



The Ace Hotel in Palm Springs



DESERT DESIGNER

Ace of Shade

andscape designer **William Kopelk** began his career at the pioneering modernist firm The Architects' Collaborative (TAC) in Boston, where he literally tended to the ivy at Harvard. The S.F. native moved to Palm Springs 12 years ago and has been busy with high-profile projects ever since. Kopelk designed the Lowery House, Ace Hotel's edible citrus landscapes, and he lived and worked in the iconic Kaufmann Desert House to cultivate a landscape that didn't compete with Neutra's architecture. His firm, InsideOutside, specializes in desert-appropriate landscapes that are energy-efficient. Here, his tips for an outdoor oasis.

- Lawn is the dinosaur of the past. Artfully piled boulders and firepits create a simple, organic feel.
- Golden barrel cacti are the plant of the moment.
- While front and side yards are generally more drought-tolerant, create a little lushness by a pool with climbing walls of green and native fruit trees. Ace uses the citrus and pomegranates for fresh-squeezed juice.
- Hand-picked date palms from Salton Sea add great drama. 760-413-6989; insideoutsideinc.com.



ARID ARTISAN

From poolside manzanitas dangling with earring-like orchids to mossy topiary rounds for a poppy tabletop, Joey Lizotte of **Artisan Events** dresses the desert in chic color. 779 S. Williams Dr., Palm Springs, 760-778-1964; artisanevents.net.



POD PLANTERS

Pod Outdoor's powder-coated planters overflowing with water-friendly succulents are apropos for the desert's mid-century aesthetic. *Trina Turk Residential*, 895 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, 760-416-2856.



3 TIMELY TIPS

Statewide ideas for saving H₂O.

- NORCAL** Cisterns or rain barrels can be siphoned off for gardens and flowerbeds.
- CENTRAL** Consider the potential for fire and use pyrophytic, high moisture and low debris plants.
- SOCAL** Decomposed granite and gravel for native plantings reduce water consumption.

CATCH WIND

The iconic Palm Springs desert windmills have inspired private use of turbine power for farms, businesses and even homes—get your own backyard windmill now! palmsprings.com/services/windmill.html.