Anatomy of a House Move, Part I

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San Juan Community Home Trust has acquired two more attractive, vintage homes in the Victoria area and is now working with Nickel Bros to move them to the Sun Rise II development in Friday Harbor. The process is not as simple as signing some papers. Months of thought and work have already been invested, and the actual moves are still to be carried out. Here is the story of one of them.

This house is slated to be Unit 30 at Sun Rise II. On October 25 Chris Pope and I had the privilege of being the first from the Home Trust to see this wonderful “new” house, which has been named “St. Patrick” after the street in the Oak Bay section of Victoria where it was built in 1943.
This house was designed by Victoria architect David Cowper Frame who apprenticed under architect Francis M. Rattenbury, designer of the Parliament Buildings in Victoria. As you can see from this panorama, the kitchen has been fully updated and the interior is in remarkably fine condition.

A Home Trust inspection team of Pete Kilpatrick and El Baylis journeyed to Victoria on December 19 and were equally pleased with the acquisition.

St. Patrick will be delivered to San Juan Island in March, along with a second house named "Burdett."
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