

# INSIDE EDITION

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, AND WITH THAT THE PROMISE OF GREENER PASTURES AWAITS. WE TURN TO SOME OF ARIZONA'S BIGGEST LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS TO FIND OUT WHAT TRENDS AND INSPIRATIONS ARE ON THEIR RADAR.



"We enjoy incorporating architectural and expressive agaves and aloes with softer broad-leafed plant material; we love the dichotomy of structured elements with soft movement and contrasting colors within garden spaces. It's also amazing to integrate nature inside the home, which can further develop the feeling and mood. The layers, light, shadows and color should thoughtfully filter into each space."

—CHARLIE RAY



"In the Arizona climate, we are always sensitive to engage the local and indigo plants but with a twist. Various combinations I use are Senita, San Pedro and totem pole cacti mixed with my signature white roses and lavender. This makes for an electric planting that honors our regional characteristics while adding colors and softness."

—JEFF BERGHOFF



"When blending interior and exterior spaces, I begin by looking at the rugs in the client's home. Having colors, textures and shapes flow between these areas provides cohesion. Currently, my favorite plants include agave ovatifolia, also known as Whale's Tongue agave; aloe ferox, or tree aloe; and yucca schottii, also called mountain yucca."

—MARGARET JOPLIN



"In 2018, we're encouraging outdoor living through clean lines and technology. We aim for contemporary yet timeless designs that use all the newest advances in the industry, including excellent options in synthetic turf, low-use irrigation systems and color-changing LED lights controlled by your cell phone."

—RUSSELL GREY



"When clients think about adding color, the immediate reaction is to add flowers. However, in the desert climate, we can achieve vibrant colors with fewer maintenance issues and seasonal die backs by using hundreds of varieties of specimen cacti, agaves, yuccas and barrel cacti. Every window and entryway of the home should also contain a picture vignette of the landscape so it's dually enjoyed throughout."

—JAKE PLOCHER



## TALKING SHOP

WITH JULIA BUCKINGHAM

Chicago designer Julia Buckingham is strengthening her ties to Arizona with the opening of her Modernique storefront in Phoenix's Uptown Plaza. In her inaugural shop, she displays wares, furnishings, lighting, textiles and more—including custom pieces of Buckingham's own design previously available only to the trade—all demonstrating her signature style of mixing genres and colors. "We provide design services for discriminating clientele all over the country who request a dose of whimsy and pleasure in their interiors," she says. We chatted with Buckingham about the store, which will host monthly events, including book signings, art exhibits and trunk shows. [shopmodernique.com](http://shopmodernique.com)

**Why Uptown Plaza?** Uptown Plaza is in my blood! My grandparents, who were residents of Sun City back in the 1960s, used to shuffle all of us kiddos to shop at Uptown. We wore our best clothes and had a whole day of it together. Plus, the midcentury vibe is seriously a part of my design addiction.

**Tell us about what's on the floor.** In addition to my custom pieces, you'll find brands like Global Views, Made Goods, Currey & Company, Materials Marketing, Root Cellar Designs and Black Crow Studios, along with art sourced from my favorite artisans.

**What makes Modernique different from other showrooms?** Modernique is a lifestyle. It is a design aesthetic that has no rules or boundaries—a happy place that allows for color galore and pieces that make you smile, give pause and offer conversation.