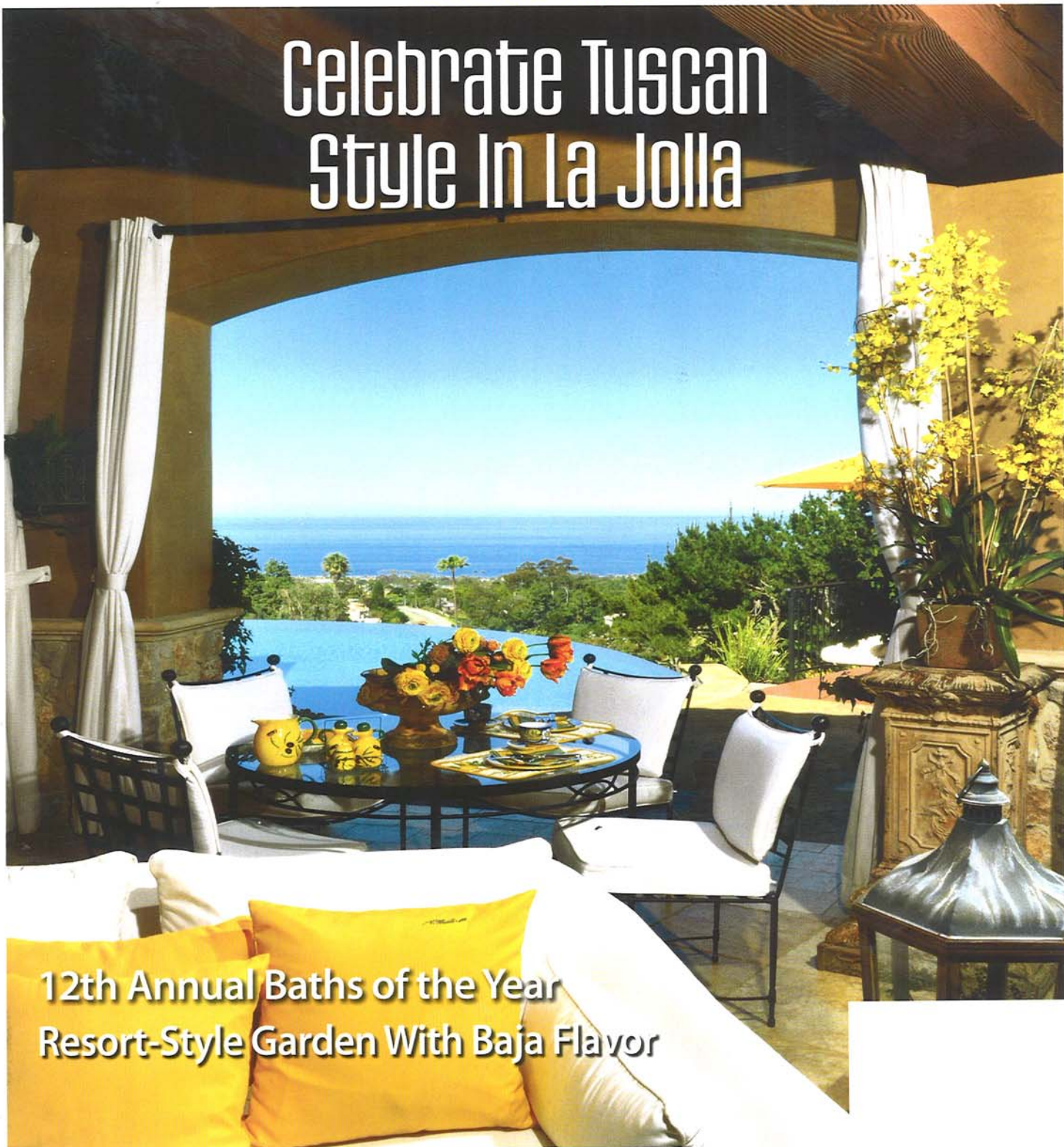


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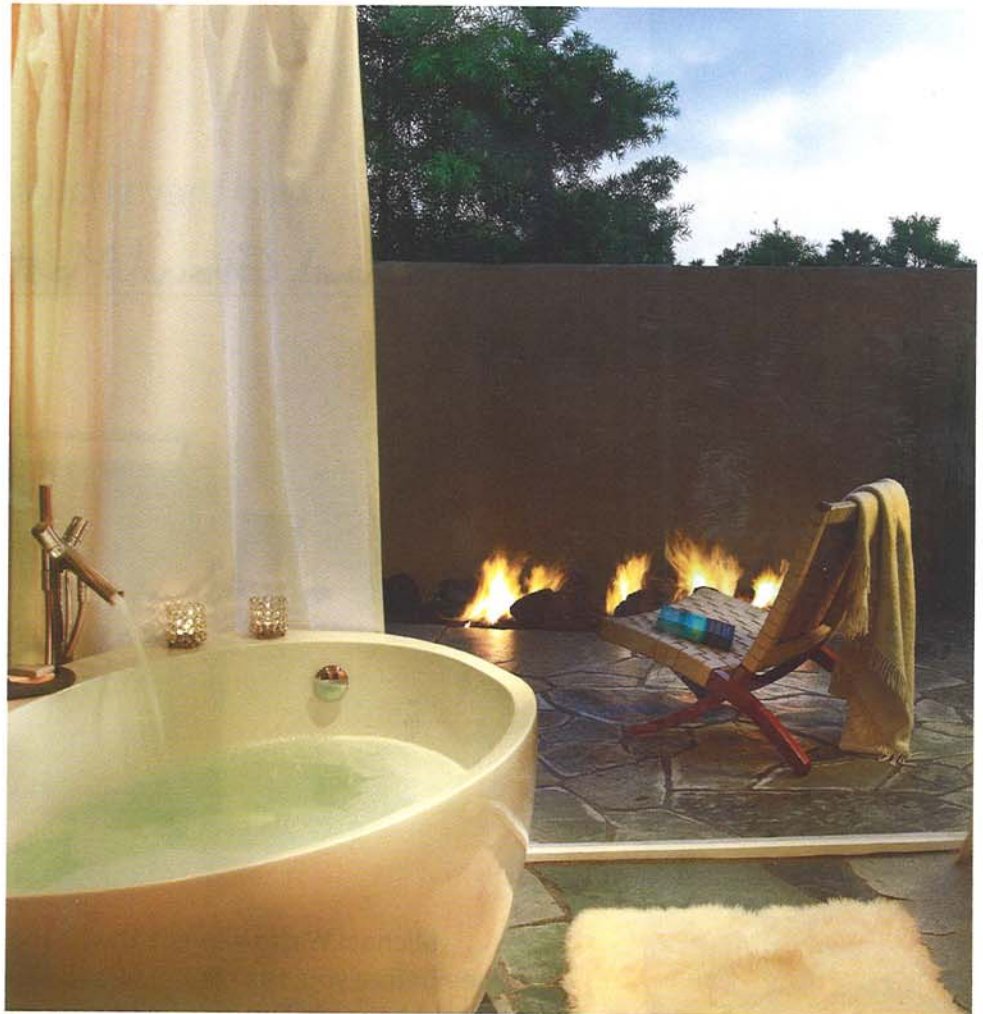
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On the Cover: You can see forever from the alluring outdoor living space of this La Jolla Tuscan-themed home. Designer Moe Razi. Photograph by Martin Mann. See page 30.

Right: Annual Baths of the Year Grand Prize winner. Designer Lena Brion. Photograph by Shelley Metcalf. See page 50.



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TUSCANY IN LA JOLLA

A tableau of tapestries, terraces and topaz tints

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Designer Moe Razi gave this outdoor living room in La Jolla the essence of a villa in Tuscany. A sponge-paint technique on walls adds rustic flair as do sconces and other accessories. Curtains frame the exterior's breathtaking scenery and can be closed to keep the space warm, along with heaters, during colder months. "This is a favorite spot for my clients to enjoy breakfast, lunch or even a casual dinner," she says.





The owner, who runs Skova Soul Jewelry on Prospect Street in La Jolla, a home party-based jewelry retailer, also owns a home in Toronto, for which Razi also designed the interiors. In La Jolla, he converted one of the two garages into a full gym, but other than purchasing some of the antiques himself, he gave Moe carte blanche in all the design decisions. She decided to move the master bedroom upstairs, and turn the original master bedroom into the family TV and game room, adding French doors opening onto the outdoor living room, which encompasses the canyon, the ocean, and much of La Jolla.

"Every room has a different energy and theme, yet they all speak to each other," Razi explains. "Like the right melody. Every house needs its melody."

One reason it all came together was, according to Razi, "Everything we picked was picked with love and passion. I really love everything about the place, and my clients tell me every time they walk in, the beauty of the place captures them — which I love hearing." ♦

Top: Lounge chairs by the infinity pool provide a perfect location for catching some California sun.

Opposite: Razi installed a mini kitchen for her clients' upstairs outdoor patio. "It's a lovely romantic spot, great for hanging out during sunsets or sunrises," she says.

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