Sue Morris is owner/artist with La Bella Decorative Finishes in the Phoenix area. Not only does she provide outstanding high quality finishes ranging from custom glazes to specialty plasters, but she can also introduce your clients to an alternative method used for outdated countertops by artfully reworking existing substrates. She is licensed in the new Aurastone(tm) System which "allows custom, artistic finishes to be created to complement any interior scheme, existing decor and home elements." And, this method is ecofriendly and outperforms granite and marble. What Sue likes best about the Aurastone technique is its versatility, durability and the ability to achieve exactly what the designer has ordered.

In a recent kitchen design, Denise Teichert of Teichert Design Group obtained custom cabinetry, exquisite granite and top-of-the-line appliances for her client. However the homeowner opted not to put up fabrics or decorative lighting which left the perimeter wall and ceiling feeling a bit plain and cold. She brought in myself, Suzanne Whitaker of Passion 4 Murals LLC, to help. Denise said, "Together we worked on creating softness and warmth by bringing color and pattern up and around the room through her artistic creation. We designed a custom stencil pattern off the existing iron scrollwork and pulled color out of the granite countertop." Designers and Artists are truly an amazing team when it comes to the final touches, the creative punch that brings it all together.

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## Design Excellence Award Winner

Please accept our apologies for not including the 2nd place winner in the Residential categoary. The omitted information is below:



Residence, Condo or Apartment Under 3500 sq ft 2nd Place - Kim Scodro, Allied Member, ASID of Kim Scodro Interiors.

