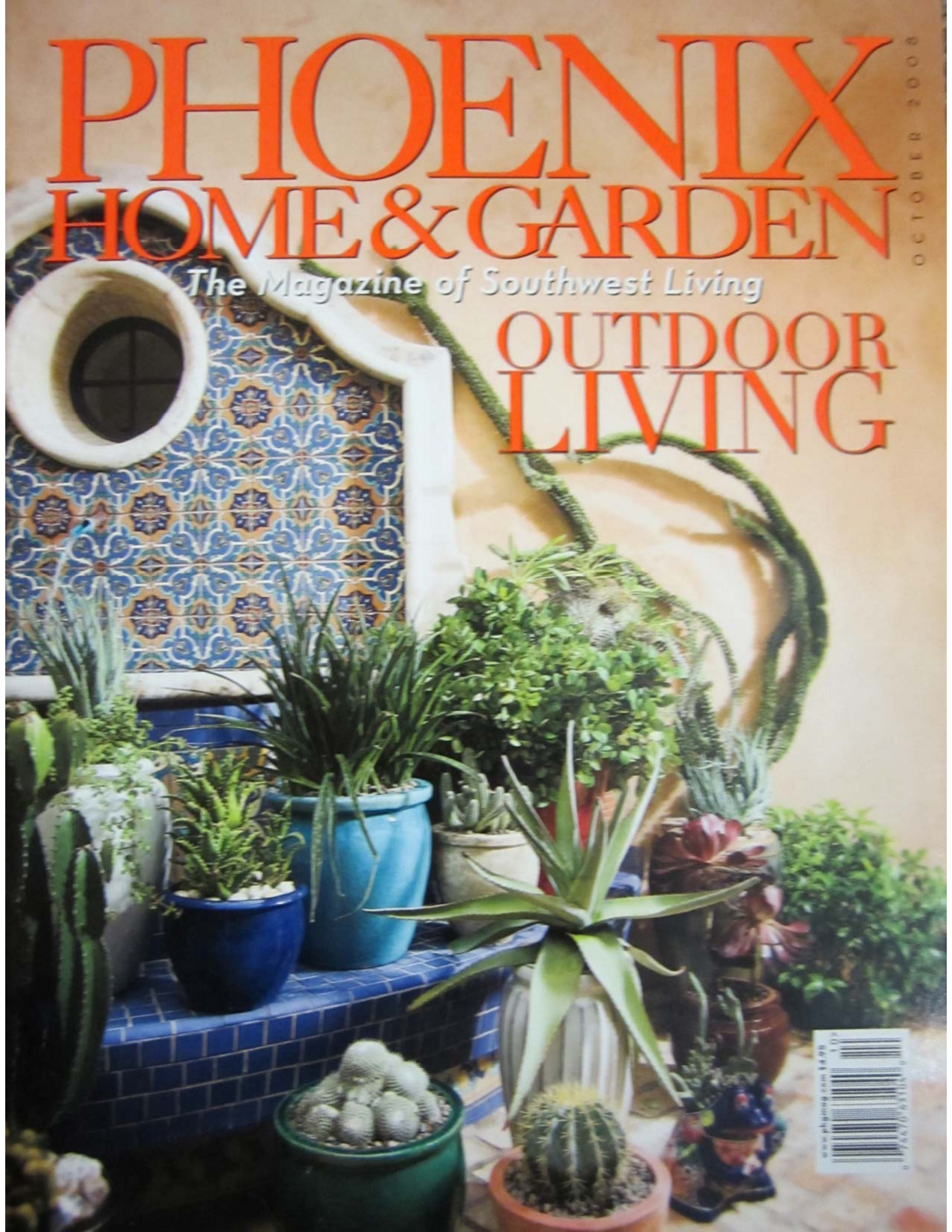


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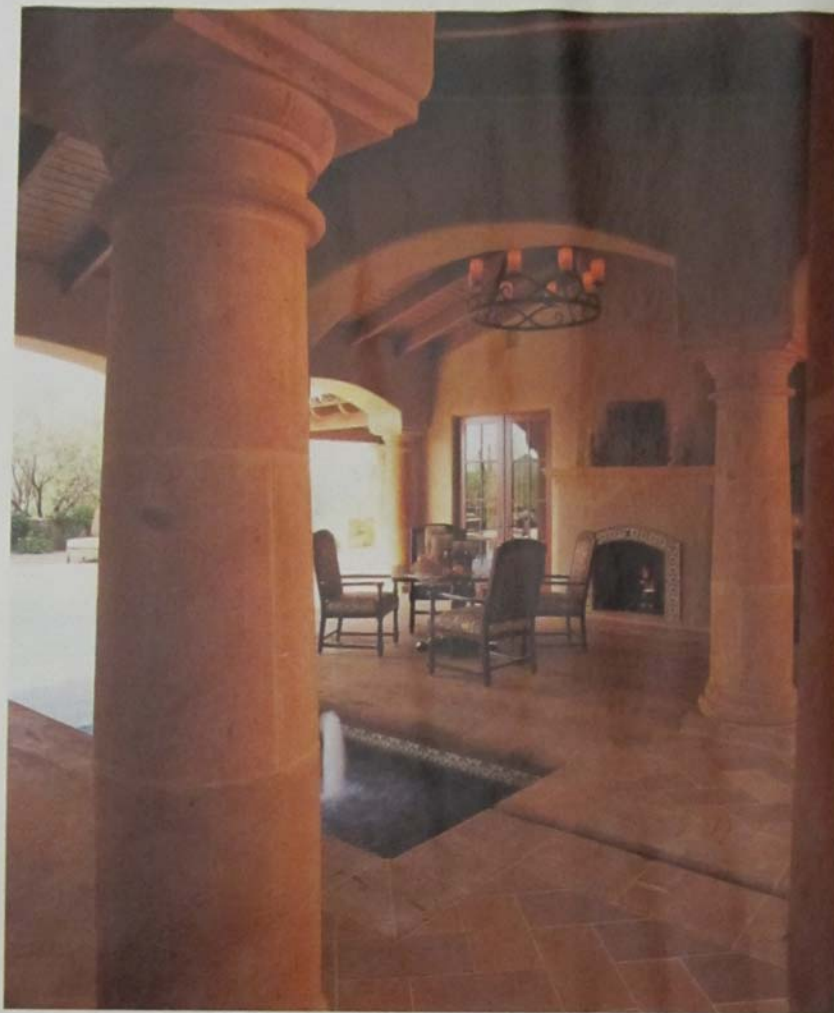
OPEN HOUSE

OUTDOOR SPACES RIVAL
THOSE INDOORS AT A NORTH
SCOTTSDALE RESIDENCE

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Carved mahogany doors open to the foyer and entry courtyard (this page), where a tile-clad fountain is cousin to one on the main patio (opposite). A narrow runnel of water on the patio empties into the swimming pool beyond. Flooring in these outdoor spaces is cantera set in varied patterns, while the foyer floor is composed of honed travertine with marble accents.





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eminiscent of haciendas in Mexico and Spain, this Spanish Colonial-style home is a testament to easy living, much of it experienced in outdoor spaces enriched by romantic flowing arches, lofty stone columns, and water features that titillate the senses.

A spacious courtyard with cantera columns and a trickling fountain bids visitors welcome to the north Scottsdale residence. The gated enclosure also is a prelude for niceties to come. And there are many niceties, for the homeowners, interior designer Teresa DeLellis and her builder husband, Jim, have long been in the business of creating beauty and comfort.

The last house they built for themselves was on a hillside, says the designer, a Phoenix Home & Garden Master of the Southwest. Moving to 3 acres on lower ground afforded them the opportunity to spread out and enjoy expansive outdoor areas. Working with architect Craig Wickersham, landscape designers Peggy and Larry De La Garza, and a corps of talented artisans, they produced this sprawling H-shaped hacienda. Its interiors showcase a casual elegance and attention to detail—from luxuriously wrought crown molding to iron chandeliers, many designed by DeLellis.

Exemplifying the idea of alfresco living to the fullest is the home's large, covered rear patio, "a major entertaining area," she states. "There are two fireplaces, multiple seating and dining groupings, and an outdoor living room with a 42-inch TV hidden behind


decorative carved doors. The kitchen, family room and wet bar open up to this patio, and it all feels like one living area."

Creating a sense of drama under the patio's ample overhang is a narrow channel of water—complete with jets—that terminates at the swimming pool beyond. "Every single room looks out to and opens up to a water feature," notes DeLellis.

Interiors that have character, style and comfort conform to her long-held sentiment: "A home has to feel like it has some history. Like people, things become more interesting with age." The DeLellis-designed iron chandelier in the foyer seems a relic of the past. More than 7 feet in height, its motif was inspired by an old piece from Spain. The ceiling treatments, such as that in the master bedroom—octagonal in shape and trimmed with crown molding—lend a sense of permanence.


Her hacienda "has all the bells and whistles," DeLellis reports with a smile. "And it is absolutely, without a doubt, my dream house." □

This page: Framed by arches and cantera columns, this fireside dining area on the main patio is sheltered from the elements. "We think it's very important to have your outside dining areas under a roof because of the heat and also sun exposure," says interior designer/homeowner Teresa DeLellis, who planned the spacious home with her builder husband. Under the patio roof as well is a water feature that spills into the pool. **Opposite:** A cozy outdoor nook invites time out.



In the breakfast room, a custom limestone table-top is set upon an antique French iron base. The chairs and chandelier likewise are antiques. As in other areas of the home, the ceiling treatment draws the eye. "Ceilings are very important to me," explains Teresa DeLellis. "They create interest." Here, box beams set off segments of antiqued Moroccan Saltillo-style tiles applied in a herringbone pattern.

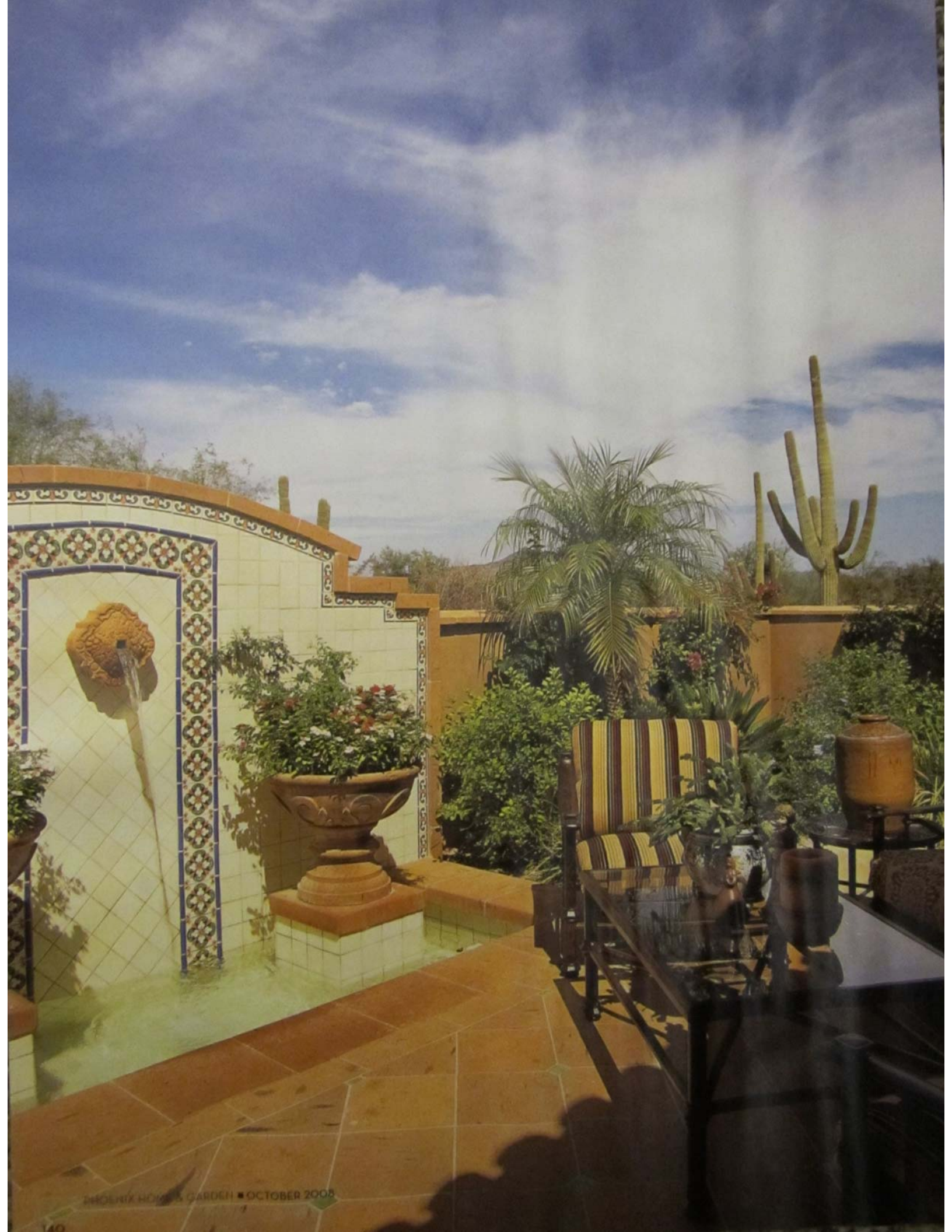
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The oval-shaped iron chandelier above the pedestal table was designed by Teresa DeLellis. Their wood frames exposed, the chairs wear short skirts. The custom buffet, also a DeLellis design, is built into an arched niche.

Doors in the family room fold open and stack, joining the outdoor living room with the interior space.





This page: Windows in the family room's sunken bar area open to the main patio, with its large outdoor living room and multiple dining spaces. Off the nearby pool, the elevated ramada contains a spa. **Opposite:** The library patio's fountain is decorated with colorful tiles from Spain. Flower-filled terra-cotta urns are perched on pedestals.

