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A **Renaissance** Woman

GALE MALY BRINGS BEAUTY TO OUR COMMUNITY

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Amazing, interesting, accomplished, driven and successful are a few terms that can be used to describe Gale Maly, a long-time Catalina Foothills resident. Growing up in the Midwest and learning entrepreneurial skills at an early age from her businessman father, Maly went on to earn a degree in interior design from the prestigious Ray-Vogue School of Design to pursue her passion for “making things beautiful.”

After the unexpected death of her father and a divorce that followed years later, Maly thought it time for a fresh start. Thinking of Tucson as an attractive city with a small town atmosphere, Gale Maly arrived in Tucson almost 35 years ago with two young daughters in tow, no job or house, but excited about a new start in a new city far away from Chicago.

One day, when exploring ideas for a business she could start in Tucson, she noticed a sweeper cleaning a shopping center parking lot. She was struck by how dirty the parking lot still was after the sweeper left. Thinking she may have identified an opportunity, she sought out the shopping center management to discuss the cleaning -- or lack of -- of the center's parking lots. When approached with the idea, management replied that they already had a company handling that. Maly asked the executive to walk outside with her to look for himself, and she proceeded to show him the parking lot that had purportedly just been cleaned. Surprised at its woeful condition, he immediately awarded Maly the contract -- a great accomplishment for someone not in the business and with no equipment! Using some money from the sale of

her Chicago home, she purchased a large sweeper from Texas. Thus started Maly's entrepreneurial journey in Tucson.

And what a journey it has been. At present, Maly's entrepreneurial efforts still include the cleaning and maintenance of large shopping centers, and it has expanded considerably. That initial endeavor has been augmented by a pest control business and a highly regarded construction company specializing in high-end residential and remodeling projects. Today, Maly Construction has two Tucson offices that collaborate with premier residential architects and kitchen designers on some of the area's most luxurious homes. A wide ranging spectrum of clients from doctors, lawyers, dentists, businessmen and women, entrepreneurs and playwrights have trusted their dreams to Maly Construction. Maly clients have come to appreciate the warm, client-centered focus of the management team and on-staff craftspeople, as well as the firm's legendary reputation for merging quality and value.

Maly has carved out an impressive niche of high quality work that is highly renowned over three decades. She and her companies have endured many economic peaks and valleys in one of the most difficult and most competitive industries -- construction. A positive person by nature, Maly finds challenges exciting, and thrives on working through problems to find a solution. She and her team pride themselves on doing whatever it takes to get the job done and done right. To do so, she finds it critical to stay focused on the task at hand and not let herself or her team get distracted by ancillary issues.



Looking back over these 33 years in business, Maly says she would not

change anything. She is very

happy and thankful where she is blessed to be. Sure, there have been difficult and challenging times, but she feels strongly that the tough times have helped shape her into the person she is today. She feels that you can't have or fully appreciate success without hard times and challenges. Her goal is to live every day to do the best she can for her family, her team and her clients. Her faith is very important to her and she prays for the strength to make things happen to help others. Her hope is to wake up every day and make someone happy – to help take a burden off of their shoulders.

Gale Maly has much to be proud of. She has started and run several successful businesses, her two young daughters she had in tow when arriving in Tucson have grown up and established wonderful careers of their own: one is a medical doctor in Colorado and the other is an internationally renowned vintage clothing conservator and dealer living in Phoenix. The Tucson area is filled with much of Maly's work.

As if running businesses in challenging industries is not enough, Maly is also an accomplished skier and patron of the arts.

Her passion for making things lovely has been realized in so many aspects of her life

and, as such, she is and has been a blessing to so many. Given her varied accomplishments and impressive skill sets in so many areas, she is indeed a Renaissance Woman. *Catalina Foothills Lifestyle* is indeed privileged to have had such a great neighbor for all these years and wishes her continued success going forward.

