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ARCADIAN ARBOR

When a couple with young children built a Santa Barbara-style home in Arcadia, they asked Scottsdale landscape architect Russell Greey to develop a garden where the family could play, relax and entertain. One of their favorite spots soon became the gracious dining arbor. "We created a freestanding dining space off the kitchen," says Greey, a principal of Greey/Pickett, "right near the patio's seating area." He anchored the space with a curved, stone wall, inset with a Mexican tile fountain, which also serves to block views of the neighbor's house. Greey then repeated the wall's arched line in the design of a handforged hammered steel arbor that shelters the dining area, paved in a ruglike pattern of Saltillo and cantera stone tiles. To one side, a grill and pizza oven set into a concrete countertop make up the outdoor kitchen. For now, the arbor is covered in natural bamboo shading, which eventually will give way to a covering of pink trumpet vines planted at the post bases. Bradford pears add more blooms to the arbor, as does fragrant Arabian jasmine. Hanging flower baskets and bistro lights finish off the space, which invites lingering dinners at the long table. 7144 E. Stetson Drive, Ste. 205, Scottsdale, greeypickett.com