



# ARCHISYS CONNECTION

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**FACELIFT INCLUDED:** Don't you just love before and after images like these! It's what design-build is all about, inspiring make-overs which are aesthetically pleasing as well as highly functional. For this particular project, the change in appearance is quite dramatic. We call it... **Contemporary Coastal Craftsman.**

It all started with a client's need for an **Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU)**, a small apartment. Converting the garage was out of the question, since it truly was being used for vehicles and serving as a small contractor's office as well. Another consideration was preserving current backyard space. So we went up instead of out, giving the detached garage a second story.

The resulting design was a more modern configuration with a large, quadrilateral presence and a defiantly flat roof. So distinct from the 1950's tract home look as seen below.

In order to blend the new ADU to the garage and main house, *Archisys* proposed to give the existing two structures a face-lift!

By addressing the cosmetic details of all the exteriors, the residence now has the look of a Contemporary Coastal Craftsman.



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The most difficult thing  
is the decision to act,  
the rest is merely tenacity.

Amelia Earhart



The over-hang on this addition creates a nice covered patio while adding an entry area for the apartment and the garage office.

Per Torrance city building codes, the stairway to the second story is inside the building through the single glass door.



Did you even know that ADU's (commonly known as granny units) were legal again in the greater LA area? Take advantage if you can. Over recent years, their legality has been an on again, off again proposition.



### MOSQUITOES

This year alone 108 mosquito samples from the Greater LA area have tested positive for the West Nile Virus. If mosquitoes are infected with the virus, they can transmit it through their bite. To fight this disease, everyone's help is needed!

**Tip** over all objects outside that catch and hold water. Empty and turn them upside down.

**Toss** out all unneeded containers in your yard.

**Take Action.** See [www.TipTossTakeAction.org](http://www.TipTossTakeAction.org) and call Vector Control (562-944-9656) if you see any standing water in your neighborhood. We found their response to be swift.

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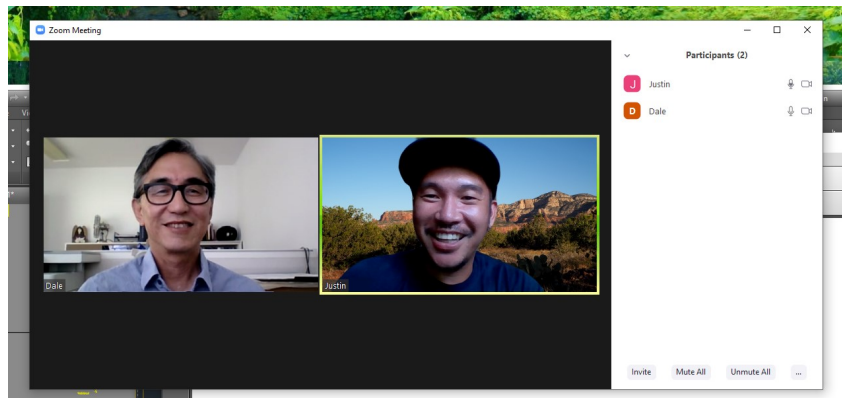
### COVID-19 UPDATE:

To maintain safe distancing, our design meetings with clients are on Zoom now.

It's almost like being together.

No travel time to meetings = more time for meetings.

This may be a "new normal" for Archisys!



*Dale Nocimato*

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