



# SPACES

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**H**ello Neighbors! Many know that for a few years – dare I say decades – I have been feeling, learning, observing, creating, and implementing design elements all around me. I firmly believe, like in all innate passions, that I was born with a design-sensitivity gene. My mother had a wonderfully natural sense of style and wonder. She had it, and I was surrounded by her nurturing appreciation for details, color, balance, and all that is interesting in the world of art and design. It became a seemingly fated progression of this passion that I pursued my education, internships, and professional practice in the fabulous field of Interior Design.

**Another bonus** to the osmosis feeding my passion was growing up in the Washington DC. area where we were surrounded by architectural and decorative art history - much of which was part of our daily vocabulary.

**It's a passion, alright!** Finding your passion can result in having your work be your pleasure – we've all heard of that ideal situation. I am fortunate that I love what I do, and it feeds my need to enjoy, express, and even promote good design every day.

**Upon arrival in 1978**, I was introduced to the then primarily tri-culture of Albuquerque. I was quite out of my element and quickly absorbed many new things having to do with uniquely southwestern design, native cultural influences, unique regional architectural methods and details, along with geographic differences that added to my repertoire of knowledge and appreciation. Things have exponentially changed since, and our multicultural community continues to grow and evolve over the years, bringing many new design elements to the table and connecting our little island to the rest of the world!

**Here to stay!** I opened my own practice, PATRICIAN DESIGN, in downtown Albuquerque, in 1984 where I still have my boutique gallery and gift shop. My father, despite growing up in Clovis, New Mexico, also had a great appreciation for the wonders of nature and for things of beauty. My parents moved here from the DC area in 1986. They became members of Tanoan even before they moved here, and I enjoyed their involvement with the club for

many years. In 1997 my husband, Don, and I married and moved into our own home in Tanoan. He had been a member for many years, and we have loved being a part of this unique community that continues to provide great neighbors, festive gatherings, a beautiful setting, great sports, and an ever-evolving fulcrum for fun activities.

**This column** will explore lifestyles as they relate to the spaces in which you live, work and play. I love questions and welcome your queries – you might be surprised how many share your thoughts and design dilemmas! Lifestyle stories - as relate to design decisions and directions - are fun! Please email questions, comments, or anecdotes to [email@patriciandesign.com](mailto:email@patriciandesign.com)

**As we navigate this journey** through a variety

of spaces and design tips, I hope that you enjoy the process, get some great ideas, solve a few issues and enjoy your spaces to the fullest!



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