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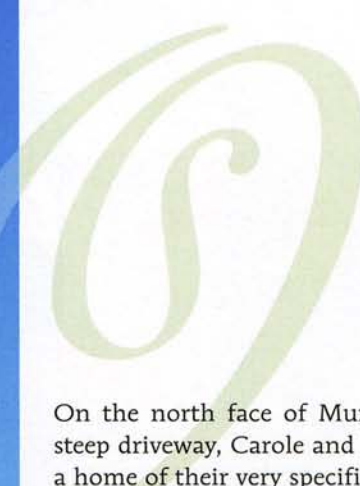
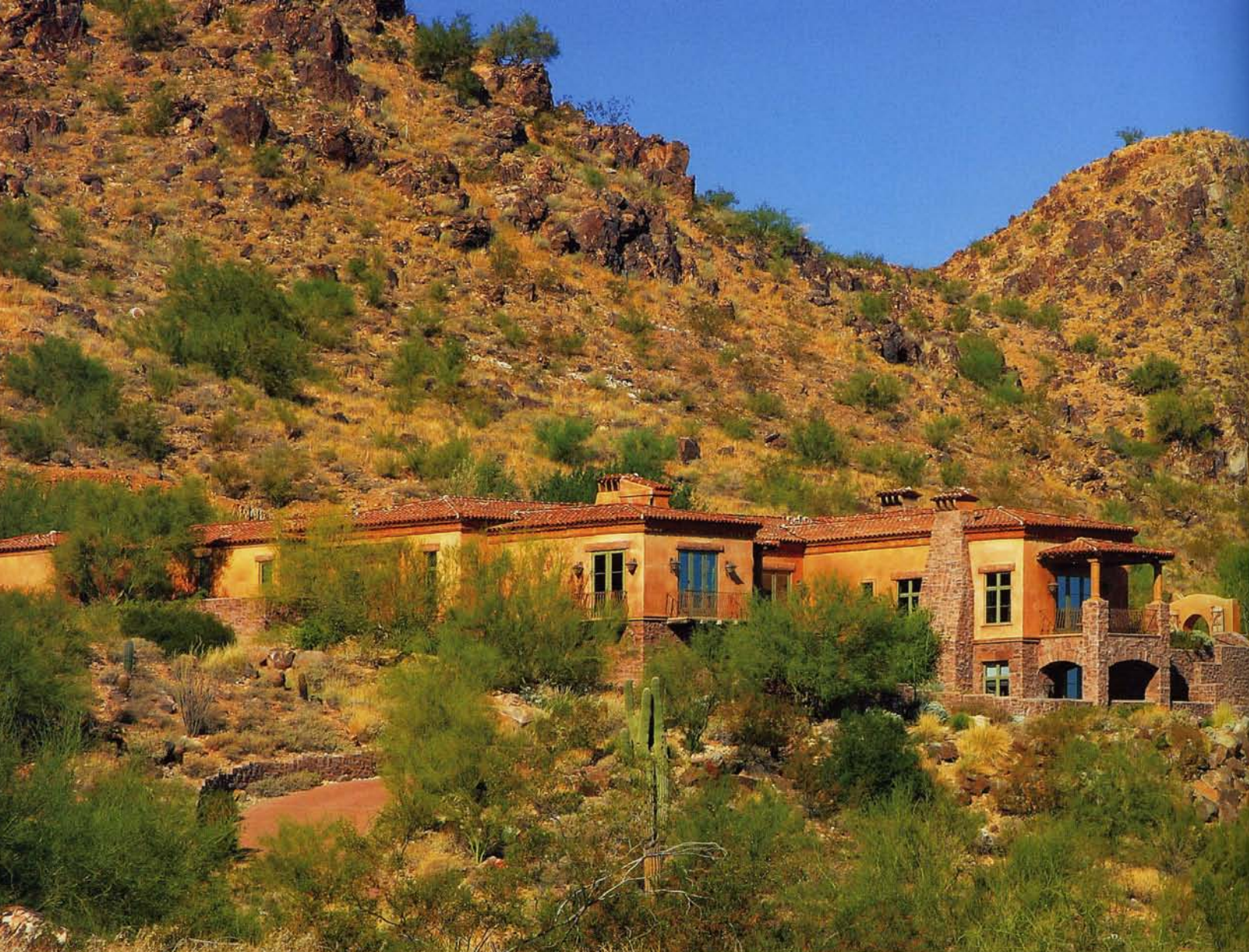
THE THRILL OF THE HUNT

Carole and Richard Kraemer gather treasures old and new to create their dream home

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From their family-room window, Carole and Richard Kraemer enjoy a visual feast from a gently arched window, paned on the borders with a clear expanse in the middle for an unobstructed view from their perch on the northern side of Mummy Mountain.



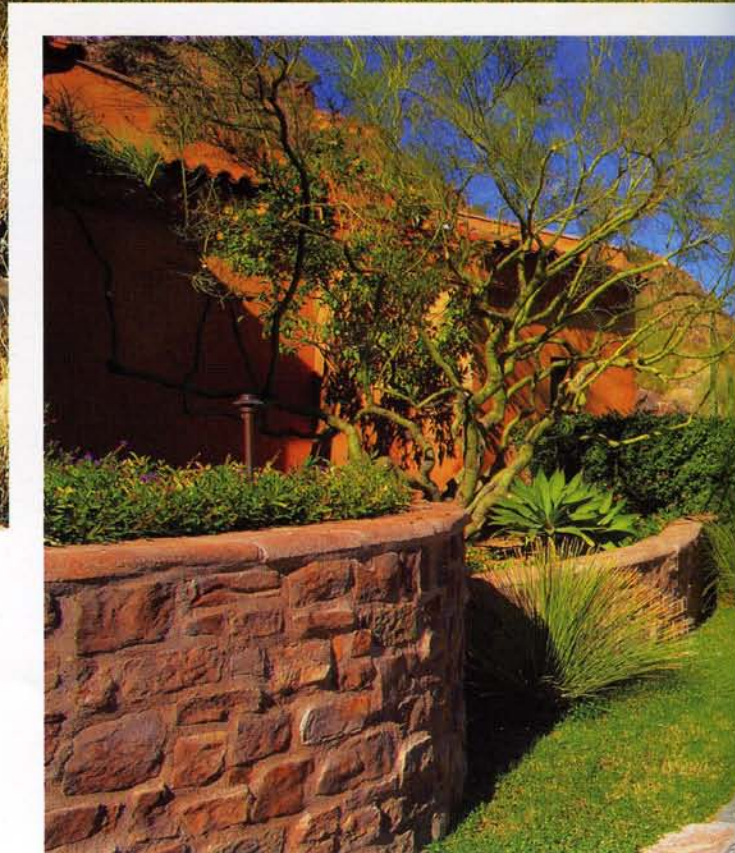


On the north face of Mummy Mountain, up a very steep driveway, Carole and Richard Kraemer have built a home of their very specific dreams.

On the 13-acre mountain site they spotted more than a decade ago, they've built a sanctuary that provides a stepping-stone mountainside pond for their grandchildren and a European-like manor house for themselves.

The home is part journey and part retreat, with rough-hewn timbers from a sunken bridge retrieved from the Great Salt Lake in Utah to towering, rustic doors from India found in Santa Fe, N.M. It's the yin and yang of a finely grained gleaming Biedermeier cabinet to the worn carved antique cherub corbel that adorns a brick fireplace.

Students of design, scale and style, the Kraemers have spent much of their married life, from graduate-school days in Boston to vacation treks in Europe, with an eye to collecting those pie safes, cabinets, tables and chairs, papier-mache molds and art that pleased their discerning eyes.



OPPOSITE PAGE: This 13-acre site is what lured the Kraemers more than a decade ago when they spotted the sumptuous view and imagined their dream home here.

MIDDLE: A welcoming archway leads to the grounds of the Mediterranean-style home where every room enjoys a perfect view.

LEFT: Carole Kraemer has spent most of her married years collecting antiques, like the pie safe in the rear and the chairs and table, that combine to create an engaging, warm home full of stories and history.



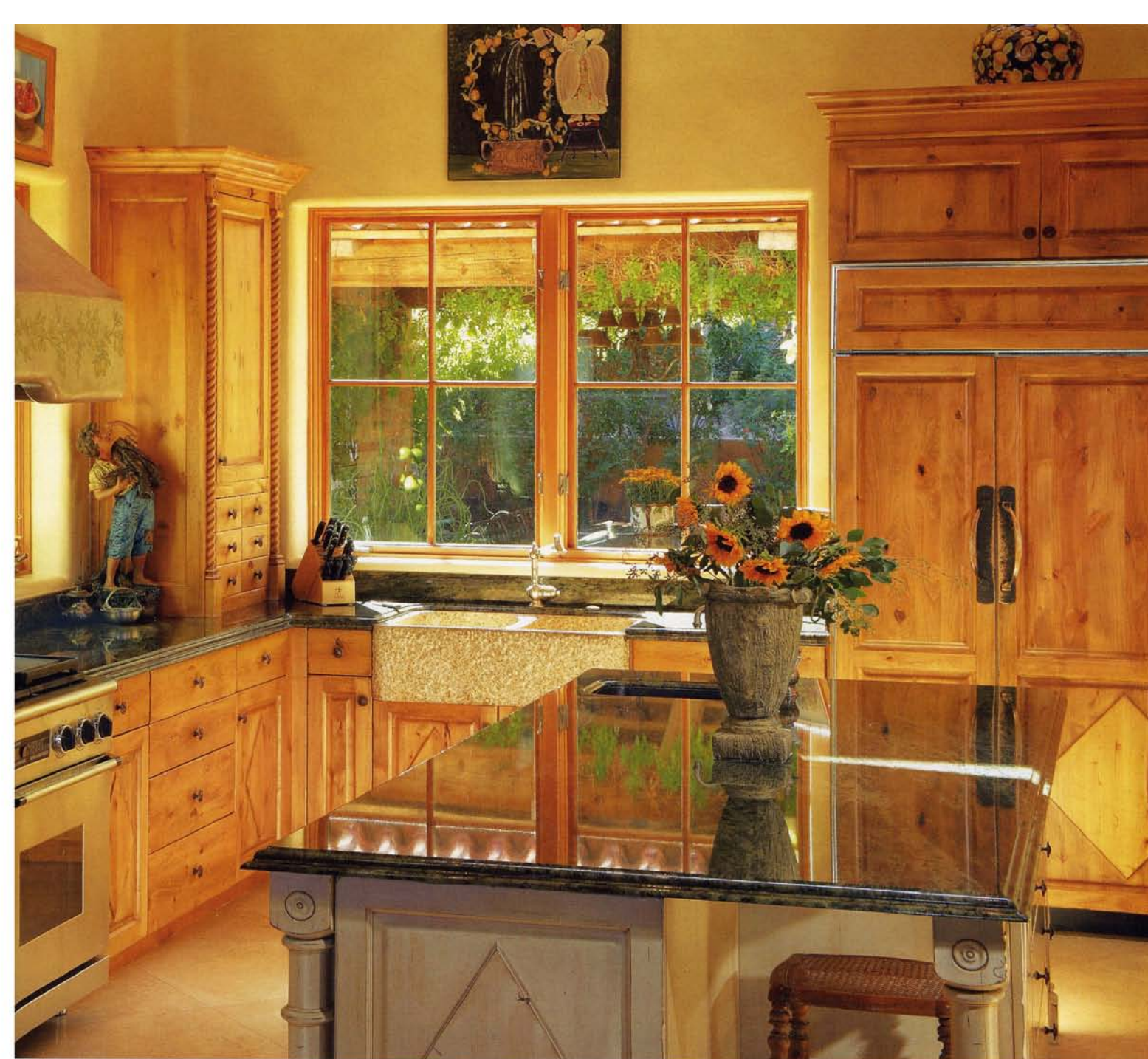
TOP: One of Carole Kraemer's legendary finds was this settee, which she found outside an antique shop in northern Arizona. She spotted its classic lines and finely turned legs and arms, and knew it was a keeper.

ABOVE: The library is a cozy escape with an outdoor patio where the Kraemers often enjoy dinner.

RIGHT: A Biedermeier chest forms a base for this charming hallway vignette.

FAR RIGHT: An antique wooden carousel horse forms a natural transition between the eat-in kitchen and the sunroom.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The completely equipped kitchen has what Carole loves: a hand-carved granite farmhouse sink with a view of her garden. The knotty alder cabinetry adds warmth to the room.



"I'm very decisive," says Carole. "When I see something that's it, it's it."

The result is a home that tells the journey of their travels, passions and taste arranged in a way that creates a retreat that thrills the eye and soothes the soul.

PLACES TO GATHER

Walk into the Kraemer mountainside home and the eye is drawn to the backyard retreat and the tawny shades of Mummy Mountain on display through a stately, tall, wide-paned window wall. It's a rare mountainside home that has enough flat land to accommodate not only an expansive two-story home but also a meandering pool, abundant outdoor dining and living spaces and grassy stretches of lawn.

Broad exposed beams span the main living and dining rooms, family room and master bedroom. Throughout the home, rich, warm-hued wood floors pair with

meticulously designed fireplaces of stone and brick, coffered ceilings and rooms paneled in knotty alder.

There are endless gathering spots in this home. There's the living room, where a high-backed antique European settee anchors an intimate seating area by the fireplace, or the patio outside the wood-paneled library, where the couple frequently has dinner. This home abounds in stories, from the roadside origins of the elegant living-room settee that Carole found by chance in northern Arizona to the salt that still leaches from the wood floors made from sunken bridge beams.

The family room, with its arched view of north Phoenix, sports a sectional centered on a stone fireplace with an antique Colonial mantelpiece. This is one of the home's most popular gathering spots for the couple's three children and grandchildren. At the end of this room, which opens onto the kitchen and large eating area, is a zinc-covered bar. Here is where



ABOVE: The spacious backyard has many retreat spots, including this seating area with a bar, fireplace and comfortable chairs and sofa for watching games and chatting. **BELOW:** Grandchildren make good use of this pool, which features stepping stones at one spot where they can cross. **RIGHT:** A downstairs game room displays the pub art that the Kraemers have collected, in addition to the billiards table and a large flat-screen TV that makes this a favorite movie-watching spot for the family.



Richard's antique beer-stein collection, including one that belonged to his great-grandfather, is displayed. The room also contains carpets their son brought back from his trips to Afghanistan.

PANORAMIC VIEWS

Casement windows open from the kitchen into the backyard and its vine-covered arbors and patios. Another window above the hand-carved granite farmhouse sink affords an additional view of the lush backyard. And a sunroom with antique wicker furniture Carole found at Terri's Consign and Design, opens to more outdoor patios. Here's where Richard enjoys a cup of coffee and the morning paper, and it's here where Carole had the antique carousel horse installed. It forms a perfect divider between the kitchen and the sunroom.

One of the couple's favorite rooms is the master bedroom. Down a hallway in a wing of its own, this peaceful room commands its own views. The room is perfect in scale and is intimate, in spite of exposed ceiling crossbeams and a stone fireplace.

Two guestrooms and a guest suite are on another wing shared with a paneled game room that houses the wine room and the couple's collection of English pub signs. The guest suite, with a fireplace and private outdoor patio, is home to an old find and a new one. Here's where Carole placed the antique writing desk she bought for \$10 in Massachusetts when her husband was in graduate school decades ago and her latest find, a pair of antique twin-bed headboards she found at European Home in Scottsdale. She had them welded together to create a king-size headboard.

Men have their golf stories, Carole says, and she has her hunt stories. It's what enriches the journey.



The hands-down favorite spot to dine for the Kraemers, their children and grandchildren is the dining table on the outdoor patio, where vines overhead lace through a ramada, providing a spot reminiscent of the Italian countryside.