4,000) Free-standing, Vintage 1952 O'KEEFE & MERRITT Stove & Oven** (*Discover the special secret mother-in-law cover*). Across from the unique stove see the *ORIGINAL*, custom Craftsman cut-out, Dine-in Kitchen Nook, pull-down light and window to enjoy for years! Mud Room / Pantry leads to the private back yard & extra storage under the house (incl. sump pump) and under 3rd Bonus Room.

Choose three passage doorways either via the Kitchen, Dining Room or Living Room to access: **Main Bedroom** with closet (+ extra window inside), **20K Remodeled Bathroom** (*Soaker Tub, Pedestal Sink, subway Tiled Shower, Walls, & Floor*), 2nd Bedroom with closet (+ extra window inside) AND the special 3rd BONUS ROOM BESIDES!

This Craftsman is much more than a Remodeled well-cared & loved 1,200+ sq', *2+ Bedroom, *1+ Bath home! Open the back door from the 2nd Bedroom./Office to reveal a wonderful, cheery, lots of light, ***BONUS- Den, Arts n Craft ROOM with a VIEW with 5 windows** overlooking spacious backyard, grass, patio, side of garage and even a separate **Utility - Laundry Room** (*extra 2nd toilet & 2nd W/H, deep, dbl. sinks and W/D stay*). This Room is adjacent to ***3-car Tandem Garage / Workshop / Man Cave**.

Plus, in front of the 2/3-car Garage, a long side driveway for addl. cars or a small boat to park, perhaps, and 30-AMP hookups on Rt for owners' RV. (Sellers said paid 5K for District Sewer Lateral Replacement) You'll find all this and more on a quiet side street near Downtown shops & Public Transportation.

PS MAYBE THE WALLS DO SPEAK AFTERALL! At one time some said this house was built in 1940(?) while others shared it was older. After the present owner, (G. & D. Miller) bought in June 1999, years later when putting in Central Heat & removing wall heater /or checking something, the wife discovered an old letter that had slid in-between the walls. **(SEE COPY OF ORIGINAL LETTER THE MILLERS HAVE KEPT ALL THESE YEARS – new owner will be given original letter if desired to remain with the history of this house like the mantel clock, if new owner(s) appreciate. Otherwise Sellers will keep.)**

The historic letter, dated Aug. 29, 1925 that Sellers discovered in the Back Bonus Rm wall was addressed To: Mrs. H. Holland 1616 Napa St. Vallejo, Calif. (1st Owner?) and was sent FROM: Nicholls Grain and Milling Co. (*"Cereals*Flour*Feeds*Hay"*) 727 First National Bldg. Oakland, CA. According to the 2nd owners' family, whom the Millers bought from, the story is that the original owner apparently was a well-known builder / contractor whom designed /or built many of the beautiful old homes of it's Era in the area, and the builder lived in this particular home at one time. If so, this may be the reason the home was crafted and constructed so intricately and beautifully with extras that others may not have enjoyed.

Then the home was sold, as the story continues, to the 2nd family who told the Millers that their family home had belonged to the Vallejo Fire Chief"/ family who also gave them the old mantel clock "tick-tock"!. (*Explore under the house and you will find a place where the Chief had his tel. ring direct to/from the firehouse so could hear when working outside or downstairs under the house*) There are many other features like the drop-down Ironing Board or the left cabinet next to the Pantry with wooden slats inside for natural cooling system from outside to help produce last longer, perhaps. The owners hope you'll pass down the history, explore, investigate & make your own living history soon.

***Time to Celebrate this Centurion Craftsman's 100th Yr. Anniversary ~ (circa 1924) ~ After 24 years of loving this home and the family raised within its walls, Sellers say it's now time to pass the "time-clock" on to the "4th owner so new buyer(s) can own and enjoy making their own history starting in 2024!!!!**



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