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Architects on Architecture

Local architects talk about their craft—from desert design to building materials, with a few surprises in between.

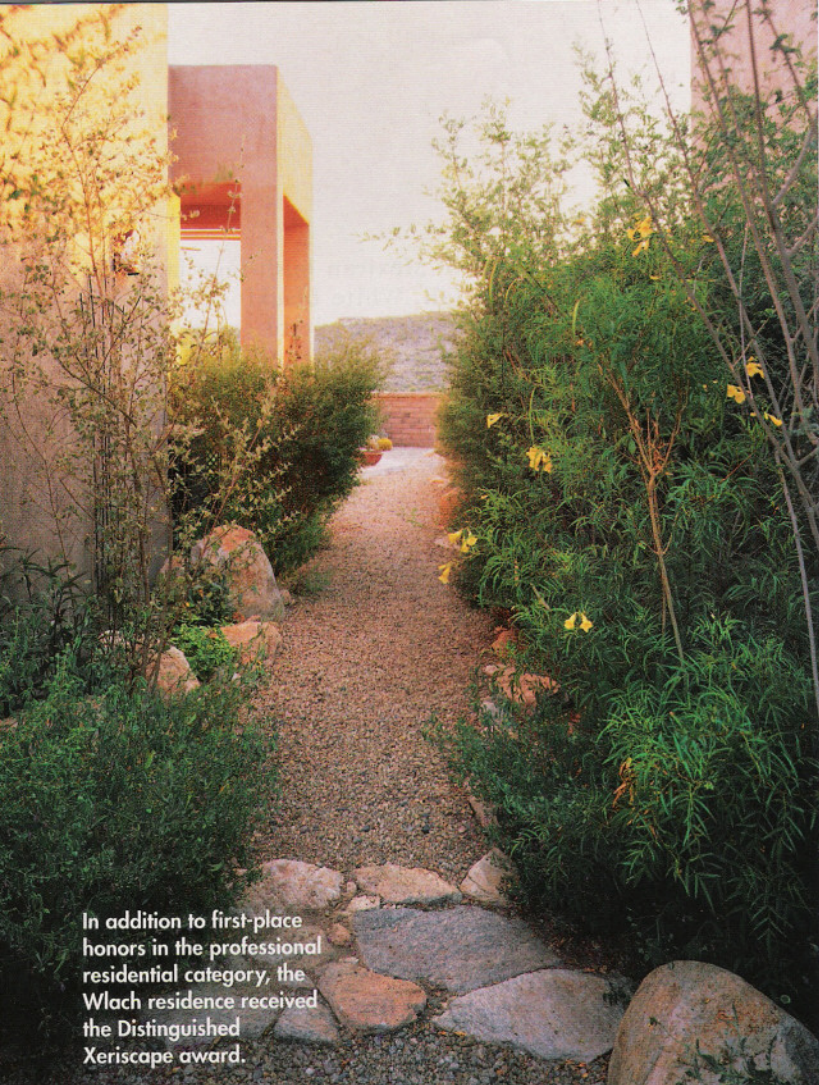
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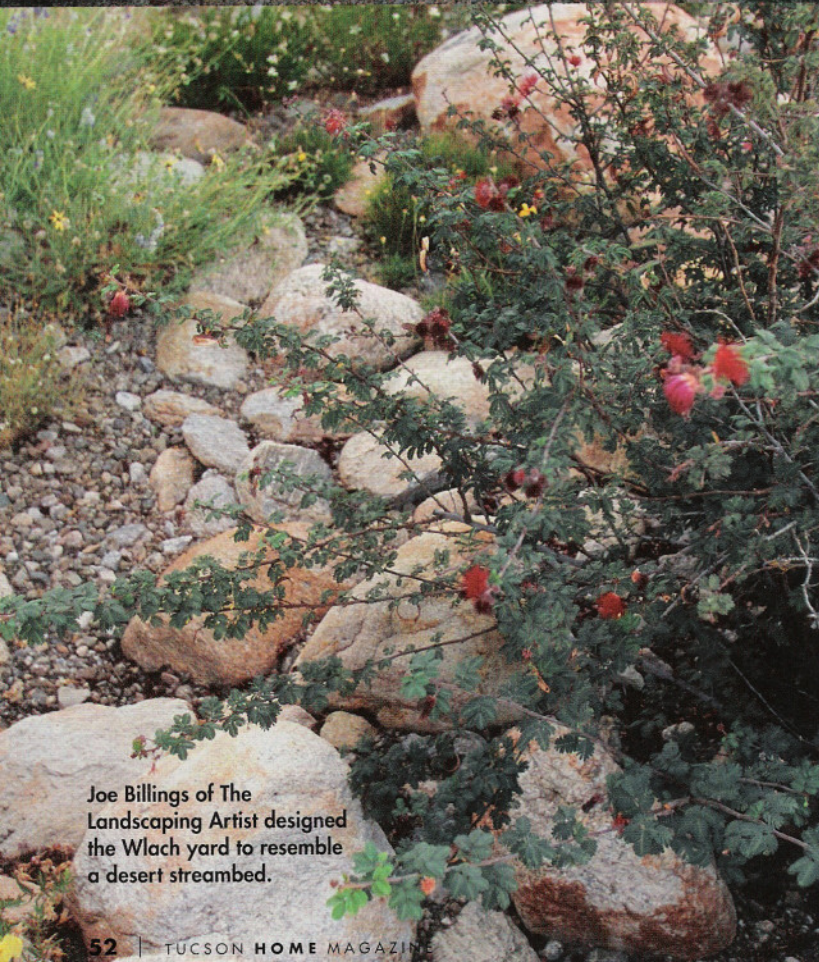
Readers pose home- and garden-related questions, and we go to local experts to find the answers. (Sponsored by Classy Closets.)



The Callhouns, a nursery manager/landscape designer couple, used their talents to build this inviting environment to accommodate their outdoor-living lifestyle.



In addition to first-place honors in the professional residential category, the Wlach residence received the Distinguished Xeriscape award.



Joe Billings of The Landscaping Artist designed the Wlach yard to resemble a desert streambed.

Judges' Award for Best Use of Water Harvesting, homeowner category & J. D. DiMeglio Artistry in Landscaping Award—Calhoun residence

“Fun, creative, and imaginative! A low-water-use garden with ‘mucho’ personality.”

Scott and Deirdre Calhoun began building their landscape in 1999. It is, as they describe, “a deeply personal expression of our love for the arboreal desert we call Sonora.” Both have what could be described as professional landscaping knowledge: Scott manages the Civano Garden Center, and Deirdre practiced landscape design for several years. They have put their love and experience to good use, creating a garden brimming with native plants and personality.

Three goals were the guiding forces as they created their landscape. Goal one, the gardens would celebrate native plants. As an example, native annual



Colorful accents play a large role in the Calhoun landscape.

and perennial wildflowers add splashes of casual color throughout the year. Goal two, it would save water. Three large cisterns collect up to 1,500 gallons of water from roof runoff, thus the Best Use of Water Harvesting award. And goal three, the Calhouns wanted to live outside with style. An outdoor living room—complete with brightly colored furniture and accessories—allows them to watch movies and sleep outdoors in summer, and they enjoy most meals outside from spring through fall. All good goals, and according to the judges, all accomplished in style.

Judges' Award for Best Design to Attract Wildlife, homeowner category—Bradley residence

“Great use of hillside. This wasn’t just work, but passion.”

The westside landscape of J. P. Bradley is a winner for the second year in a row. In