

(Shown below) Landscape architect **Jeff Berghoff** has beautifully captured the essence of Mediterranean-inspired design. Emphasizing a fragrant palette of drought-tolerant plantings, warm-toned hardscaping, and inviting outdoor living spaces, his work is often anchored by sculptural olive trees, terracotta and stone pots, gravel pathways, and shaded pergolas—all evoking an atmosphere of romance and intrigue. Vessels from **Studio Ressource**. **Hope's® Windows** from **Sienna Custom Windows & Doors**.



# HOME AGAIN

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Having outgrown their Arizona home, a Chicago couple once again turned to their trusted team for a second collaboration. Leading the lineup was master builder **Anthony Salcito** of **Salcito Custom Homes**, architect **Erik Peterson** of **PHX Architecture**, interior designer **David Michael Miller**, and landscape designer **Jeff Berghoff** of **Berghoff Design Group**. Together with their loyal network of subcontractors, suppliers, and skilled artisans, they set out to create a larger, more elegantly layered retreat in **Silverleaf** — one designed to comfortably accommodate their adult children and extended families.

A refreshingly distinctive new build in North Scottsdale, this refined and contemporized Spanish Colonial-style residence blends the best of indoor and outdoor living. Designed to capture abundant natural light, it features a highly livable floor plan perfectly suited for seasonal enjoyment in Arizona's sought-after desert climate.

"The client envisioned a warm and inviting atmosphere with ample room for guests to unwind and enjoy their stay," **Miller** explains. "While they didn't want the house to feel overly formal, they did want certain areas to exude elegance and refinement." Rich textures and intricate details were also essential to their vision.

A key design priority was maximizing views of the surrounding peaks — a challenge master builder **Anthony Salcito** embraced from the start. "In their previous home, the couple adored the McDowell Mountains, but the layout of their lot limited their views," **Salcito** shares. "The moment they contacted me about this new lot, I knew we could achieve their dream of having breathtaking mountain vistas visible from the entrance and throughout the entire home."



Furnishings and décor throughout were hand-selected by David Miller from collections by **Gregorius Pineo**, **Rose Tarlow**, and **Paul Ferrante**. At the entrance to the primary suite, the **Cello Oak Leaf** iron mirror — designed by **Christopher and Nicola Cox of Cox London** for **Rose Tarlow** — hangs above a circa-1780 Gustavian chest sourced from **Lief Antique Gallery** in Los Angeles. A celebration of modern-day craftsmanship, this centerpiece draws inspiration from both music and nature. The cello-shaped mirror is framed in carved wood with a cushioned surround, adorned with a profusion of pressed-tole and hand-shaped metal oak leaves. The intricate detail and artistry evoke the symphony of nature and the elegance of classical design. French oak floors from **Studio Ressource** in Scottsdale complete the setting.

Sun-drenched rooms highlight the property's magnificent details. From hand-hewn beams and plastered walls to carefully considered architectural elements — and down to the subtle, sublime selection of textiles and floor coverings — no detail has been overlooked.

Antique fireplace surround from France sourced through **Studio Ressource** in Scottsdale.

"The kitchen is spacious and bright," Miller notes. "It combines painted and stained cabinetry, a large window above the sink that floods the space with natural light, a plaster-built range hood, and a hand-made Spanish-glazed tile backsplash."



A dramatic layering of textures, patterns, materials, and finishes lends further weight to the statement: "It is impossible to categorize David Michael Miller's style." While harmonious blends of old and new, modern and traditional, are hallmarks of much of his work, this particular project—by Miller's own admission — took a unique twist, blurring the lines between architecture, construction, and interior design. French oak flooring from Studio Ressource in Scottsdale was expertly crafted by Premiere Wood Floors; the bluestone counters, sourced from Arizona Tile, were fabricated by Stockett Tile & Granite. Hardware, faucets, and fixtures are from Clyde Hardware.



"Initial discussions about the design resulted in a rural Mediterranean architectural style," Miller reveals. "It embodies much of the aesthetic of the Silverleaf community with a blend of old-world charm and a contemporary interior twist," Erik Peterson of PHX Architecture elaborates. For the exterior, Peterson employed stone, stucco, and reclaimed wood, while the interior showcases a warm neutral palette of limestone, wood flooring, a specialized wall-plaster finish, and reclaimed wooden beams. "The combination of these finishes, along with the home's architectural volume, creates a warm and inviting atmosphere," Miller adds.

The home offers numerous communal spaces, including both a formal living room and a family room. "The main living area boasts an elegant ambiance, thanks to its furnishings, and is defined by two large steel sash windows at either end," Salcito describes, noting the reclaimed wood beams on the ceiling and the antique French fireplace. "Art, artifacts, and carefully selected fabrics—linen and waxed linen—add a touch of richness and elegance to the space," Miller adds. The cozy family room, which flows seamlessly into the kitchen and dining area, serves as the heart of daily life and offers stunning views of the eastern mountains.

(Shown left) A custom fireplace surround, designed to Miller's exact specifications, was fabricated by Studio Ressource in Scottsdale.

(Shown below) "The family room opens to an outdoor dining and lounge patio when the weather is nice," Miller explains, noting that the patio is sheltered by a canopy constructed from reclaimed beams and wood planks.



Each bedroom exudes layered elegance, with pale wood floors, soft textiles, and hand-crafted lighting from esteemed makers such as **Paul Ferrante** and **Formations** — both available through Trade Professionals at John Brooks in Scottsdale. Furnishings from **Gregorius Pineo** and **Rose Tarlow** (also from John Brooks) provide a beautiful complement, balancing classic sophistication with comfort. An antique fireplace surround from **Studio Ressource** serves as a timeless focal point.



As the couple settled into their new retreat, they came to appreciate how every detail — from the carefully selected fixtures to the artisanal finishes — infuses the home with character and warmth. The design team succeeded in creating not only a visually stunning space, but one that fosters a deep sense of connection and tranquility.

The result is a perfect balance between subtle elegance and down-home comfort, ensuring this lifelong retreat will welcome family and friends for years to come. Their second journey with this talented team, marked by thoughtful design and meticulous attention to detail, stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and a shared vision in crafting spaces that truly resonate with the heart.

*(Shown below)* In the primary bathroom, reclaimed terra cotta tile sourced through **Studio Ressource** in Scottsdale is paired with leathered marble-top vanities. Custom millwork and antiqued glass mirrors strike the perfect balance between welcoming warmth and understated grandeur. All hardware, faucets and fixtures from **Clyde Hardware** in Phoenix. [clydehardware.com](http://clydehardware.com)



