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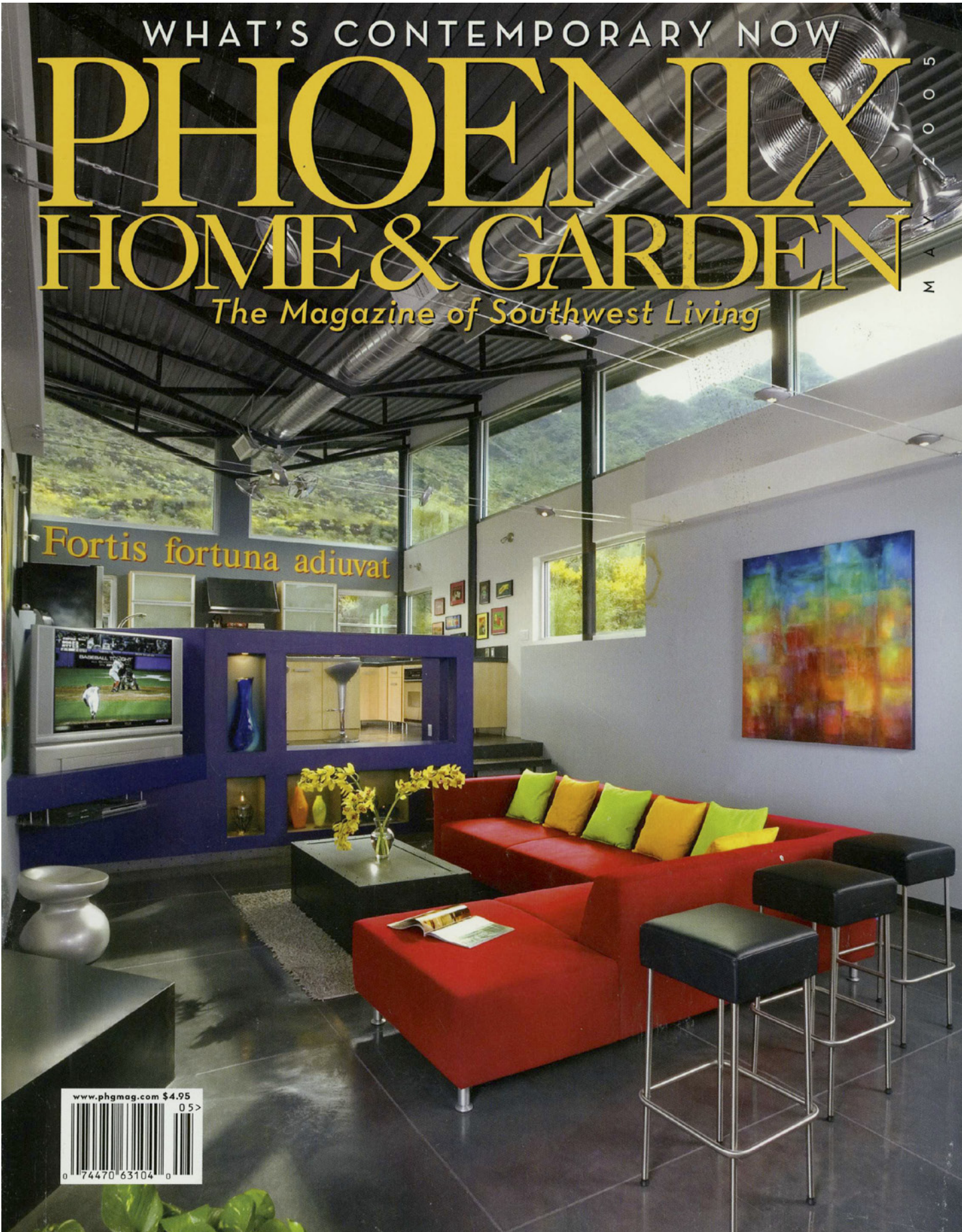
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GARDENING NEWS

□ MAY 2
BASICS OF
HARDSCAPES
 6-9 p.m., \$36/members,
 \$45/nonmembers,
 Desert Botanical Gar-
 den, (480) 941-1225,
 www.dbg.org. The hard-
 scape elements of a gar-
 den, including walls and
 walkways, are as impor-
 tant as plants in creating
 a lasting outdoor space.
 Landscape designer Car-
 rie Nimmer talks about
 the pros and cons, basic
 properties and appropri-
 ateness of building
 materials. Bring one
 large photo of your
 house to class. Limited
 to 30 participants.

□ MAY 7
DESIGNING
WITH WATER
FEATURES
 9 a.m.-noon, \$36/mem-
 bers, \$45/nonmembers,
 Desert Botanical Gar-
 den, (480) 941-1225,
 www.dbg.org. Water in
 the landscape is a mes-
 merizing quality, with
 its varied sounds, visual
 beauty and refreshing
 ambience. Join land-
 scape designer Carrie
 Nimmer during this
 slide presentation and
 discover the many
 options available. Limit-
 ed to 30 participants.

□ MAY 14
SALSA
GARDENING
 10:30 a.m., \$40,
 Southwest Gardener,
 (602) 279-9510. Add a

little spice to your life
 with a salsa garden.
 Under the guidance of
 Tucson author Scott
 Calhoun, participants
 will create a salsa garden
 in a pot with tomatoes,
 peppers, oregano,
 cilantro and chives.
 Reservations required.

□ MAY 14
POND TOUR
 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10/car-
 load, (480) 654-2107,
 www.phoenixponds.com.
 The Greater Phoenix
 Pond Society presents
 its ninth-annual self-
 guided tour with visits
 to seven homes. The
 nonprofit organization
 is dedicated to helping
 people in Arizona
 understand and enjoy
 creating water gardens
 in the desert. This year's
 tour will include stops in
 east Phoenix, Tempe
 and Mesa.

□ MAY 24
LANDSCAPING
FOR SMALL
PLACES
 6-9 p.m., \$36/members,
 \$45/nonmembers,
 Desert Botanical Gar-
 den, (480) 941-1225,
 www.dbg.org. Not sure
 how to handle a small
 outdoor area, but want
 to create something special?
 Garden horticulturist
 Kirti Mathura will help
 you design a garden with
 interesting and appropri-
 ate plants for intimate
 spaces. Limited to 30
 participants.



CLEAN AND SIMPLE
A new line of landscape containers from Valley artist Larry Kornegay showcases the designer's flair for using cast concrete as a sculptural medium. Kornegay says his Dune Series wok-style vessels, shown here in natural gray, were inspired by the desert's sand dunes. The pots come in three sizes in a wide range of integrally colored concrete. They are available to the trade at Kornegay Designs, (888) 967-5767; www.kornegaydesign.com.



Growing Orchids

For centuries, gardeners have been enticed by the beauty and mystery of the orchid. In *Orchids: A Care Manual* (Laurel Glen), authors Brian and Sara Ritterhausen offer guidelines for the beginner on how to plant and care for this delicate flower.

Year-round techniques for watering and feeding, in addition to proper lighting and temperature, are explained in detail. Striking images throughout this extensive directory highlight the orchid's colorful splendor.