

we

found a lot





it was a fixer upper, but....



location  
location  
location

live  
library  
"work"  
mortgage  
baseball  
trout  
hike





this stays





A low-angle photograph looking up at the gable end of a wooden building. The roof is made of dark, weathered wooden planks that run diagonally across the frame. Above the roofline, a bright blue sky is filled with large, fluffy white clouds. The text "it's now my woodshop" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font on the right side of the image.

it's now my  
woodshop

we had  
some rules

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it's our last house

we don't care about resale

it would be:

simple, modern, unadorned

employ passive solar design

respect craft as art

use local, honest materials

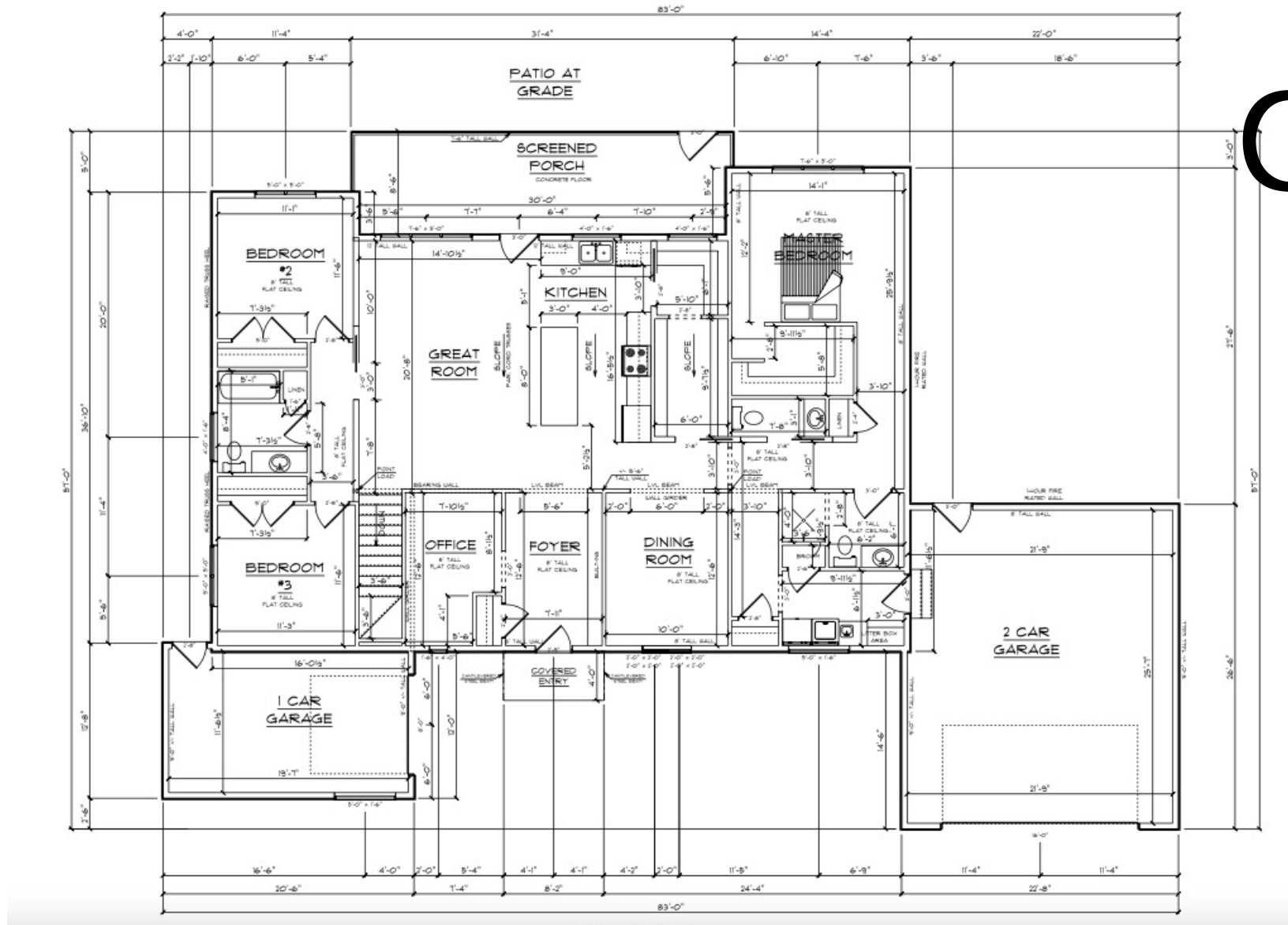


# it ended up:



□ Bauhaus   ■ Beige   ■ Gables   ■ Usonian





did the  
floor  
plan  
first

(there's also a basement)





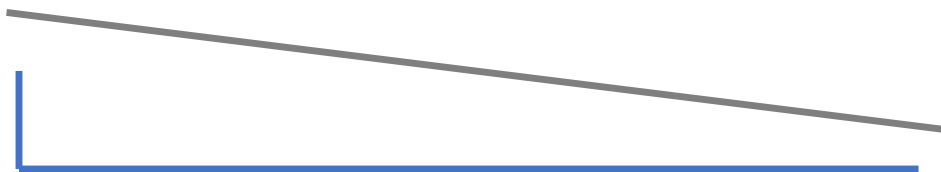
the  
woodshop  
is legal

(non-conforming)



roof  
slopes  
illegal?

1.5



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but I'm like ... you know,  
there were these guys  
round here you  
might have heard of ...





...did some  
quality work  
with flat / low  
slope roofs.





we got a conditional use permit for our  
heretical roof slopes



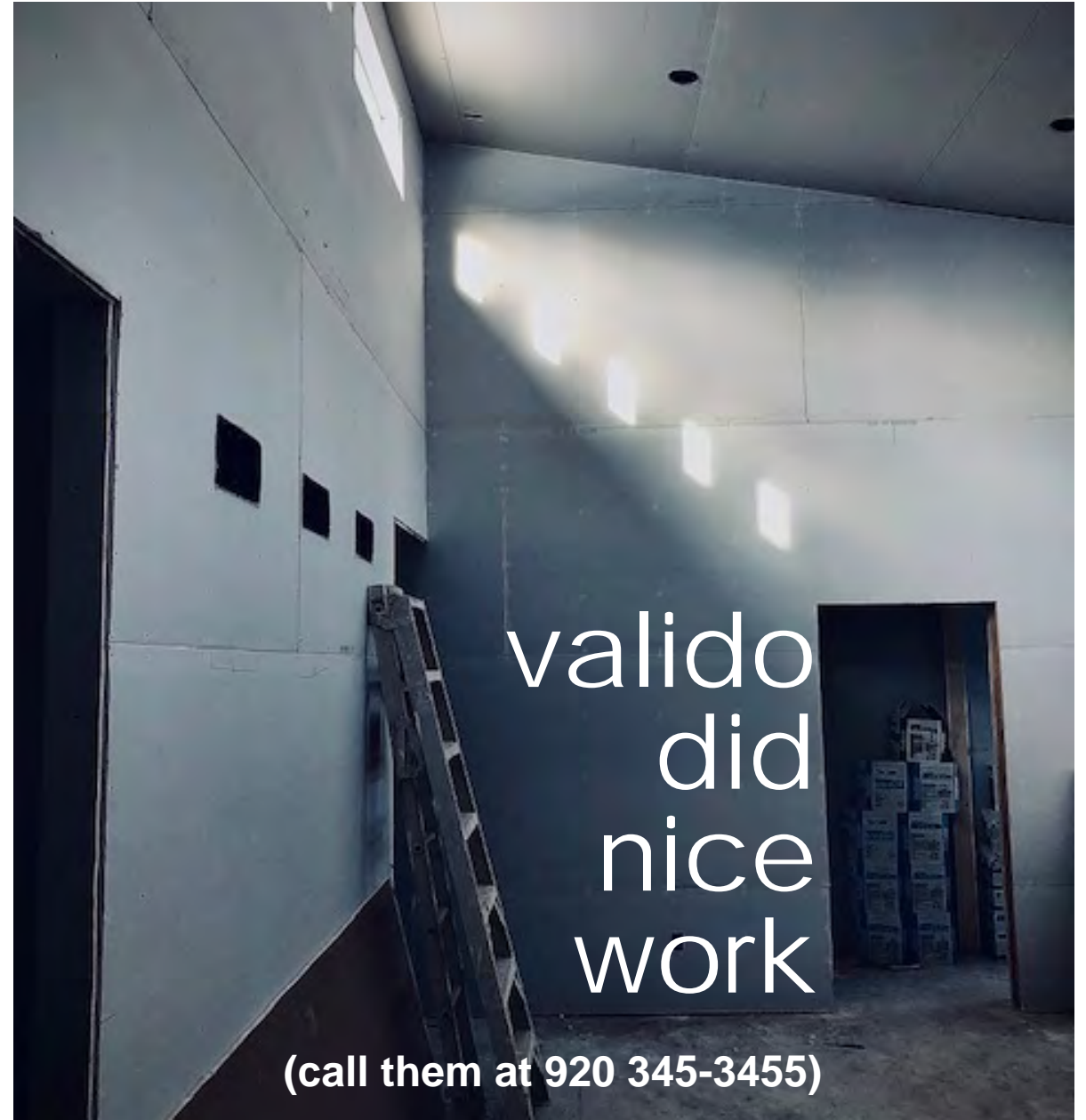


finished the elevations,  
went to bid, & hired Valido Homes as our builder

shout out to draftsman extraordinaire  
Tom Nicewander at American Design Concepts  
in Madison for turning our sketches / ideas  
into construction-ready plans

(608 273-0770)





valido  
did  
nice  
work

(call them at 920 345-3455)

caution:  
wood nerd\*  
ahead

\* and someone who is cool with labor  
owning the means of production





sourced our siding &  
finish lumber from  
DW Sawmill – a  
wonderful Amish  
sawmill in Westfield







**Nine months later ...**





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ok ... the landscaping needs some work  
(gotta call Mary Margaret)



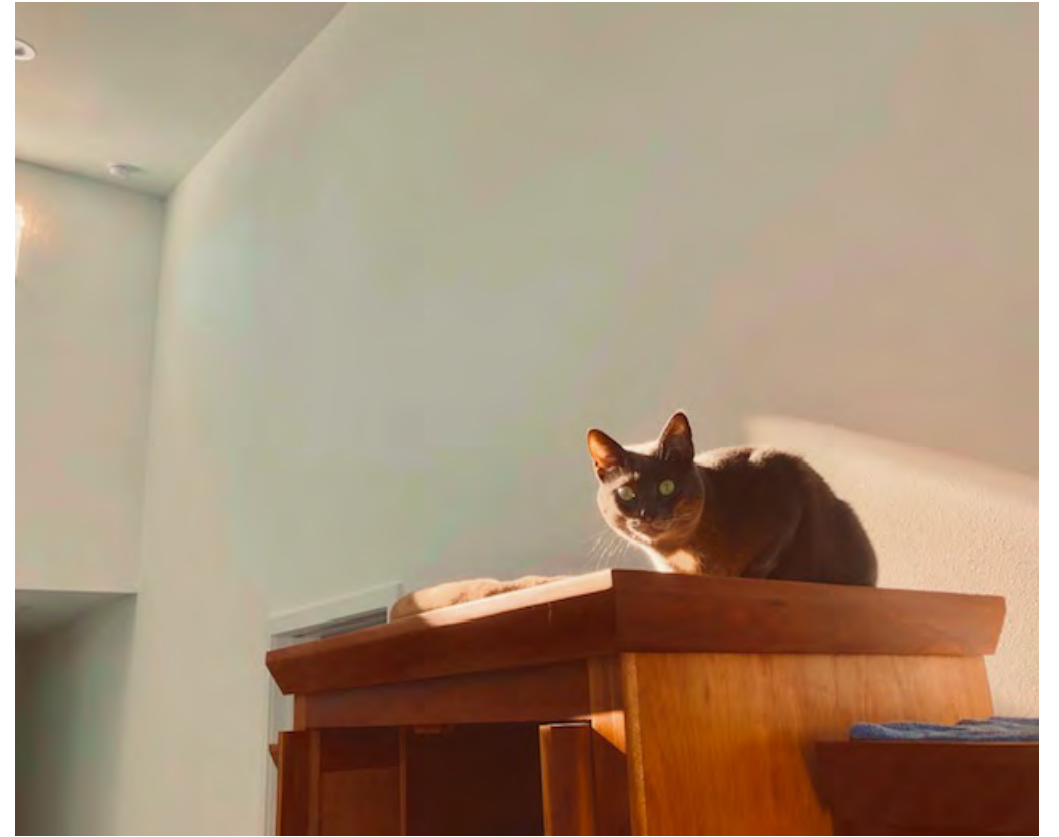


but the exterior is tactile







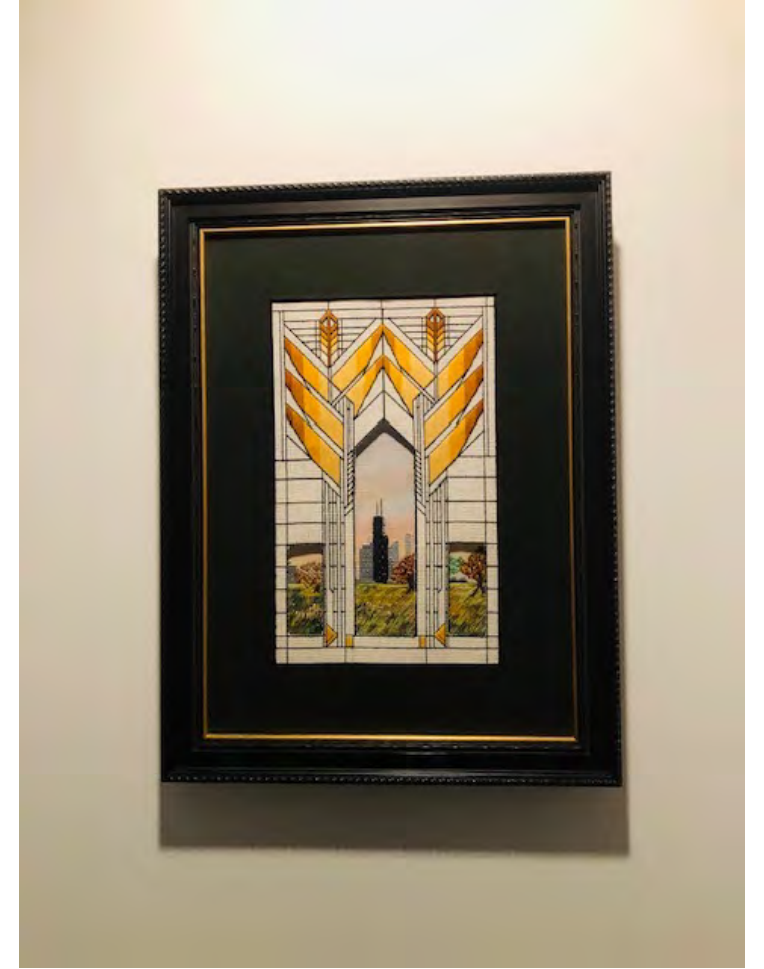
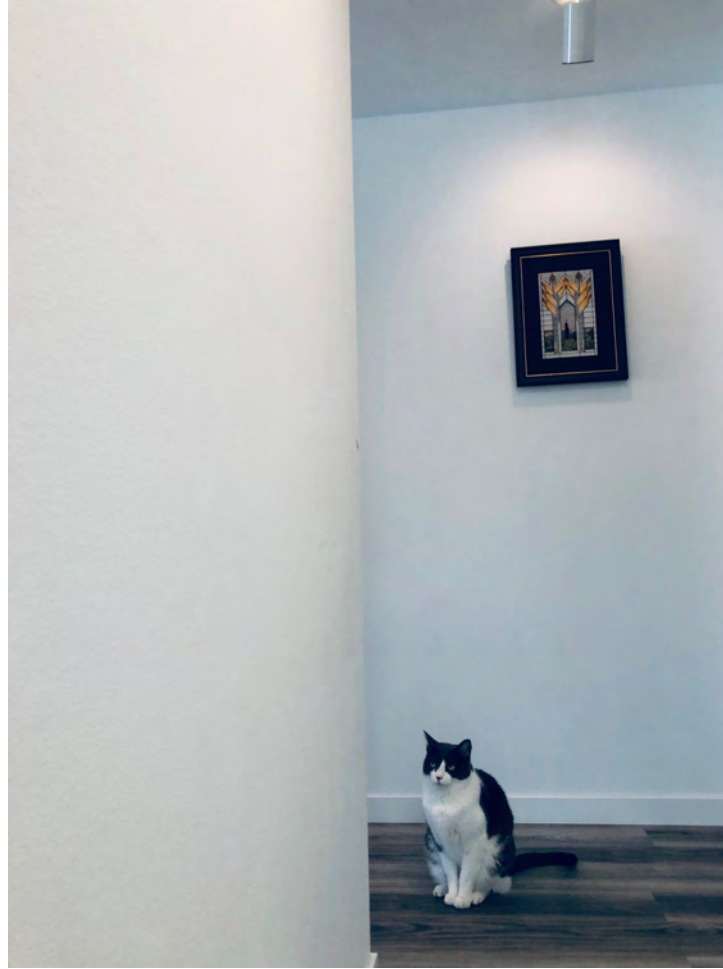


Dahlia is a fan of passive solar



the hallways end in or pass by craft / art





(Dahlia's brother serves as security guard at the most precious piece)





there's a cherry slat wall and bird's eye maple handrails and pecky pine porch siding from the woodshop ...

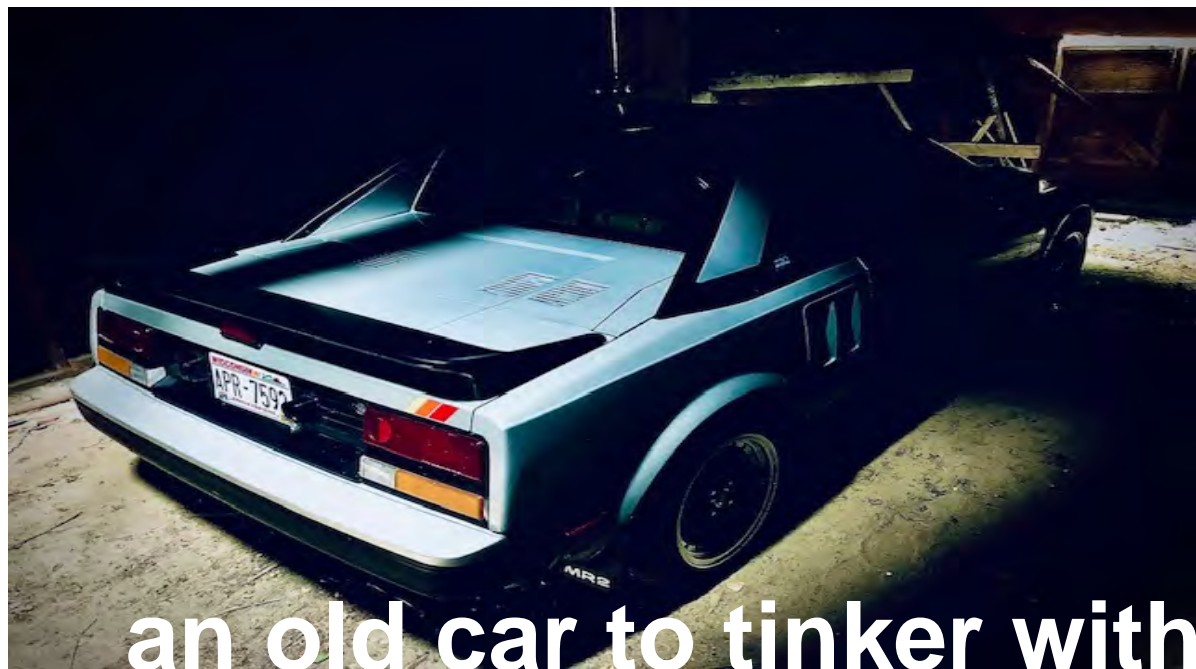




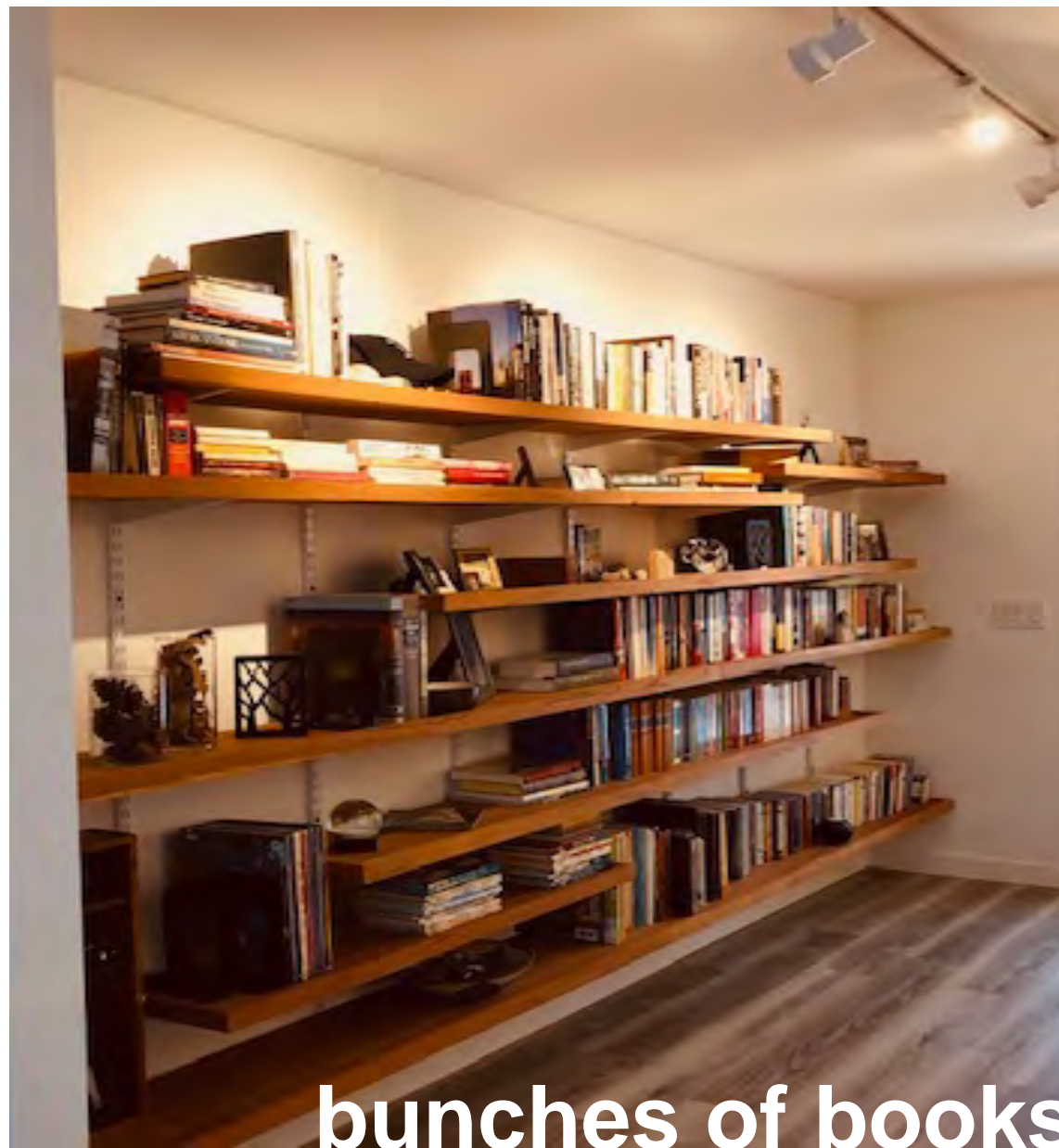
quarter-sawn white oak, and quilted and curly cherry from woodshops past and present.



there's tunes



an old car to tinker with



bunches of books



there's cooking and  
baking, and it is excellent

there's a root cellar that was a great idea of Steve's at Valido  
with adventure gear flotsam that's a bit of a mess  
(at the moment)



the parents  
aunts, uncles,  
grandparents  
great-grandparents  
and (seriously,  
don't quiz me)  
forebears send  
their love



**while we grow  
our little story,  
in our simple,  
modern home.**

