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## Newsmakers

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### Design Team Remodels Historic Property



Shannon Scott (left) and Kip Glover of Shannon Scott Design in Los Olivos will bring in new textures, colors, fabrics, and amenities to Montecito Inn (photo by Stacy Blankenbush, Brooks Institute)

Shannon Scott Design, located in Los Olivos, has been commissioned to head up the renovation of the historic Montecito Inn's 53 standard guest rooms. Located cheek by jowl to Highway 101 and next door to the popular Lucky's Steakhouse on Coast Village Road in Montecito, the hotel celebrated its 75th birthday in February of this year. According to historian David F. Myrick, in his book "Montecito and Santa Barbara Volume 1," ground was broken for the hotel in August 1927, and was ready for its first guests on February 18, 1928. Ms Scott reports the renovation project started in May and she and her crew are in the process of creating a model room for review to be completed in September.

"These are big changes that are long overdue," says Shannon Scott. "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 report they 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 adding, "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, upholstered 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 "bathtubs, CD players, Internet connection, larger television," 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 year, and next year will be the year to celebrate because everything will be done," he says.



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