

## 2012 YOUNG GUNS - AMY GUTIERREZ

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Seated in the living room of a client's north Scottsdale home, designer Amy Gutierrez says the "floating" aquarium—also seen from the adjacent dining room—is "a whimsical conversation piece." Portrait by Chris Loomis

**AMY GUTIERREZ, ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
ASID INTERIOR DESIGNER**

**Sanctuaries Interior Design, LLC,  
Scottsdale**

**Age: 44**

### **How did you get into this line of work?**

With a background in luxury hotels, I moved to 14 wonderfully diverse cities across the U.S. and the Caribbean. I loved integrating the essence of each culture into my new home, while remembering the path I had traveled to get there. Upon arriving in the desert, I knew I found my true home. I was inspired to take a leap of faith and begin my new career as a designer.

### **What inspires you?**

I have a passion for travel. Design inspiration may come from watching artists master their trade in the galleries of New Orleans or from the dramatic landscape of the Sonoran Desert. Inspiration does not always arise from a glorious adventure, but from a simple moment at home. These moments are the inspiration of all great design.

### **What is your design philosophy?**

Authenticity is the key to something exceptional. An uncompromising attention to detail is essential. Adding distinctive furnishings and genuinely reflecting my clients' tastes create that intangible energy you find in a home.

### **What is your biggest design accomplishment to date?**

Each time a client says I interpreted their vision into more than they were hoping for.

### **What's on the horizon?**

I am currently developing an extension of my website to include a line of luxury items, such as stemware and accessories, chosen specifically for entertaining.

Eclectic and multicultural define her own north Scottsdale home. A large wood Moroccan ceiling tile hangs on a wall of the billiards room.



Photos by Pam Singleton



Spanish Colonial influences abound in the dining room of a client's home.

The exotically furnished living room opens to a patio and pool.

