

## Alexon Design and Landscaping Newsletter OUTDOOR FIREPLACES & THE HOLIDAYS

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Dear TJ,

### We need your help!

In our last newsletter, we told you about our goal to help give a local needy family a nice Christmas this season. I know times are tough for all of us, but they are a lot tougher for others. This newsletter hits over 800 people. ***If we can get \$3.00 from everyone, we can accomplish this goal.*** Please contact our office at 480.699.7796 to help us out with this. Thank you.

### OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

When I first got in this industry, I was amazed how many clients wanted a fireplace or fire pit within their landscape design. A fireplace for the desert didn't seem to make much sense. Eight years later, I couldn't



disagree more. Outdoor fire features offer so many different functions and benefits. When most people think of fire, they think of heat. When considering a fireplace or fire pit in your back yard, heat should not be a factor in your decision making. Always consider placement first.

Fireplaces are much bigger than fire pits, but they take up a lot less space. A fire pit needs surround seating which typically requires a minimum of 150 square feet. Fireplaces



can be at the end of patios or backed up against property walls and are still very functional. Fire pits



however are much more intimate, and allow more people to enjoy the fire and have

a conversation. Fireplaces are beautiful structures that can be a focal point in your back yard, and eye-catching when not in use.

Your lifestyle is the next thing to consider. If you entertain a lot, and you have the room, maybe two fire pits could work. Two fire pits would be about the price of one fireplace, and create a great atmosphere



when having a get together. Or maybe a double sided fireplace would fit in your design. If your backyard landscaping was completed a while ago, we can easily add a steel framed fireplace to complement your design. Whether it be on an existing patio or next to your hot tub.



The last thing to consider is natural gas or wood burning. They both have their benefits. Natural gas is much more convenient and can be used year round. You can turn the gas up in the winter, and keep it low

in the summer and have that ambiance whenever you want it. Wood burning features will have much more heat for the winter months, and the natural sound of the crackling wood.

**Alexon Design** can meet your needs with any of these choices. Please give us a call so you can enjoy your backyard even more in these upcoming months.

### Featured Design

**Location:** *Chandler / Ocotillo*

**Designers:**

- Shawn Palmer (480-330-7090) - Alexon Design & Landscaping
- Darren Tamburrelli (623-696-7039) - California Pools and Spas

This lakeside home has been one of our favorite projects and was another great collaboration with our friends at California Pools.



The project had many design

elements to enhance our clients' outdoor living space. The pool has two negative edge features from the spa to the back edge of the swimming area. It also has a swim up bar anchored by two awesome water features. The bi-level sunk in area features a fire pit and an outdoor kitchen



covered by a tile roof gazebo with stacked stone on the pillars that made a great impact. The "noche" travertine pavers and bullnose coping added a great

alternative to standard pool decking. The landscaping was a lush tropical design with a great lighting package to add to the finishing touches.

If you would like to renovate your yard, please call the office at **480.699.7796**.

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