

## ALM SPRINGS LIFE,

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LIGHTS ON FOR A NEW

MODERNIST CLASSIC

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## Feeling Like an Outsider

■ Look outside. Chances are, if you're reading this locally, blue skies with a chance of more fill your view as far as the eye can see. Daylight hours in the Coachella Valley bring that sunkissed, perfect climate that almost makes us feel guilty.

Well, if you've got it, flaunt it, as the saying goes. So, welcome to our "spring flings" issue. Almost every story seizes the moment and the great outdoors.

Find your outdoor lounging style (page 24) and take a peek at a pool and garden hidden amidst verdant landscape that defies their desert settings (pages 20 and 64). At Pioneertown Ranch, a designer shows her rental guests a sporty side that could well become the High Desert version of golf and tennis (page 18). The other direction, up the mountainous curves and into Idyllwild, a pair A-frame cabins are an extension of the forest around them with their quintessential glass backs and wide decks (page 42).

Two homes experiment with unconventional connections to the outdoors. Steve Bouwman of design-build firmredüHOME, added askylitentry atrium and a retractable glass corner of the living room to his first desert project (page 32). And the kids aren't the only ones enjoying the oversize swings strung from this patio at The Madison Club (page 54). The custom-fabricated seats are a favorite spot for the family year-round.

I'd say if this issue has you feeling like an outsider, you're in the right place.



EDITOR'S PICK

## UNDER COVER, LOVE HER

Poolside. Gossip. Two words that can incite a visceral reaction on their own. Poolside: An act of surrendering oneself to the warm rays while losing all sense of reality beyond the bristling of the palms and the splash of cool water against the side of the pool. What time is it? What day is it? Who cares? My glass is empty and the bar cart is calling.

Gossip: Something a bit nefarious we may or may not want to engage in. Well, maybe if it paints the subject in a positive light? Then it can pass for conversation.

When pushed together, the notion of "poolside gossip" feels juicy and luxuriant, as sunny and bubbly as a Champagne spritzer. And that's even before the Slim Aarons reference we all know. Anything that attaches itself to "poolside gossip" or Poolside Gossip is bound to grab our attention.

Fifty years after Aarons released the photo that rivals all Palm Springs photos, Santa Barbara Designs has launched the Santa Barbara Poolside Gossip Umbrella in Lemonade Yellow, among other colors. It was only a matter of time. Love her? Of course we do. (Just like we love the lesser-seen snap from the same shoot day shown here.)

The double-decker canopy with braid trim is part of the 2021 Slim Aarons American Icon

Collection. The company has reimagined the jaunty patio umbrellas he captured among the, in his words, "beautiful people in beautiful places, doing beautiful things." Joining the new design inspired by the original at the Kaufmann Desert House (architect Richard Neutra, 1946, and on the market as of press time) are fringed beauties reinterpreted from his images shot in Acapulco, Mexico and Cote d'Azur, France.

Now, could someone please tell me how to tease my hair for that cotton-candy volume and where to get a reissue of that white crochet crop top and flares set? I'll grab the Aqua Net and start doing poolside sit-ups tomorrow.