



## Jeffrey Fasolo Showcases His Passion

With longstanding family roots in Genoa, Italy, one of the greatest trade capitals of the early western world, Jeffrey Fasolo's life seems destined to be connected with stone. A former professional skier, Fasolo moved west in 1968 to attend college – and never left. An early career in property development in Telluride developing Gray-sill and Lulu City led to an interest in stone and its sources.

“I was tired of being overcharged for materials,” said Fasolo, and so “I decided to cut out the middle man and start sourcing the product myself.”

By 1982, his business, Mountain West Stone and Tile Importing, was importing top quality marble, granite, stone, onyx and travertine from Italy, as well as from Brazil, China, Turkey, Spain, Portugal and Egypt.

Not surprisingly, when Fasolo built his own home in the Boulders in Mountain Village, he filled it with stone from around the world.

When we asked Fasolo to lead *Shelter* readers on a tour of his Boulders home, he graciously showed us some of the best of the stone that he imports.

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## entry floor

Step inside Fasolo's front door and an exquisite mosaic floor transports a visitor to Renaissance Italy. Modeled on a design that decorates the floor of the 13th century Duke's Palace in the town of Sassuolo near Modena, Fasolo's entryway is a masterpiece of triangular, square and hexagonal tiles. Black negro marquina, rust-colored rossa Verona, and cream-colored botticino marble decorate the floor, which – down to the aging of the stones – replicates the pattern of the Sassuolo palace. The stone itself came from rare quarries used by 13th century craftsmen. Fasolo engaged master Verona stonemason Jenchinko Dibitonto to find, cut, assemble and age the stone, which Dibitonto did in Italy. The stone was shipped to Mountain Village and laid by local stone setters.



## staircase

Winding through the house, the staircase is made of two stones: treads in botticino marble, and risers in black galaxy granite.



## plaster walls

The walls of the house are finished with a creamy plaster mixed by Variance Plaster.

## kitchen

The kitchen is custom-fit with walnut cabinetry handmade by local cabinetmaker, Ian Jensen. Ruggedly textured verde butterfly granite – possible the only one of its kind in the country, according to Fasolo – makes up the countertops. The kitchen, sporting a 49-inch DCS range, upscale espresso machine and ample countertop, is ready for a party. A mural above the stove acts as a backsplash and depicts a scene from Greek mythology.

