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# ON LOCATION **NORTHERN ARIZONA**

Known for its stunning and diverse landscapes, renowned artisans and prestigious residential communities, Northern Arizona has become a desirable location for vacationers and long-term residents alike. With countless outdoor activities and an ever-growing cultural presence, the opportunities for entertainment and exhilaration are ceaseless. Discover the best the region has to offer, design inspirations included, from some of its foremost industry experts.

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## STEPHANIE LARSEN INTERIOR DESIGN

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In 2000, Stephanie Larsen was living and working in Orange County, California, where she'd established her firm, Stephanie Larsen Interior Design, some years before. While she loved the area, Larsen was looking to live at a slower, more intentional pace, and when she stumbled upon Sedona, she knew she'd found her new home. "The lifestyle in Northern Arizona is relaxed and casual, and the people are welcoming, energetic and well-educated," she says. In addition to the community and culture, Larsen has thrived in Northern Arizona's design scene. "Homeowners don't need to bring an outside architect, builder or designer

from the big city," she says. "We have all moved here, and award-winning talent abounds." In fact, Larsen herself has been lauded for her ability to deliver spaces equaling those found in the most design-centric cities. Her philosophy relies on balancing beauty, function and personalization. "I discover what makes the client feel comfortable in a home and actualize that vision," she says. "I particularly enjoy seeing it all come to life. At the end, when all the surfaces are in, the furniture is placed, pictures are hung and accessories have been added ... that's satisfying."

## REGIONAL INSIGHTS FROM STEPHANIE LARSEN

### The lifestyle.

In Northern Arizona, you can forget the 9 to 5; relax and take in the breathtaking environment. It can inspire a discovery of self.

### The arts and activities.

We have a chamber music series, poetry slams, improv groups and a number of festivals, which focus on everything from art to yoga or biking.

### The future.

In recent years, a greater number of national building and retail companies have established themselves here, but I don't think Sedona is ever going to lose its beauty and appeal. It has a natural, built-in development limit, because there is a finite amount of acreage and it's surrounded by protected wilderness.

*"Northern Arizonans are open-minded, engaged and full of life."*



**1.** Four drum-shaped lights accentuate the free-form, custom-designed walnut-slab dining table. The framed wall art depicts a 16-million-year-old fossil. **2.** Upholstered host and hostess chairs update an existing dining room table. Other notable features include the natural walnut console, area rug, wall art, chandelier and sconces. **3.** A traditional Southwestern-style home received a contemporary facelift, with leather-and-fabric accent cushions, a wood-and-iron coffee table and organic accessories.

**1. & 3.** Photography by Ian Whitehead  
**2.** Photography by Mal Cooper



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Good design is tailored for people's lives. We all love beautiful things—humans have a need for balance, beauty and harmony in our living spaces. But it must be comfortable and functional to remain well designed.

*Stephanie Larsen*



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