

Cole Resident

5628 Nokomis Street



The Cole Residence, located at 5628 Nokomis Street in the Brier Tract, is a Mid-century Modern house designed by well-known local architect Lloyd P. Ruocco. It is a post and beam structure that was completed in 1952. The house exhibits a flat roof, expansive floor-to-ceiling glass walls, and vertical board-on-board redwood siding. The secluded half-acre site has dense landscaping and a semi-rural feel.

Lloyd Ruocco is considered one of the fathers of the post war modern architecture movement in San Diego. Early in his career he worked with the renowned architectural firm Requa Hamil and

assisted on several large commissions including the 1935 Panama Exposition buildings in Balboa Park and the San Diego County Administration Building.

Early on, Ruocco gained a reputation for his minimalist structural designs that co-existed within the landscape. One of his most notable projects is the Design Center on 5th Avenue in San Diego. It was envisioned to be the creative hub for local architects, landscape architects, artists, and designers in the 1950s. He completed nearly two hundred commissions before retiring in the mid 1970s.