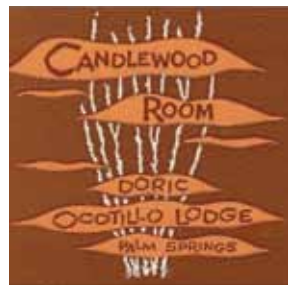


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Welcome to Ocotillo Lodge



A vintage matchbook cover from the Candlewood Room at Ocotillo Lodge.

The construction of Ocotillo Lodge began in 1956 and was completed in 1957. Built on 10 acres in Twin Palms by the Alexanders, designed by William Krisel and Dan Palmer modernism entered into the Coachella Valley. The landscape architecture was conceived by Garrett Eckbo and the original interior design was done by Tony Dalu of Dalu Designs. Privacy was key to these indoor-outdoor living spaces and the kitchens and furniture were all designed low to take advantage of the view through the windows. The property was purchased by Gene Autry in 1963 and Jerry Buss in 1968. Today the 124 units are individually owned and many are available for vacation rental.

The lodge was named after the Ocotillo plant and they can be found throughout the property. The stunning panoramic views of the San Jacinto mountains, landscape and iconic key-hole shaped swimming pool are still the focal points of this historic property.

Dining at the Candlewood Room was advertised as “one of the most beautiful rooms in America” and stories of the Hollywood elite booking rooms and tables abound.

Much of the original design and intent of the property is still intact but the interior of the portico, lobby and clubhouse have been altered over the years. The beginnings of restoration plans are now underway (as a result of a donation from William Krisel through the Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization) to return these areas back to their original glory.





*Ocotillo Lodge
rooms with interiors
by Tony Dalu
around the time of
its opening in 1957.*

