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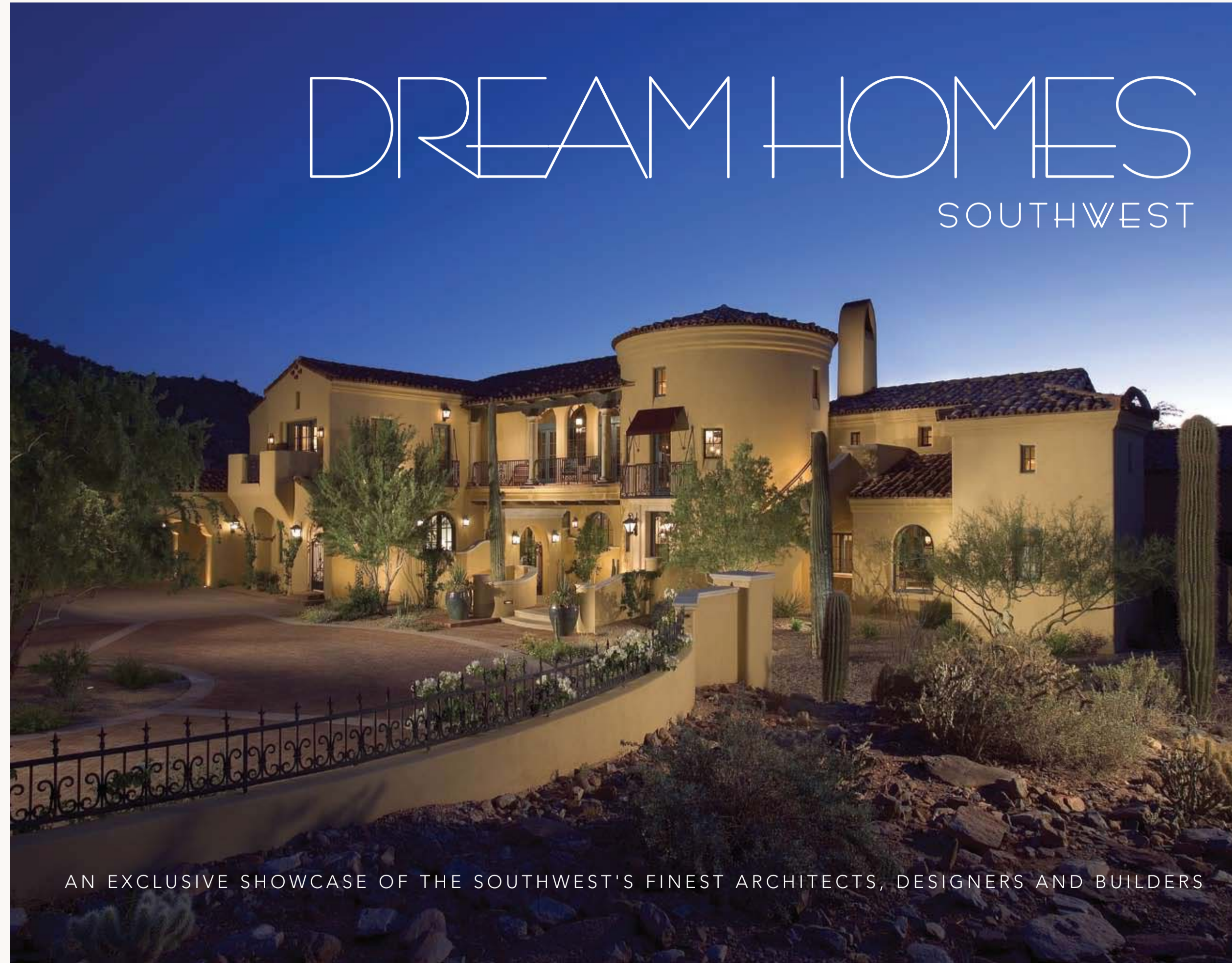
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*Dream Homes Southwest* presents you with breathtakingly rich photographs of the most technically innovative and aesthetically interesting architecture and construction of recent years. This magnificent collection of visually stunning homes by widely respected professional architects and builders is sure to impress both industry professionals and casual readers.

Within these pages, you will view the breathtaking homes designed by renowned architecture firm Dale Gardon Design and skillfully crafted by Salcito Custom Homes.

For the past 30 years, the name Salcito Custom Homes has stood for excellence in the custom home industry and has also meant a continuing commitment to building one-of-a-kind homes with the highest level of materials, finishes and technology in outstanding luxury communities throughout Arizona.

Founded 1999, Dale Gardon Design has earned a stellar reputation for its brilliant work as well as its design of regionally relevant master-planned communities, mixed-use developments, public and private golf clubhouses, and other luxury residential and commercial projects.

Southwest's arid climate as well as its rich palette created a perfect backdrop for these architects and builders to place their finest work from the desert to the mountains. All of the homes showcased on the following pages have been selected for their immaculate design, originality of concept and inventive use of age-old architectural patterns infused with a modern aesthetic quality. Sit back and savor the beauty and splendor of this exclusive collection of photographs that capture the unique views of architects and builders across Southwest.





RIGHT: The hearth kitchen of this Rural Mediterranean Home, also in Silverleaf, is the central Gathering Room for formal and informal dining, exuding charm and expressing the casual lifestyle of the owners. Construction by Salcito Custom Homes Ltd. Photograph by Dino Tonn Photography

FACING PAGE: This Spanish Colonial estate home in the Silverleaf community of north Scottsdale welcomes guests with its hand-laid brick driveway, generous balconies and grand entry. Construction by Salcito Custom Homes Ltd. Photograph by Dino Tonn Photography

## DALE GARDON DESIGN



Dale Gardon says he's been neurotic about design since he was a child. "Perhaps 'neurotic' is too strong," says Dale, a Buffalo, N.Y., native who's been an architect in Arizona since 1986. "Let's say I am intensely focused on what this firm stands for: an unyielding pursuit of excellence. He holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY at Buffalo and a master's degree in Architecture from Arizona State University in Tempe, graduating at the top of his class.

With co-principals David Davis and Daniel Marinaro, along with an experienced staff, Dale takes command and heads up the residential design. They usually partner with experienced builders early in the process to ensure budget control, such as Salcito Custom Homes who built both homes featured here.

The firm is also known for its design of regionally relevant master-planned communities, mixed-use developments, public and private golf clubhouses, and other luxury residential and commercial projects. The firm's custom homes can be found throughout Paradise Valley and north Scottsdale.

Founded by Dale in 1999, the firm has also created residential design guidelines for communities such as Silverleaf, and DC Ranch, an exclusive enclave of luxury residential homes adjacent to the McDowell Mountains in Scottsdale. As Principal of another prominent Valley architectural firm, Dale was the primary planner and visionary for DC Ranch prior to founding his own firm.





“We build unique custom residences in the same way that we design communities,” Dale explains. “We design them with a holistic view — that is, we service our client’s vision start to finish, from the overall complexity of a residence located on a steep hillside to the smallest design details such as a custom-designed door handle for a front entry door.”

For individual homes, this meticulous process involves carefully crafting the site integration, selecting and working within an authentic style, guiding it through community and municipal design review boards, and, most importantly, ensuring it is built to the lifestyle and creative instincts of his clients.

Honesty and authenticity form the basis for the designs. “Most clients are not sure about their preferences for one style or another, so we guide them through an enjoyable design process culminating in a conceptual design document which memorializes all their individual and collective preferences,” Dale says.

Throughout the process, clients work directly with Dale and all of the staff, benefiting from impromptu ideas to beautiful pencil sketches depicting both the interior and the exterior of the home.

Still, he knows their firm is not a firm for everyone. “Our clients want very distinctive homes, designed within all programmatic requirements, and they want to enjoy the journey of the design process. We’re dedicated to making that journey interesting, exciting, and most of all, fun.”



# Q & A

more about dale...

**WHAT COLOR BEST DESCRIBES YOU?**  
 Chartreuse: On the one hand, it is just another shade of green, but it has a lot of intensity to it.

**IF YOU COULD ELIMINATE ONE DESIGN TECHNIQUE OR STYLE FROM THE WORLD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**  
 Anything that falls into a poorly composed execution of design, and the majority of what’s out there falls into this category of mediocrity.

**WHAT IS THE MOST UNIQUE HOME YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH?**  
 Placing a 10,000 square-foot home on a 35 percent hill sloping in three directions in a jurisdiction that has inordinately complicated hillside restrictions.

**WHAT IS THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENT YOU’VE RECEIVED PROFESSIONALLY?**  
 We are told by our clients that we succeed continually where others have failed.

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TOP LEFT: The Grand Lawn of this Spanish Colonial Estate provides a recreational oasis within a natural desert setting, with the outdoor living areas conveniently adjacent for enjoying the legendary Arizona sunsets. Construction by Salcito Custom Homes Ltd. Photograph by Dino Tonn Photography

BOTTOM LEFT: The Entertainment Room was designed with a traditional Spanish Colonial flair of arched beams and a barrel ceiling, with adjacent terrace views of the mountains and Valley below. Construction by Salcito Custom Homes Ltd. Photograph by Dino Tonn Photography

FACING PAGE: This Rural Mediterranean Estate stretches out along the steep contours of the mountain, affording a generous outdoor living area, with sunset and city lights views. Construction by Salcito Custom Homes Ltd. Photograph by Dino Tonn Photography