

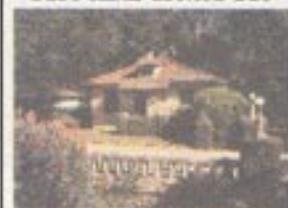
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by Eva Van Prooyen

Montecito Inn Remodel

Shannon Scott of Shannon Scott Design in Los Olivos has been commissioned to head up the renovation of the Montecito Inn's 53 standard guest rooms. Ms Scott reports that the project started in May and that she and her crew are in the process of creating a model room for review to be completed by September.

"These are big changes that are long overdue," says Shannon. "The rooms currently have a Laura Ashley feel with cutesy blue, yellow and flowers. We will give the rooms sophistication, keeping with the 75-year history."

The Copus family took over the hotel in 1989 and spruced it up in 1991. "The rooms were great for a long time, but every ten years they really need to be updated," says hotel manager **Danny Copus**, who adds that, "This will be fancier and more elegant."

"The hotel has a late twenties-era style," notes Ms Scott, who says her company is "going to bring in an elegant look, using golds, rusts, warm teal and accents of deeper golds and browns, and use luxurious fabrics." Updated rooms will get new paint, furniture, carpeting, reupholstered carved chairs, and grand upholstered headboards.

"The amenities will be expanded too," says designer **Kip Glover**, who found vintage postcard prints of early Santa Barbara that will be used throughout the rooms for artwork. Glover says the new amenities will include "bathrobes, CD players, internet connection and larger televisions," and more.

Copus says the idea is to have the remaining guest rooms completed before Christmas. "This year is our seventy-fifth year of operating; we will throw a big party at the end of the



Shannon Scott (left) and Kip Glover of Shannon Scott Design will bring in new textures, colors, fabric, and amenities to Montecito Inn's 53 standard rooms.