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Shannon Scott Design Takes On University Club

Los Olivos design firm Shannon Scott Design has been commissioned to generate and oversee the redesign of the interior of the 127-year-old landmark University Club of Santa Barbara. The last time the Spanish Old-World structure (built in 1875), had gone through a complete remodel was in 1925. Since then various furnishings and decorations had been added, moved, removed, altered, and dusted, ultimately producing a less than cogent interior. Club members recently voted for a design overhaul. Interior Designer Shannon Scott, who has lived in the Valley for almost fourteen years, and has owned her design firm for three and a half years, was chosen by **Juanne St. John**,

University Club President, and **Catherine Dishion**, Head of the House Committee, to do the work. "Shannon was a good match for us and we hired her for her use of color. She works well for the period of the club," says Catherine, who is also a former Club President. "I love the historical aspect of bringing the club together to its full potential. I would much rather restore than rebuild," says Shannon, whose goal was to unify the look of the club, making the remodel seem like part of the original building.

The heart of the project has been the dining room: Shannon's team removed the parquet flooring, acoustic tile ceiling, and fluorescent lighting, and added hand-plastered walls, a domed ceiling, a fireplace, and a new dance floor of two-inch-wide dark Tiger oak planks. Although the dance floor wasn't on the original list of upgrades, an unexpected deluge came two days early, catching construction crews off-guard; they had left the

ceiling in the dining room open, and all the parquet flooring on the dance floor buckled, necessitating a complete replacement. "It (the new flooring) makes it like an elegant ballroom," says Ms. Dishion. "Our members will be proud; it will be perfect for our Wednesday night dinners and special events," adds Ms. St. John. Finishing touches include hanging and displaying local artwork and returning two grand wrought-iron chandeliers - removed in the distant past - back to their original place in the dining room.



Shannon Scott and Los Olivos-based collaborator Rip Glover are the design team responsible for bringing a unifying Spanish infusion back into the University Club of Santa Barbara.

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Renovations for the University Club began at the end of January of this year, and on Friday, April 4, the club will look like it just stepped out of the salon for its grand opening, with new carpet, four finishes, and custom features - becoming once again the elegant Spanish club it was intended to be.

Shannon Scott Design is located 2933 Grand Avenue, Suite F in Los Olivos (805) 688-6286.

Friday, April 25
Cambria Vineyards Winemaker Dinner

The University Club of Santa Barbara and new chef Jason Tuley (formerly of Stella Mare's and San Ysidro Ranch), present an evening of Cambria wines and featuring a 100% organic menu offering White Carrot, Lemon Grass Soup, Hamachi Tartar, Grilled Rack of Venison, and Petite Chevre Cheese Cake.

When: 6:30 pm
Where: 1332 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara
Cost: \$95 per person
Info: 946-0853 x 12

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