



AROUND THE LAKE'S

# Home of the Month

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**GINGER AND JOE CLAYTON** moved to Arrowhead Lakes from Pleasant Valley four years ago. They first moved to a home on Lone Cactus and spent two years there before moving into their current residence on W. Quail in February 2022. They have been married for 22 years and have five grown children, Jocelyn, Joseph Jr., Sarah, Jeni, and Cat, ages 20 - 31.

After purchasing their current home, Ginger and Joe immediately began an interior demolition down to the studs and concrete. The new owners of their house on Lone Cactus allowed them to stay until Memorial Day 2022 so they could get a head start on the demolition work. Upon moving into their W. Quail residence, with the demolition not complete and the renovations in the early stages, Joe and Ginger were left with no kitchen, shower, and only one toilet for the first month. They depended on friends for showers and an occasional meal. While Joe did all the demolition work, Ginger started designing the renovations and interviewing general contractors. Joe even incurred a head injury that required seven staples when a 4x4 beam fell on his head during the demolition.

Once the demolition was complete and the general contractor was hired, the renovations began, with a



significant portion of the renovations taking nine months to complete. Ginger wanted a modern but traditional look in the living area with a bit of contemporary flair. Since Ginger was raised on a farm in Vermont, she also wanted a bright, open ski lodge feel in the kitchen and sitting room, so they had wood beams installed in the ceiling to give the area a rustic feel. Ginger also wanted a little glam in the house, so she added several chandeliers and even installed rhinestone cabinet handles in the kitchen.

The living room is highlighted by a 120-inch projection TV mounted above an expansive enclosed gas fireplace with two encased quartz units built on each side of the fireplace. These two quartz units are unique because Joe and Ginger placed a skeleton in each unit before it was encased. They named the first skeleton Gladys, and she has a Christopher Creek Pinot Noir bottle. The second skeleton, Bob, has a newspaper dated Oct 1, 2022. Ginger and Joe hope that someday, new owners will take down the quartz unit and be surprised at what they find!

One of the most unique aspects of their home is that it is a smart home. This fully automated smart home system can control over 20 different aspects of your home, including audio/video, TV, lighting, temperature, security system, and fireplace, to mention a few.

Ginger and Joe would also like to mention the **P.J. Hussey Construction Company (623) 934-2424**, the general contractor they utilized for the renovations. They were extremely pleased with the quality of their work and cautioned everyone to get several bids and stay in communication with their contractor to ensure that they get exactly what they want.

Ginger and Joe stay immensely busy with the company Ginger started in 1997 called **Elontec**. It is a leading provider of office furniture, commercial relocation services, and networking needs. Ginger is the President & CEO, while Joe is the Executive Vice President. Ginger is also the founder of the

**DiaperBank of Central Arizona.** This not-for-profit organization was founded in 2013, and its mission is to help families by collecting and distributing one million diapers a year. Ginger and Joe love their house, love being on the Lakes, and love all the neighbors and friends they have made since moving here.

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