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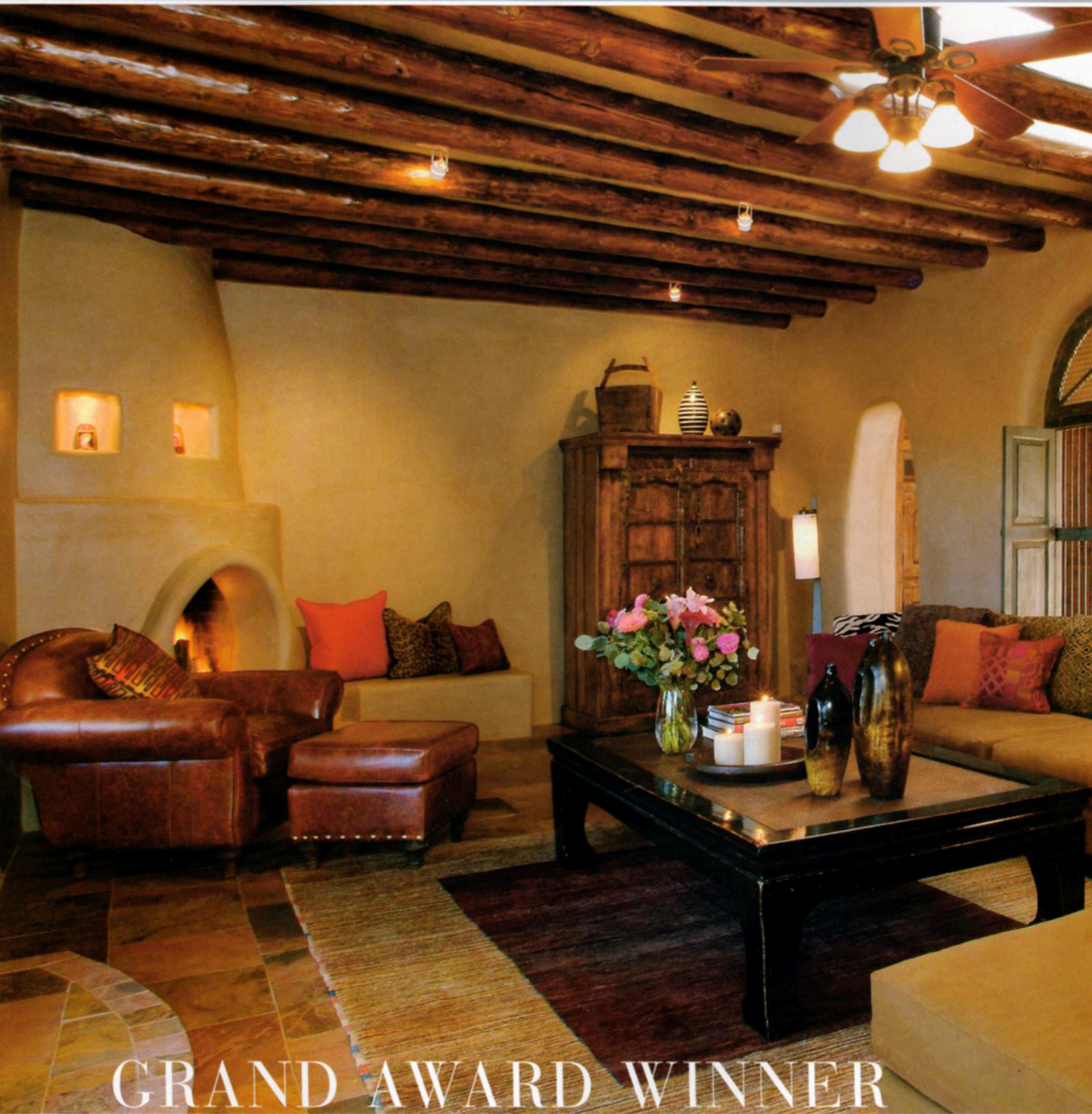
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FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL Home of the Year competition, we invited architects, builders, decorators, and homeowners to send in images of their best residences. Our only caveat: submissions had to be actual homes, not properties for sale. The standouts—from our Grand Award winner, a remodel by Marty and Owen Nelson, to three merit awards and a few honorable mentions—all showcase the immense adaptability of our regional architectural traditions. Over the next few pages, we invite you to take a peek into some of Northern New Mexico's finest houses, all of which capture the diversity and beauty encompassed by today's Santa Fe style.—Ashleigh Morris



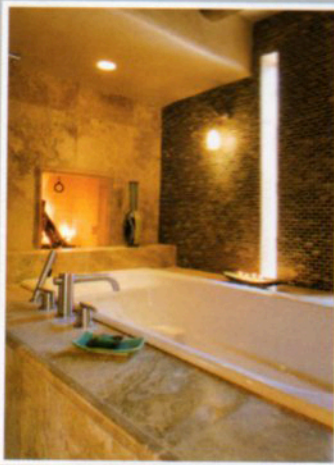
GRAND AWARD WINNER

Santa Fean's annual Home of the Year Awards



REMODEL **Eastside transformation**

Marty and Owen Nelson like a challenge, which is what they got when they bought this adobe near Acequia Madre that had languished on the market for months. "It was a pit," Marty says about the nearly 3,000-square-foot home, built in the 1970s and later subdivided into three apartments. The goal: "to turn it back into the original house as best we could," she says. Walls were ripped out, archways reclaimed (the house featured many, all of which had been plastered over). And antique shutters and doors—something the pair often install in their remodeling projects—were added



throughout. A guest bathroom was partitioned to make space for a powder room, which was then plastered black to complement the stacked stone and pedestal sink in what she calls a tribute to "Santa Fe Asian." One of our favorite updates: the addition of a reading nook in the master bedroom, along with a double-sided fireplace that also opens into the master bath. Building an elegant streetside portal completed the transformation both inside and out. "It had no curb appeal at all," says Marty. Good thing the pair could spot the potential.

Why it won A masterful blend of modern yet classic updating, an elegant color scheme and design motif carried throughout, plus the extra effort inherent in a remodel all come together beautifully to make this our Grand Award winner.

Details Builder: Owen Nelson; interior design: Marty Nelson, both of Inside Out Design and Build, Inc., www.insideoutdesignsantafe.com. Photographs by Paul Kohlman



Clockwise from top left: master bath with double-sided fireplace; black plaster walls in the Asian-inspired powder room; a reconfigured kitchen; the master bedroom with an added reading nook and fireplace on the far wall. Previous pages: the living room with reclaimed archways, and the main entry hall, which was once subdivided into a series of galley-style kitchens for three separate apartments