

## Welcome

We moved to Seattle in 2004 as academics from the University of Edinburgh with plans to spend several years at the University of Washington. Knowing that we would be here for some time we decided to carry out a life-long dream of building a house that matched our philosophy of simple but quality life.

Our design concept and discussions with our architect was to stay strongly grounded in keeping the original footprint of the 1911 craftsman, and through building up to not only have access to the stunning views of Puget Sound and the Olympics, but also to feel one is looking outward and into the light at all times of day and year.

Our house is not just about views and gardens but about blurring the lines of indoor and outdoor living.

We focused on integrating the character of the Pacific Northwest - cedar, fir, sea and sky - into the fabric and experience of the house at all levels. We purposefully stayed small-scale putting our efforts into quality, integrating the best of the old and new in features. The many elements of our home are not only "Built Green", but to "live green" - from low voltage lighting, to Scandinavian design EPA certified wood stove, to even re-milled telephone poles for the Doug Fir floors upstairs.

Our lives, friends and research span the oceans and landscapes of America and Scotland, we have tried to keep both as home, but one has to land on one side of the pond or another. Our professional lives keep us largely tied to Edinburgh, so with much regret it is time to pass on our "Blue House" to someone else who will appreciate its style, warmth, light and positive experiences regardless of the weather.

We choose West Seattle for the great neighbors, parks and shoreline access, which we cannot say enough good things about and for which this house is a great base to read, work, play, garden, entertain and simply enjoy life.

Thank you for considering our home!

