April...a month of re-birth. In many parts of the country, they’re beginning to pull out of their long winter and a sense of renewal and anticipation sets in.

In Arizona, April is all about being outdoors...Baseball, Pat’s Run, Country Thunder, Exotic Car Shows, the Chandler Family Bike Ride, and food & wine festivals such as The Italian Festival, Scottsdale Culinary Festival, Birds & Beer, Wine & Dine and the BBQ Festival. There are also art festivals throughout the Valley of the Sun that will be sure to delight the senses.

An important day in April is Earth Day, April 22nd. First celebrated in 1970, it is now observed in more the 192 countries each year, it brings focus and demonstrates support for environmental protection. Earth day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson, who was awarded the Presidential Metal of Freedom in honor of this contribution.

I believe in Earth Day and what it stands for. I believe that we all should strive to leave this world a better place for future generations. What does that mean in the design world? It means re-use, and re-purpose. It means using sustainable materials, recycling, using low VOC paints and supporting manufacturers who adopt environmentally responsible manufacturing techniques.

Personally, it also represents buying local and supporting our local suppliers instead of getting a ‘better deal’ off of the internet. I do a lot of price checking on the internet...and I’m sure I’m not alone...but I always buy from my local distributor when I can. I recently had that happen with some hardware that I had been sourcing. It ended up costing me slightly more to get it from ‘my guy’, but I maintain our relationship and know that they’ll stand behind the product.

But enough of that...on to some great events that are coming up. April 17th we’re celebrating the outdoors and the extraordinary works of Dale Chihuly at the Desert Botanical Gardens. Complimentary admission to the Gardens is provided for our members, and we have a very distinguished panel who will discuss the integration of interior and exterior space, and landscape design.

May will bring a salute to our mid-century modern roots in Phoenix, with
Happy Earth Day!

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Gretchen Palmer, Allied ASID
President, Arizona North Chapter

Phoenix Home & Garden's Letter from the Editor:
Linda J Barkman

With its focus on gardens, the April issue of Phoenix Home & Garden is abloom with ideas and eye candy. Green thumbs, in particular, will delight in the picture-perfect plant combos, tips from landscapers, and list of local hot spots for plants, pots and other gardening must-haves. Also to be enjoyed are a very special home in Rio Verde with interior design by Jana Parker Lee, ASID, and our Guest Artist feature on Dyana Hesson and her beautiful botanical paintings.

Dale Chihuly at the Desert Botanical Garden: Don't Miss the April Chapter Meeting! April 17th, 5:30-8p
Register Today!

Integrating Architecture, Landscape & Interior Design.
Don't miss this dynamic panel discussion on our unique outdoor living space opportunities at the Desert Botanical Garden!
Registration now open!
Click here for details

ASID Sponsored 2nd Annual Design for Hope
Thu, April 24th, 5:30-8:30pm-Stardust Bldg Supply

Register Now!
Don't miss the event to once again challenge local interior designers to design kitchens with recycled and reused materials! Explore their creative renderings and unique DIY projects that will inspire you to reuse and repurpose!
Click here for details

Coverings Interior Design Portfolio Review at Trade
Register for Coverings

Edie Cohen of Interior Design will be hosting a Portfolio Review composed of one-on-one meetings where designers can showcase their latest projects and receive feedback from the magazine’s point of view.

Reserve Your Portfolio Review

Calling ALL Industry Partners & Designers!
ASID Sample Sale Needs Your Donations!
Sat, May 3rd, 9am-2pm Scottsdale Design Center

All members are invited to donate sellable samples, close-outs, and other items to our sale. Drop-off locations will be posted soon. We need your donations to make this event a success. A portion of the proceeds go to student membership scholarships and Smile Train.

For more info

An Evening with Swarovski Tomorrow: Wed, April 9th, 5:30-8pm Hosted by Phoenix Home & Garden and Premier Lighting
All the information you need to comply with your membership’s CEU requirements can be found here.

If you couldn’t make a recent Chapter event, see what you’ve missed:

Earn 0.1 CEU Credit;  Premier Lighting Event!  
**Wed, April 9th, 4:30-5:30pm  Register now**

Crystal Fundamentals: Introduction to crystal and its use with lighting. Attendees receive Swarovski pens. Limited seating, RSVP now.

Wine Down Wednesday at Allstate Appliances  
**Wed, Apr 9th, 5:30-7pm PV Design Center  Register now**

Join us as Janne Mahan will be cooking and demonstrating...you’re in for a treat!  The event is free but space is limited. Please RSVP.

Earn 0.1 CEU Credit;  Underfoot University!  
**Thu, April 17th, 11:30a-1pm  Register now**

Leather for Wall Surfaces Lunch & Learn  
Underfoot Luxury Trade Showroom  
CEU-102566  
More Info

Houzz Design Workshops in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, April 22-23

**Though there is no fee for these events, the ASID-New Mexico Chapter will begin accepting donations for special events hosted by the Chapter. Any donations provided will go towards the ASID Foundation and the local Chapter to host more events like this!**

Floor & Decor Industry Networking Event!
Wed, April 23rd, 5-8pm  **Register now**
Welcoming valued Architects, Builders, Contractors, Designers, Installers and Realtors! Dinner at 6pm. Great raffle prizes.  [More info]

Shuttersandco Scottsdale Grand Re-Opening,
Thu, May 1st, 4-7pm

Join us as we welcome Designers Workroom and H&R Fabrics into our showroom. (480) 478-8612

Are You Pinning?  Wed, May 6th, 5-7pm at Westar Kitchen & Kath  **Register Now**
You're missing out if you are not Pinning! Bring your laptop. Coffee & noshes served. $20 payable to USO for Operation Enduring Care.  [More Info]

0.2 CEUs: Dunn-Edwards Designer Event on Tue, 
May 20th, 11a-1:30p, Phx Factory  **Register Now**

2 CEU Presentations, Modern Masters Presentation, Tour of the LEED Gold Phoenix Factory, Networking Lunch, Regional Grand Prize Drawing & more!  [More Info]

0.2 CEUs: Dunn-Edwards Designer Event on Wed, 
May 21st, 11am-1:30pm, Scottsdale Store
**Register now**

2 CEU Presentations, Modern Masters Presentation, Networking Lunch with Designers and Contractors, Regional Grand Prize Drawing & more!  [More Info]

Interior Design Camp in Las Vegas, July 19th-21st
**Register Now**
Interior Design Camp is a two-day seminar hosted by Celebrity Interior Designers Kelli Ellis and Lori Dennis. Interior Design Camp is for designers at every level of expertise. Interior Design Camp reveals how to thrive and excel in today's economy.  [More Info]
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0.2 CEU On-Line: The Art of Difficult Conversations
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