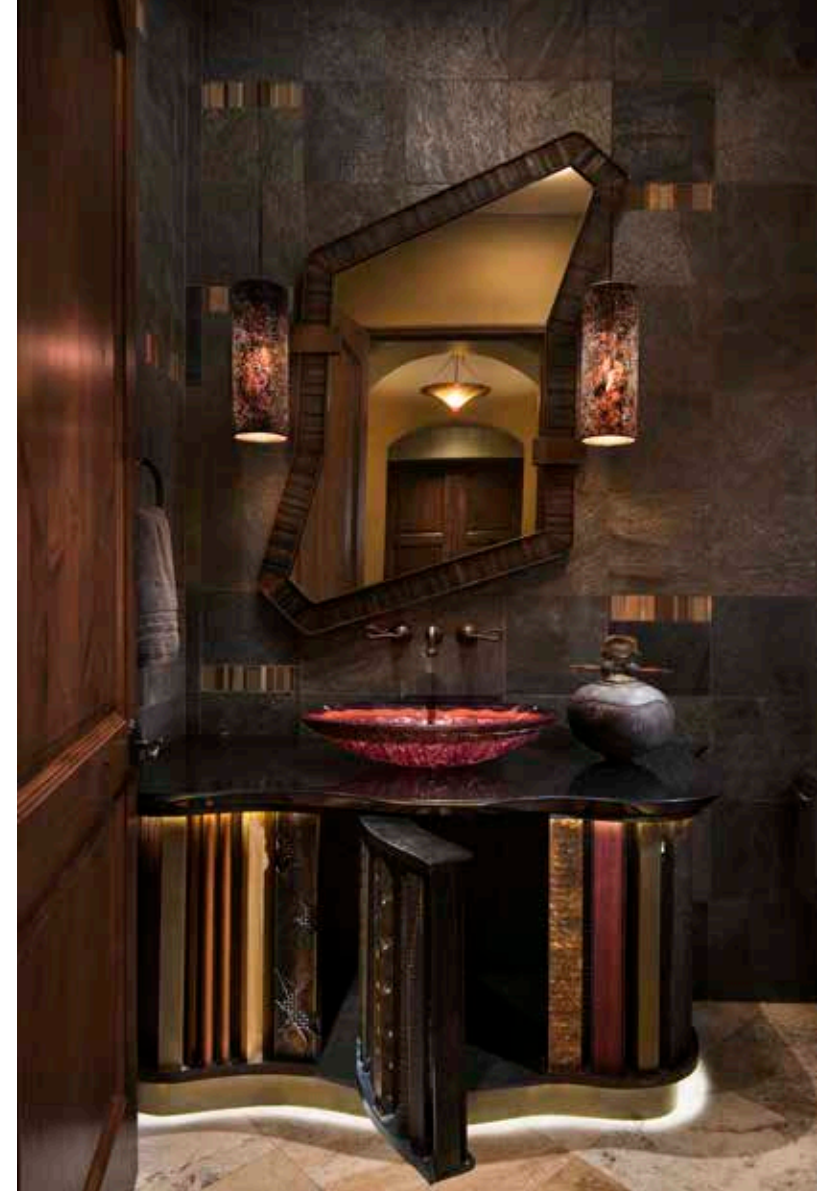


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A DESIGN STANDOUT

DEBRA MAY HIMES,

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Local resident Debra May Himes was a standout at The American Society of Interior Designers Gala for the Arizona North Chapter this past August. The event was held at the Phoenician where Himes was honored with multiple awards, including one for her powder bath pedestal design and one for a wine cellar created for Desert Mountain clients.

In addition to the awards for the powder room and wine cellar, Himes was honored with “Designer of Distinction” for her service to her ASID chapter as well as her community; this is an especially noteworthy achievement as it is bestowed upon members by their colleagues.

For those new to design, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Arizona North Chapter is the top organization for local interior designers. Each year, ASID recognizes its members’ design achievements in multiple categories ranging from residential and commercial to sustainability and healthcare.

In the fixtures category, Himes’ powder room was described as extremely creative. In fact, Linda J. Barkman, author of design-piece descriptions in Phoenix Home & Garden, wrote, “The

powder room perhaps more than any other room in a house, is where a designer is often given free rein to be creative. This one, designed by Debra May Himes, is no exception, and the vanity cabinet is the star of the show.”

Equally creative is Himes’ wine room design where the racking, lighting, finishes and organization of the wine were integral to the project. The cellar is described as having “Mexican Noce travertine, which adorns the floor while red faux-finishes embellish the walls. Above the soffits, up-lighting accents the brick ceiling while enhancing the ambiance. Adding to the organic elements in the space, vertigo geometric pendants hang from the brick ceiling and complement the wine room door, which was also designed by Himes. Organic in features, the door presents a touch of whimsy with colored glass elements representing the bottoms of the wine bottles.”

For more on Himes’ designs and awards, visit <http://dmhdesign.com/>