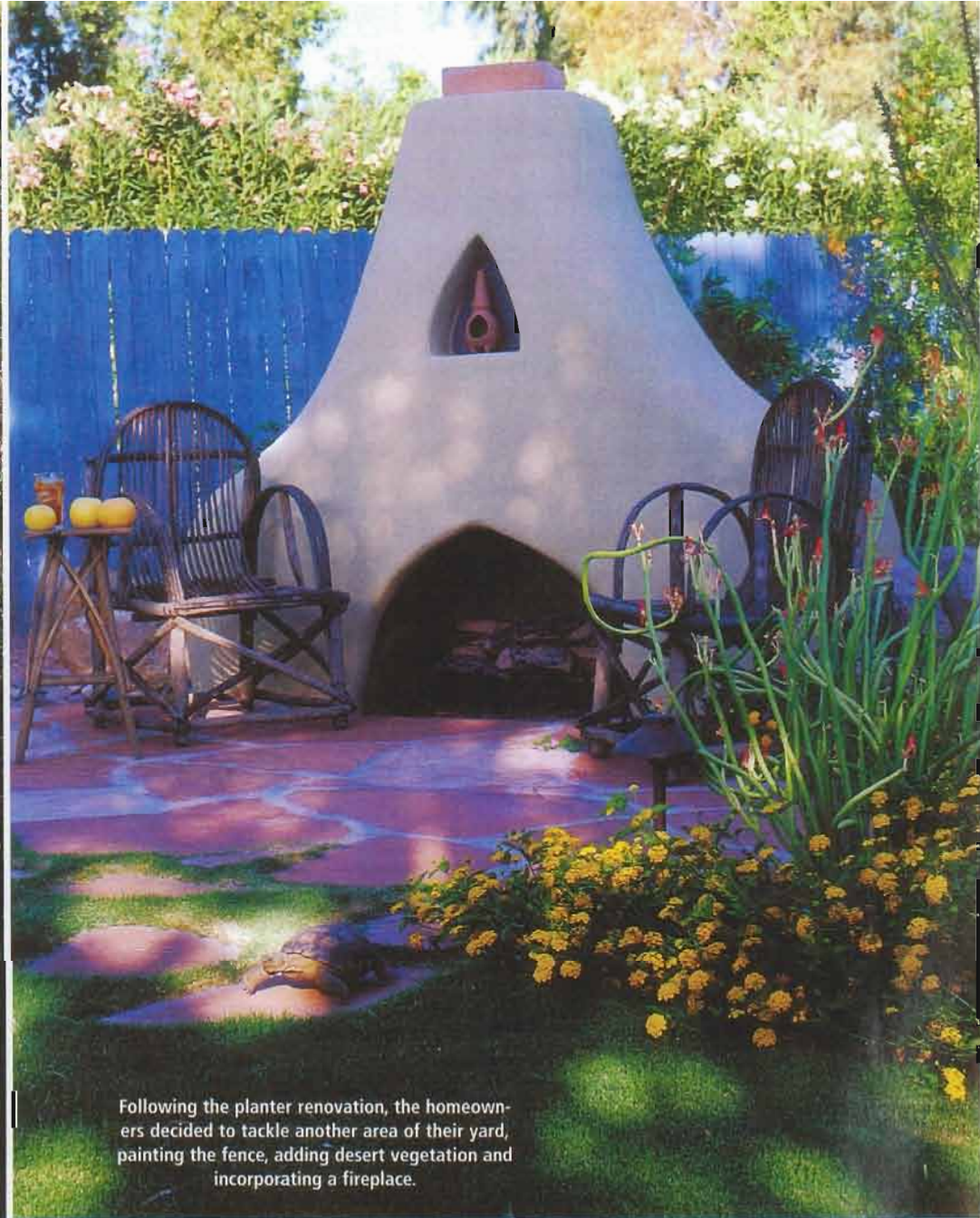




Water lilies, umbrella plants and water cannas flourish in a pond that was once a planter.



Following the planter renovation, the homeowners decided to tackle another area of their yard, painting the fence, adding desert vegetation and incorporating a fireplace.

## TAKES ON NEW LIFE AS A FISH POND

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their back yard. Landscaped by Exteriors by Chad Robert, the area is filled with colorful desert shrubs and perennials. The new design complements the rest of the landscape and creates a sense of depth.

"What a difference it makes," says an admiring Georgia. And even though she and her husband lost an entire family of goldfish to a visiting blue heron last year, they find solace in the water feature.

For Georgia, who grew up in St. Louis and always had a pond, the water feature is the jewel of the garden.

### Renovation Details

- A waterfall was constructed to flow through pool fencing to tie the pond and swimming area together.
- The addition of a waterfall hides a pump and helps keep water clear of algae.
- One side of the pond edge was capped with pink Mesa flagstone to create a usable seat wall.
- Choosing appropriate water vegetation, which doesn't need a lot of sun or require deep water, adds color and greenery.



See Resource Guide.