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On the Upper Deck

WHO Katrine Formby, 56, and her husband, Bill, 64, founder of an electronics company, from Austin, Tex.

WHAT 3-bedroom condominium

WHERE Telluride, Colo.

Katrine: People think of penthouses as glassy and cold, or gleaming at the top of some towering high-rise. This is only a five-story building, four if you don't count the mezzanine, and our unit is as welcoming and cozy as any home.

It all began in 1999, when we purchased the historic First National Bank Building here. Bill is a great investor, and he always says: "Buy what's next to you." So when the building next door went up for sale in 2000, we decided to buy the top three floors including the penthouse. It was a rather modest condo, but from its deck you can see the San Juan Mountains in all directions. The views took my breath away.

What started as a minor remodel soon had our architect and designer involved. I collect antique beveled-glass windows at antiques shops, flea markets and estate sales, and for years, Bill had been saying, "What are you going to do with these?"

Now I had a place for the windows. We had them set inside the actual insulated windows.

This deck is the highest in Telluride. Last winter, it was six degrees below zero when I thought I'd sink into the hot tub out on the deck. All the lights were off. It was snowing a little. And the moon was up. It was pure bliss. I sat there for hours, the spray from the hot tub turning my hair into a frozen helmet.

As told to Bethany Lyttle



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