

364 South Ironton Unit 420/21, Part One

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The decision was mine alone. It was to be both magnificent, dreadful.

We had already chosen to move to Windsor Gardens, when I learned of a completely refurbished condominium at Edenbrook Condominium, 364 South Ironton, Aurora. It had been bought by two women. They gutted to the studs, every room but the kitchen, new, carpeting, windows. Just like buying a new home. Except this was in a thirty year old building still very modern, attractive. Great location, near Havana and Alameda, both wide thoroughfares

Build as the developer's home, he lived in these combined units, 420/421.

The single entry was from the fourth floor, protected by oversize metal door, enhanced by a convertible screen/storm door, attractive ornamental reinforcements. Immediately inside the entry, a foyer.

Entry, right, circular staircase to fifth floor, extreme left, clockwise, the Parlor/den, naturally lighted with inlaid marble fireplace and floor. Further along that path, a guest bath; then a large guest bedroom with separate bath. To the right of this, ample kitchen/pantry/laundry rooms, all new appliances. Continuing right, the dining room. Then the separated living room, returning to the entry.

The circular spiral staircase (to me the awe inspiring point of the home) led to the fifth floor. There, immediately left, glass doorway to the deck, then a electronic dumbwaiter connected to the 4th level kitchen for serving foods to guests. Beyond, the master bedroom with numerous built-in storage cabinets, with bath and separate jacuzzi. Further right, return to the staircase and a study with full wall storage closets.



Returning to the deck. It was for exclusive use of the owner, the 2400 sq. ft, roof, covered by pallets of redwood. East, Highline Canal foreground, Exposition Park, then homes of Aurora. North, Alameda Avenue and the commerce of Aurora and Denver as far as Wyoming. West, from Pikes Peak north, the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, Denver again in the foreground.

Actually any description did not do justice to this residence. Only I was unaware of the hidden difficulties, including the fact that this property had been on the market for months, that the owners rebuilt the condominium for their occupancy and businesses, later second thought of living here. Finally, Jack Deisch, Real Estate lawyer, cautioned; the Edenbrook Association had little cash on hand for emergencies. It was not that I failed to understand Jack Deisch, but I lacked the wherewithal to comprehend that future threat.

Barbara liked the space too; so did those whose opinion we solicited.
And we had the wherewithal to buy without a loan.

We lived there ten years. Joy in the choice continued even when maintenance costs eroded the Reserve funds. Then the paradise inside our walls began consuming our time as Board Managers. When we admitted we lacked the wherewithal to solve all financial problems we left that paradise for Windsor Gardens.

We miss that freedom of space, spectacular sunrises, sunsets, wildlife of Highline Canal and Exposition Park, watching Denver's storms arrive and clear.
We gained when we left the glory of that housing for the solid Management provided by Windsor Gardens.

