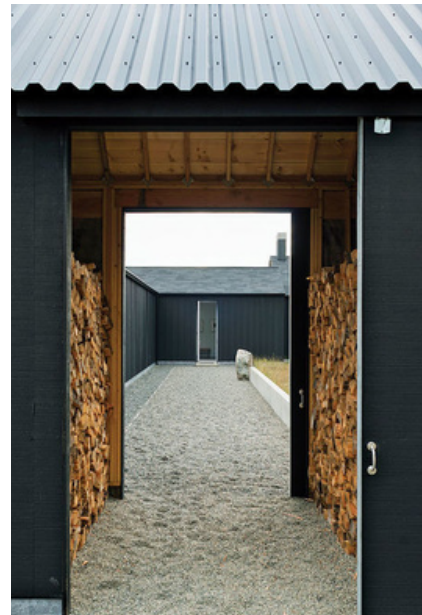


Island Home + Studio

ORCAS ISLAND, WA



Located in Washington's San Juan Islands, this modern residence was designed as the perfect artist getaway. The homeowner spent 10 years working in finance in New York City before deciding to abandon that world to reembrace art. Over time, he has worked, taught, and exhibited art across the country, always looking for the right combination of community and sanctuary to make his permanent home. He knew he wanted the house to serve as a retreat as well as a disciplined working environment with low energy needs.

Sustainable building practices were used to ensure longevity and efficiency, incorporating geothermal wells and heat pumps, solar panels, and a sophisticated insulation system resulting in a nearly zero-energy-usage dwelling. Radiant slabs, passive cooling through stack effect cross ventilation, high-efficiency wood stoves, and specially constructed glazing make an efficient, comfortable home.