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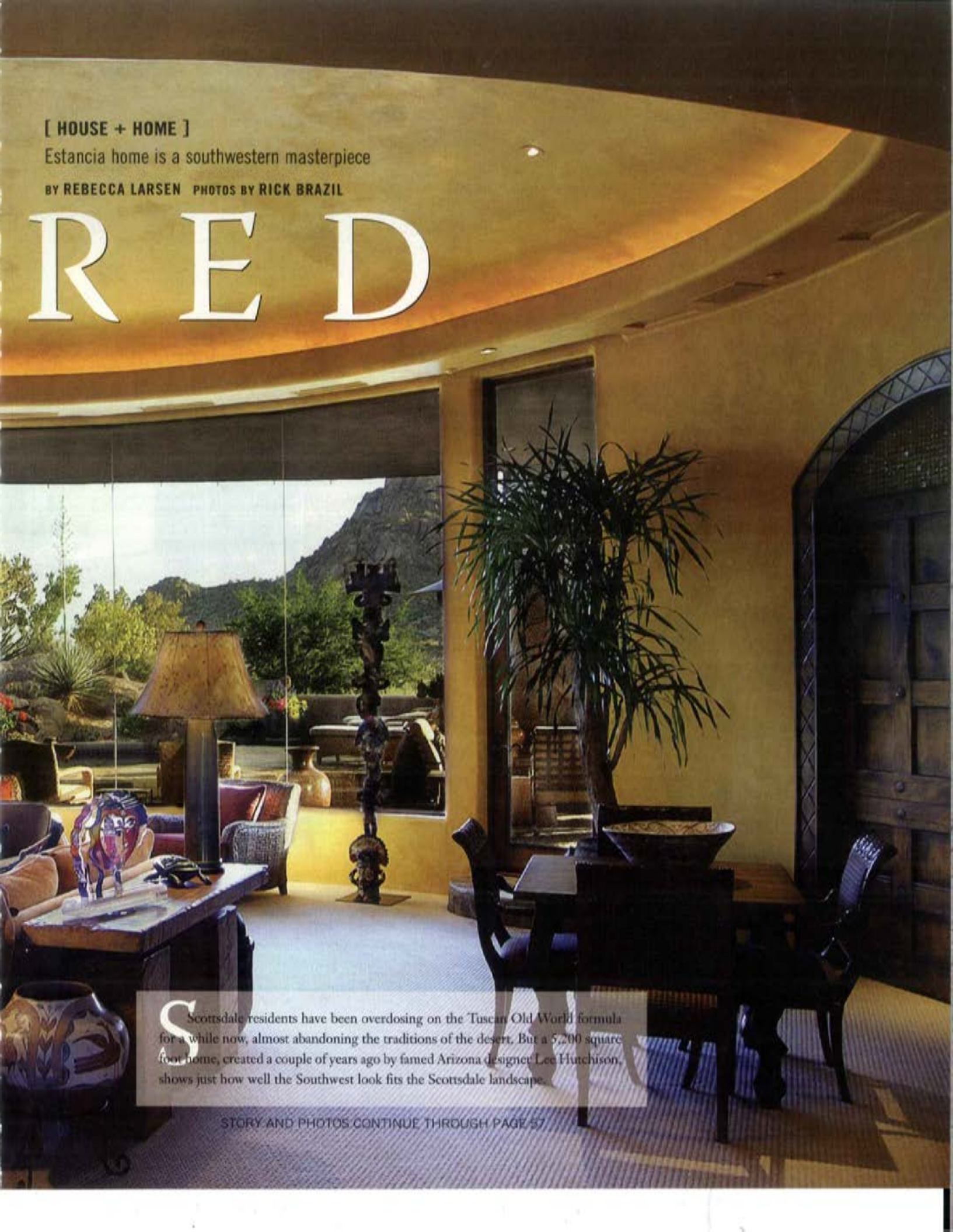
THIS ESTANCIA HOME WAS DESIGNED BY LOCAL ARCHITECT LEE HUTCHINSON WITH A STYLE HE CALLS "ORGANIC PUEBLO."

[HOUSE + HOME]

Estancia home is a southwestern masterpiece

BY REBECCA LARSEN PHOTOS BY RICK BRAZIL

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Scottsdale residents have been overdosing on the Tuscan Old World formula for a while now, almost abandoning the traditions of the desert. But a 5,200 square foot home, created a couple of years ago by famed Arizona designer Lee Hutchison, shows just how well the Southwest look fits the Scottsdale landscape.

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THE DINING ROOM HAS A CEILING
RIBBED WITH GROINS, SIMILAR TO
THAT FOUND IN A CATHEDRAL.

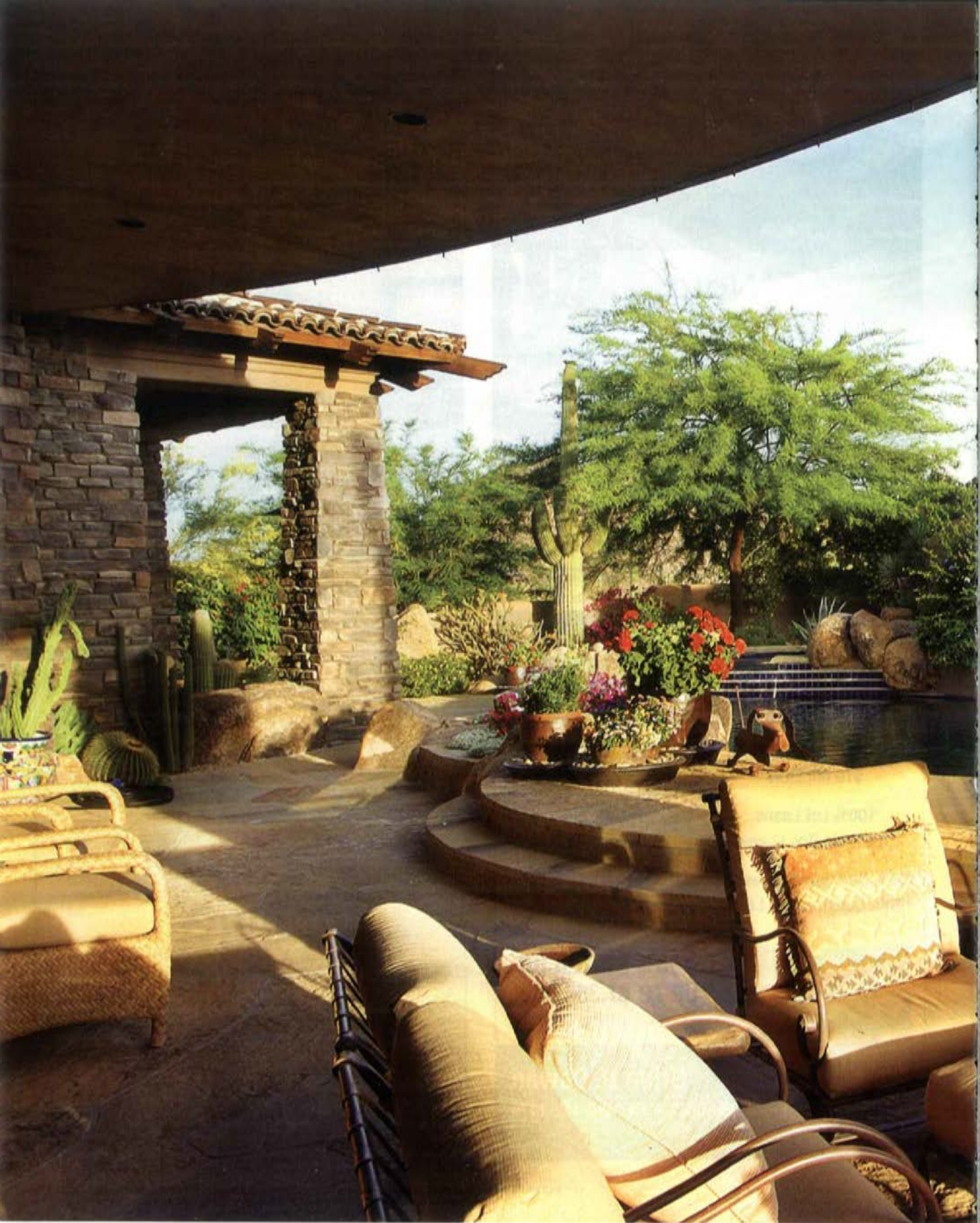




THE SOUTHWESTERN FLAVOR, AS FOUND IN THIS BATHROOM, IS UNDERSTATED AND DONE WITH SOPHISTICATION.

THE KITCHEN HAS A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE MOUNTAINS AND IS ACCENTED WITH SMALL PIECES OF NATIVE AMERICAN ART.





THE FAMILY ROOM FEATURES DRAMATIC
PIECES OF AMERICAN INDIAN ART, BEAMED
CEILINGS AND A BEEHIVE FIREPLACE.



THE PATIO INCLUDES A BEEHIVE FIREPLACE AND A DRAMATIC POOL THAT MEANDERS THROUGH A BOULDER-STREWN SETTING.



The home, built in 2003, certainly has the look of New Mexican pueblo villages with its thick plastered walls and archways. But at the same time, it looks contemporary because of its sweeping curves and unusual domed interior ceilings. Rugged flagstone floors, stonework on exterior walls and touches of adobe brick here and there add a traditional Arizona building style as well.

The house, with a north-south exposure, is part of the gated enclave of Estancia in the Troon area and has recently been listed by its owners for \$3.895 million, says Tom Locati, agent handling the property for the Pinnacle Peak office of Russ Lyon Realty. "It's a Southwestern masterpiece," Locati says. "No expense was spared in construction of this property."

Undoubtedly, the home's sweeping views of Pinnacle Peak have something to do with the price tag, but the Southwestern flavor of the house, done with sophistication and without plastering on an overwhelming bunch of design clichés, is part of the reason for the asking price.

Hutchison, an architecture graduate of Arizona State University, has designed hundreds of homes in Arizona and has pioneered in developing a style that he calls "organic Pueblo" and "Southwest contemporary." Homes done by his firm, Urban Design Associates of Scottsdale, are sprinkled throughout Estancia, Desert Mountain and the Boulders. Many have won impressive Gold Nugget and Best in American Living awards.

Everywhere in the Estancia house are dramatic pieces of Native American art, such as the totem-pole-like sculpture in a niche in the front hallway.

The house extends out in two wings floating off a central circular great room that seems reminiscent of an Indian kiva because of its domed ceiling and beehive fireplace. In fact, unusual ceilings are one of Hutchison's trademarks. The dining room has a ceiling ribbed with groins, the sharp curved edges you might see in a cathedral. Other ceilings in the house are coffered or studded with beams intermixed with saltillo tiles.

A pattern of diamonds, reminiscent of Navajo rugs, is repeated throughout the house as well starting with the entrance gate and in side panels flanking the front door. You can see it on the kitchen backsplash, a bedroom ceiling and on the flooring of the patio.

Although at a little more than 5,000 square feet, this home is smaller than some multi-million dollar properties, it also seems more livable.

Those interested can call Tom Locati at (480) 585-7070. ■

SOME OF THE FEATURES:

- Three bedrooms and 4.5 baths, including two master bedroom suites.
- Beehive-style fireplaces both inside and out.
- Rugged wooden doors and unusual lighting fixtures.
- Hardwood floors in the kitchen.
- A dramatic pool that meanders through a boulder-strewed setting that echoes the scenes of Pinnacle Peak in the distance.
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