



264 SOUTHWEST STYLE

## Specialty

## CONTESSA STONE

A Word on Cantera...

Cantera is a quarried igneous stone that is made of calcite materials. Formed millions of years ago by extreme volcanic heat and pressure, cantera is by it's nature volcanic ash meshed with a variety of secondary older rock materials from the surrounding areas... thus lacing cantera with multi-colored pumice fragments. Color and density will vary from quarry to quarry, and as well dependent upon cuts, both vertically and horizontally within the quarry.

Natural beauty, exquisite colors, texture and durability have made cantera a preferred building material for much of history. Many ancient buildings and monuments in Mexico still stand in tribute to this alluring material after hundreds of years.

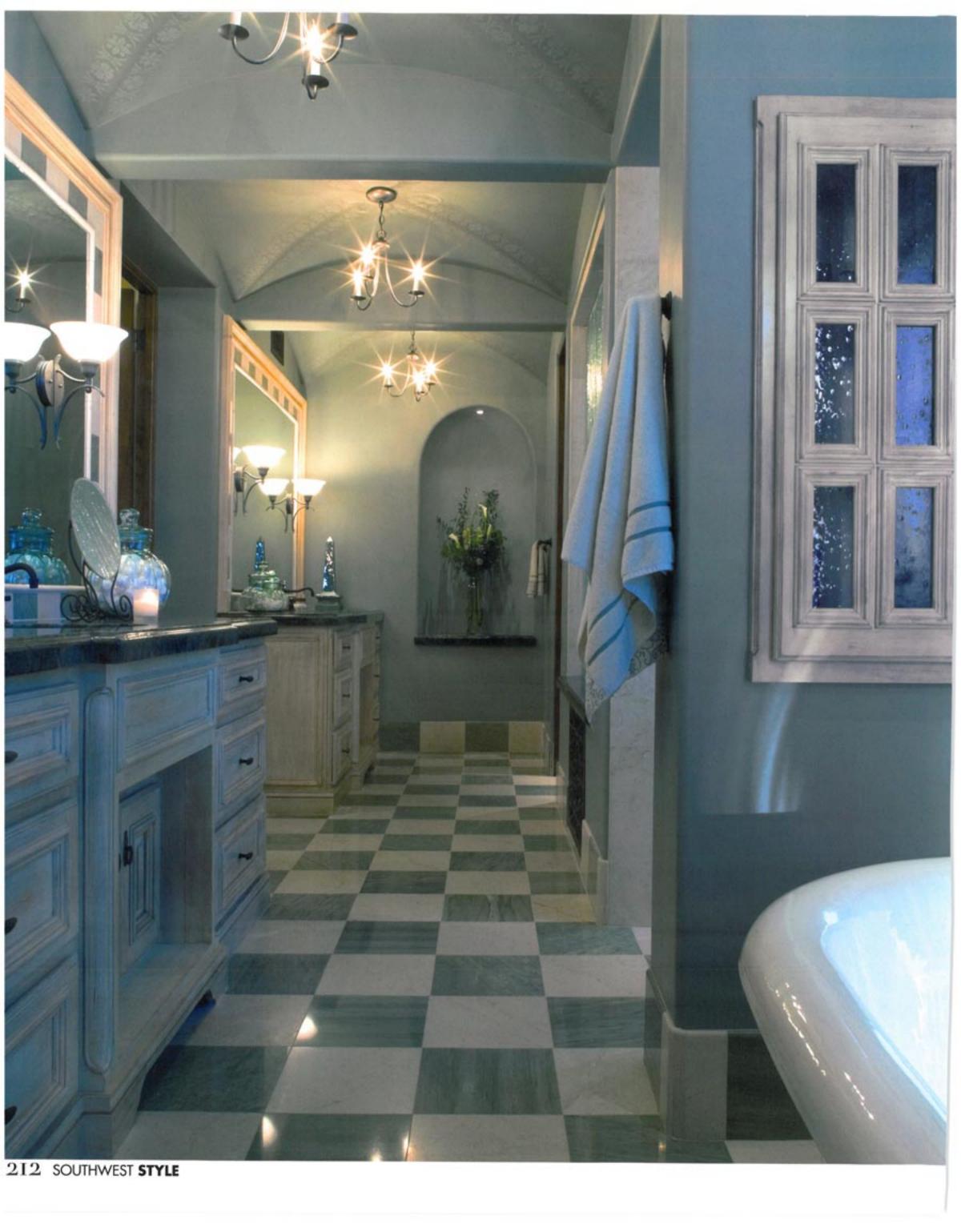
Spanish conquistadors brought to America the techniques for carving cantera stone into elaborate and beautiful shapes. The centuries-old artistic technique has remained unchanged in its primitive execution.

A leader in the acquisition, design and masterful execution of cantera, Contessa Stone Design takes great pride in their unparalleled artistry of some of the Valley's most significant and elaborate installations. (See also pages 226-227 and the inside back cover.)

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## Interior Design

## **BROOKS-HENRY**

Janet Brooks, ASID has been a leading design professional for more than 25 years. Originally based out of Colorado, she has long since moved her design practice to Arizona. Along the way she has completed projects from Coast to Coast, often including work for repeat clients. Extensive experience in high-end residential and resort hospitality has given her a rich and diverse background to draw from in creating both imaginative as well as mindful interior spaces.

Angelica Henry, ASID, has had experience in both commercial and high-end residential design for almost 10 years, with a 5-year Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from Arizona State University. Her passion for innovation brings a fresh eye to each project. In addition, her attention to detail and client commitment results in inspired and unexpected solutions.

In conjunction, the design duo has been recognized in numerous design publications and competitions, both locally and nationally. They often enjoy collaborating on projects to bring depth to the design experience.

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