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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

GREEY PICKETT

Nestled perfectly along a mountainside in the North Scottsdale Estancia Community, with views of Pinnacle Peak, and the Valley below, this landscape design honors the surrounding desert and the contemporary architecture of the home. A meandering driveway ascends the hillside to an auto court area where we placed mature specimen *Cereus peruvianus*, *Lophocereus schottii*, *Yucca rigida*, and *Yucca peruviana* which were salvaged from a closing resort. These ancient unique species are the main feature and were perfectly placed as you approach the entry to the home. In the back, terracing was used to create interest and support from the intense hillside. We brought in mass boulders to retain the slope, while adding to the existing terrain. A succulent garden was placed in the terraced hillside using unique and rare species. *Olneya tesota* and *Cercidium floridum* were salvaged from the property and relocated as featured trees. *Carnegiana gigantea*, *Ferocactus*, *Echinocactus* and *Agave* species were also salvaged from the property and were planted to enhance the natural desert. A vertical fence of well casing rods was installed to preserve the view, while still securing the property. An infinity edge, glass tile pool is the perfect extension of the contemporary home. A barbeque area was effortlessly crafted from the stone wall and blends into the surroundings of the sun deck where you can relax and soak up the amazing views.

