



COPPER MOUNTAIN
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'Bellamonte' offers a fusion of rugged alpine with the sleek and clean lines of contemporary design By DCD Home Staff

Nestled next to the ski slopes, near the end of a private cul-de-sac, and adjacent to the National Forest; the setting is sublime. "The location is amazing," says veteran real estate broker Stewart Voutour, a broker associate with Slifer Smith & Frampton Real Estate. "It's one of the best-kept secrets in town. Even people living at Copper aren't aware of the magnitude of what Lewis Ranch is all about."

A fusion of rugged alpine with the sleek and clean lines of contemporary design, this imaginative collaboration

between Grace Covington of GC Luxury Homes and award-winning Baker, Hogan & Houx Architecture serves as a testament to Covington's extensive knowledge and skills.

Covington prides herself and her company on providing the highest level of quality, the finest customer service, and the utmost attention to detail. And by providing all interior design services as well as superior construction, GC Luxury goes well beyond the scope of most builders. Though Bellamonte was designed by Baker, Hogan & Houx, Covington was involved in the design process from

Below: Bellamonte is the most recent creation of builder Grace Covington of GC Luxury Homes.



Above: The fully-furnished home features unique architectural elements, high volume ceilings and generous windows.

Upper right: The gourmet kitchen features chic European appliances

Lower right: The elegant master bath has every amenity necessary for sinful luxury.

its inception, says BHH Principal and Founder Gene Baker. "She had a very active role in the design of the home, which we appreciated," he recalls. "We don't often have the kind of direct contact throughout the process that we did with Grace."

Artistic Perspective

The GC Luxury approach to building is to look at each home through an artist's eye and view it as a distinct creation. "What makes it luxury is that it's a piece of art," says Covington. "It's well thought out. From the moment the lot is picked to the time the furnishings are in, I pick a theme and a philosophy, and I stick with it." The eastern philosophy that beauty is found in simplicity is the canvas for this modern mountain retreat. "It may seem simple at first, but when you look at it again, you see something different, something new," she says.

The GC luxury touches can be found throughout this 5,204-square-foot fully furnished home.

Unique architectural elements, high volume ceilings, generous windows, multiple fireplaces, and intimate spaces throughout create a blend of magnitude tempered with comfort.

The entrance beckons with its custom-built solid alder door. Pillars of stone extend from the outside into the foyer, blending with an expansive living area enclosed by unobstructed views of the pristine forest and mountainside beyond. Alaskan cedar trusses and hand-forged iron work elegantly frame each space on the main floor where the dining room, great room, morning nook and Chef's kitchen—with its chic European appliances—create an ideal space for holiday events, family gatherings, and intimate nights.

The warm glow of the fireplace reflects on elm floors milled from timbers used in the construction of Chinese temples and palaces during the Ming Dynasty. Knotty Alder wood work and solid doors in addition to designer cherry and maple cabinetry complement the synergy of the Euro-glass showers, granite and marble countertops, slate and travertine floors, artistic light fixtures, elegant hardware, and stylish faucets, which grace the house throughout.

The expansive master suite opens onto a fire-lit sitting room and private balcony with breathtaking mountain views. The impressive bath provides the ultimate in luxury with travertine and marble finishes accenting the most luxurious of steam showers with dual rain





“The design really is unique,” says Voutour. “It’s not Colorado Mountain, and it’s not contemporary. It’s a subtle blend of both.”

heads, spa set and hand shower for an experience that is delightfully sinful.

Colors and textures flow in harmony through each transition and each room has its own personality—there’s the Asian Garden Suite, the Spa Suite, and the Safari Room. There’s also the Backwoods Bunker, a haven for any visiting young guest. “I don’t like to do what everyone else is doing,” she says. “We’re a little more unique.” Even the landscaping has been thoughtfully planned with an eye toward incorporating the ‘native’ with the ‘new.’

When not being entertained in the Great Room, friends and family can find comfort in the lower-level living area, which features a wet bar, cozy fireplace and a high definition high-fidelity Home Theatre system. The home is safeguarded by an extensive security system with glass break sensors and keypads.

Building Green and Efficiently

Covington also believes in building sustainable and energy efficient homes that minimize the impact of building

on our environment. In-floor radiant heat throughout, sustainable building practices, recycled materials, Low-E Pella windows, high efficiency boilers and water heaters, state of the art insulation and soundproofing package; energy star appliances and fixtures, and absolute energy efficiency make Bellamonte a highly eco-friendly home.

A GC Custom Home reflects the care and touch of a perfectionist, and Covington is one who equates perfection to excellence. She avoids unexpected cost overruns because each step of the process is thought out meticulously before she begins to build. “When you change something, it affects everything down the line,” she says. “I’m not going to change my mind, and that’s how I keep costs down.”

Experience and High Quality Standards

After years as a high-level executive with several large homebuilding companies along the Front Range, Covington realized there was an opportunity to bring a new level of insight, knowledge, skill and creativity to the mountain

Above: The living room was situated to take advantage of unending views of the adjacent National Forest.

Opposite, left: Attention to detail is a Covington trademark

Opposite, right: The master suite boasts a fire-lit sitting room and a washer and dryer in the walk-in closet.

communities of Summit County. Bellamonte is just her most recent endeavor.

“The home demonstrates her ability to blend contemporary features with traditional mountain architecture,” says Baker. “She had definitive ideas and was savvy in construction methods and techniques. She definitely knows what she’s doing.”

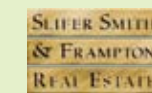
The care taken to ensure quality in both materials and craftsmanship extends to the extra steps taken on behalf of new owners. Covington personally assembles a customized book containing care and maintenance for the home and organizes warranties and manuals for everything an owner would want to know about their home. She includes community information, a “touch up” kit with paint, and offers a few other materials necessary to provide minor repairs throughout the life of the home.

“We like to take those extra steps to help the homeowner after they move in,” she says.

From start to finish, Covington’s hands-on involvement, her attention to detail, her insistence upon the best work from the best people and her ongoing desire to charter new territory have come to fruition in Bellamonte. “It’s a wonderful, unique home,” says Voutour. “It’s a great value, and we’re all waiting to see how she can possibly top it.”

FOR SALE Bellamonte

- Located in Copper Mountain’s exclusive gated community Lewis Ranch
- Ski slopes out the front door and pristine National Forest, Nordic and snow shoe trails out the back
- 5,204 square feet of living space
- 5 bedrooms/5.5 baths with fully heated 2.5 car garage
- Sustainable and eco-friendly construction (including the furniture)
- Supreme energy efficiency
- High Fidelity and High Definition Home Theatre complete with full wet bar
- Chinese elm, alder, cedar, cherry, maple, granite, slate, stone and marble finishes
- Three gas fireplaces set in quality stonework
- Endless decks and heated drive
- Elaborate chef’s kitchen designed for a cook



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