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## First-Ever 'Master of the Southwest' Specializing in Home Building Recognized in 27-Year History of Prestigious Award

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The first ever recipient of the *Phoenix Home & Garden* Masters of the Southwest award winner specializing in home building was officially announced by the Scottsdale-based shelter magazine in an award ceremony held recently at the Scottsdale Design Center. Jerry Meek, President of Scottsdale-based Desert Star Construction (DSC), is first recipient of the award in its 27-year history whose services and company focuses solely on custom luxury home building.



According to *Phoenix Home & Garden* Editor-in-Chief Karol DeWulf Nickell, "the premise for choosing winners is... to recognize those whose work has made its mark and is significantly enriching the Southwest lifestyle." At the award ceremony she added, "Jerry strives for excellence in all that he does, and it shows in the homes he and his associates build."

The custom residential project Meek and his team built to help receive the award is *Dancing Light*, a contemporary residence built in Paradise Valley, AZ for longtime client and business mogul Randy Knight. The third DSC home built for Knight since the team built his first home in 1992, *Dancing Light* features gravity-defying architecture utilizing locally sourced materials such as Douglas fir wood, cast-in-place concrete, and meticulously layered rammed-earth walls that link the home to the surrounding desert and mountain geology. The *Dancing Light* project team features three Masters of the Southwest Award winners in addition to Meek – Architect Brent Kendle, Interior Designer David Michael Miller, and Architect Robert Moric.

"I get far too much credit for what we accomplish at Desert Star Construction," said Meek upon receiving the Masters of the Southwest Award. "I really love the people I've been honored to work with through the years... We won this; I didn't win this. This is a shared award. It's what we've been able to do for the community and with the community. I mean it from all my heart when I say nobody does anything great alone."

DSC is currently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year of building high-end luxury homes throughout the Phoenix Metropolitan area including Paradise Valley, North Scottsdale, and Cave Creek.

### About Desert Star Construction

Since 1978, Desert Star Construction (DSC) has produced award-winning new construction and remodel projects that have gained the attention of respected clientele including local leaders, professional athletes, and both Financial Times and Fortune 500 company presidents. With a personal approach to homebuilding that begins with listening and understanding every client desire and goes above and beyond delivering the highest standard of quality and artisanal craftsmanship, Team DSC® builds luxury and quality by inspiring authentic relationships and raising the standard of excellence. Learn more about Desert Star Construction at [www.DesertStarConstruction.com](http://www.DesertStarConstruction.com).

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