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ON THE COVER:

Interior Design: Jana Parker Lee of Wiseman & Gale Interiors

Builder: MRA Custom Homes

Artwork: Bentley Gallery; Landscape: Berghoff Design

Photography: Laura Moss



Located near the base of Pinnacle Peak, a landmark in the Scottsdale vista, **Desert Prairie** is an organically-inspired, modern piece of architecture privately nestled within the gated community of Estancia. Set amidst the enormous boulders this region is known for, the home's low-slung profile showcases its surroundings, while material usage, such as quartzite, limestone, copper, and raw stones, beautifully compliment both site and structure.



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DESERT PRAIRIE

Architect: CP Drewett, AIA, Drewett Works
 Builder: Argue Custom Homes
 Interior Design: Lindsey Schultz Design
 Interior Furnishings: Ownby Design
 Landscape Architect: Greely Pickett

Located in the heart of Paradise Valley near the base of Camelback Mountain, Echo Canyon, "Outside In" is a modernist home that celebrates the year-round indoor/outdoor living environment, which has brought homebuyers to Arizona for decades. The design inspiration was in honor of early territorial architecture that was often characterized by low sloping planes and natural materials.

"Oriented south, the spectacular interior natural light illuminates what promises to become another timeless piece of architecture for the Valley's landscape."

Architect: CP Drewett, AIA, Drewett Works
 Builder: BedBrock Developers
 Interior Designer: Ownby Design
 Photography: Werner Segarra





rustic rebirth in Bartlett Estates

Interiors: Claire Ownby, Ownby Design
Architecture: Charles Cunniffe, Jim Kehoe, Charles Cunniffe Architects
Builder: John Schultz, Schultz Development
Landscape Architecture: Kim Arevalo, Evolve Design Studio
Photography: Mark Boisclair

When a Phoenix family decided it was time to update their home of nearly two decades, to fit their changing lifestyle, renovation was not a word in their vocabulary. Instead, they opted to literally level their 1950s ranch-style estate and begin anew. To tackle such a daunting endeavor, they swiftly enlisted the assistance of architects **Charles Cunniffe** and **Jim Kehoe** of **Charles Cunniffe Architects**, interior designer **Claire Ownby**, **Ownby Design**, and at the helm, builder **John Schultz** of **Schultz Development**, no better captain to sail this ship.



Sharing the same love of life and having active lifestyles, the entire team understood immediately what direction to take the project. But first let's start with (what was rumored to be) the ultimate in demolition derbies of home renovations. The story remains that the entire family, their friends, and neighbors - after taking an extensive photographic chronicle for *ould lang syne*, began the paintball war to end all paintball wars. From there, the festivities moved on to unhinging the house and dismantling the existing home, one swing at a time. And finally, the farewell party behind them, the ominous resurrection of the new residence began.



An outdoor, laidback gentleman himself, it comes as no surprise that builder **John Schultz** proclaims this to be "one of his all-time favorite residences."

A serene setting, each of the bedrooms in this home is so well curated that it is difficult to define the master. This guest suite boasts a private garden view and has a ledgestone fireplace modernized by its low profile and elongated, generous size. A solid slab of hardwood was used for both the hearth and the mantel, adding a linear transition to the homes general verticality.

CREDITS: Builder: **Schultz Development**; Interior Design: **Ownby Design**; Architecture: **Charles Cunniffe Architects**; Landscape design: **Evolve Studio**; Sound and security: **Cyber Technology Group** in Scottsdale; Windows: **Western Window Systems**; Stone and tile: **Facings of America**; Glass: **Roadrunner Glass**; Slab materials: **Cactus Stone & Tile**; Kitchen ceramic tile: **Craftsman Court Ceramics**; Doors and ceiling: **Door Works**; Hardwood flooring: **Premiere Wood Floors**; Plumbing fixtures and hardware: **Clyde Hardware**; Artwork: **Costello Gallery**; Custom rug: **David E. Adler**



own above, top right) The master bathroom features a spa-like atmosphere with its calm, soothing colors and use of rough, heavy limestone walls, backlit and contrasted against the sleek, dark granite countertops and tub surround. Fabrication: Bell Stone

Committed to making a complete 180° turn design-wise and leave nothing behind from the original structure except the cherished mesquite tree orchard, the family fully embraced the creative team's lead to set their vision on the construction of a rustic though elegant modern family home.

One of the most important elements was the desire to incorporate both the indoor and outdoor living spaces into one seamlessly flowing floorplan. After so many years residing in a home with 8 ft. ceilings and very defined traditional walls, this change was a top priority. To accomplish this, large spans of glass act as walls - seemingly terminating right into the roofline - thereby offering unobstructed ceiling to floor views throughout all of the primary living spaces. Even the private quarters feel very open with generously-sized panes bringing the view of the lush exterior foliage and landscape within.

In terms of spacial relationships, and despite the enormity of the home, the owners still desired a no-fuss, down-to-earth, inviting atmosphere that could withstand the years but still retain the charm of a well-worn home. Through the use of color, texture, and shape, the feeling of an intimate sanctuary was preserved while still accommodating large groups of people for entertaining, or for frequent gathering of family and friends.

A master at creating resort-style, timeless interiors, **Claire Ownby** set the mood from the onset in earthy browns and neutrals, and selected contrasting materials, from rustic and raw stone, to refined wood and steel elements. The overall monochromatic scheme of the home - only allowing pops of color to enter through accessories and artwork - as per **Ownby's** signature style, resulted in a very calm, zen-like ambience that works well against the backdrop of this well-established greenbelt lot in central Phoenix, Arizona.