

# THE SETTINGS

## of Black Mountain

### The Design Philosophy for Mountain Homes in The Settings

Mountain Architecture is a style that prevailed in the Southern Appalachian region in the early to mid-20th Century. Architectural elements and details typical in quality houses built in this era are the essence of the vision for The Settings of Black Mountain. Within the parameters of the mountain architecture style, the individual homeowner has the opportunity for creative use of design and materials.

#### What is Mountain Architecture?

This style consists of bold, natural, and textured buildings and materials. These buildings should functionally and aesthetically withstand rugged mountainous environments, as well as blend into the topography.

Mountain homes should take advantage of nature by bringing the outdoors in through ample windows and natural materials, and by extending indoor living spaces to the outside with porches, terraces, and other exterior areas. A home exterior should look as if it has grown out of the site. It can take advantage of the surrounding trees, boulders, and other landforms by incorporating them into the home and the outdoor living rooms and designing around them. These are often more rustic than the typical home, and sometimes have an “old world” appearance.

The use of covered porches and decks and native materials such as natural stone, timbers, exposed rafter tails & brackets, wood clapboard siding, cedar shakes, and architectural roof shingles, is recommended and encouraged. Mountain style architecture has elements similar to other styles. Western ranch/rustic, Adirondack, Craftsman, Arts & Crafts, Prairie, Japanese and even Tuscan elements can be incorporated into the mountain style if done tastefully. Log houses, chalets, A-frames, tree houses or highly contemporary or modern houses are not permitted. See our Gallery for good examples of mountain style!

