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PHOTOGRAPHY: Bill Timmerman DESIGNER: Landscape architect Steve Martino has worked on a Paradise Valley desertscape for decades, evolving the look as the plants matured and the homeowners' needs changed.

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Historic Central Avenue Residence, Phoenix

Designed by:
Berghoff Design Group
Honor Award - Residential

A drive along Central Avenue offers a historical view of Phoenix's grand past, with sprawling homes on well-manicured lawns. This home. built in 1929, is listed on the National Historic Register, and the homeowner's landscape wishes included preserving the property's timeless character. To design a space with a reverent nod to the past, landscape designers at Berghoff Design Group started with a curving driveway. This tree-lined, leafy path welcomes guests to a pea gravel court. Beyond the court sits an arrival garden, which links the main residence to the guesthouse. Surrounded by lawn, there is a fishing pond in the backyard that also acts as an irrigation source. From the garden, views abound, from glimpses of the glass orangery and the south terrace to sightlines of the swimming pool, pool house and orchards. A new fence of hammered iron and reclaimed brick columns outlines the estate's property, while a sour orange privacy hedge is dotted with roses and perennials. Tying the look together is a plant palette of time-honored hues that brings the stately elegance of the property's history to present day.

Hawkes Residence, Scottsdale

Designed by: Greey Pickett **Honor Award - Residential**

From traditional to contemporary—that was the homeowner's dream for this DC Ranch property. The Greev Pickett designers embraced this challenge as a way to accentuate the indoor-outdoor living experience that is so unique to Arizona. A newly designed front-entry courtyard lets a giant organ pipe cactus stand as a striking focal point. Cushy seating circles a custom steel fire pit—perfect for chilly desert nights—offering the rare opportunity for front-yard entertaining. Geometric angles and straight lines imbue the space with a clean, contemporary vibe. Steel planters with native succulents, aloes and cactus specimen complement the home's detailing. At night, dramatic lighting showcases the greenery's unique shapes. To take advantage of the home's spacious flow with its open view from the back of the house to the front, the designers selected tile flooring that extends the length of the space. The property sits on a golf course and overlooks the mountains, so Greev Pickett created an expansive gathering spot on the back terrace to maximize the views.

