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A Tapestry of Artisans . . .

Santa Fe - When you step into La Plazuela, La Fonda on the Plaza's just re-opened dining room, your senses soar. Visually it is stunning. Twenty-foot high trees grace either side of a circular tiled fountain and a skylighted ceiling floods the room with natural light. Hand-carved furnishings, vibrant textiles and a bold wrought iron chandelier dominate the room, celebrating and complementing the rich story that *is* La Fonda.

It's all in the details, says Architect Barbara Felix and Interior Designer, Dierdre Wilson, who worked in concert to renovate and transform the hotel's signature dining room. It was a labor of love. "La Fonda is a unique hotel," explains Felix. "It was built in the 1920s and an extraordinary female architect, Mary Jane Colter, was hired to design the interiors. We immersed ourselves in Colter lore and studied her work so that we could instill her spirit into the renovation. We think she would approve."

Just as Colter did in her day, Felix and Wilson hired talented artisans to make everything from wrought iron sconces, hand forged railings, to beautifully carved furnishings. Thousands of hours went into crafting every detail of La Plazuela and the result is a dining room that is truly a *Tapestry of Artisans*.

Here is a list of Santa Fe Artisans who worked their magic on the renovation:

Architect:

Barbara J. Felix, AIA
Barbara Felix Architecture & Design, LLC
www.bjfelix.com
Telephone: 505-820-1555
felix@bjfelix.com

Interior Design:

Dierdre Wilson, Principal (she has a house in Santa Fe)
Vivian/Nichols Associates
Dallas
dierdre@vivian-nichols.com
214-979-9050

Steel Doors/Threshold (New at North and South Entries into the Restaurant):

Kason Group
P.O. Box 2121
Tierras, NM 87059
505-286-8500
www.kasongroup.com
Mark Knutson and Sara Cummings

Note: gorgeous patinated steel doors fashioned on the old "French" doors that were at the entrance to the Restaurant and the Portal. Also did threshold that encircles the dining room.

Wood Door/Window Walls (Repair and Replacement of Historic Doors around Restaurant Perimeter):

Armijo Design, Inc.

420 Camino Don Miguel
Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-424-4976
Larry Armijo

Note: they look as if they have always been there.

Wrought Iron Railings:

Harmony Forge

36 Spruce
Santa Fe, NM 87508
505-471-3745
Ward Brinegar

Note: took one man working at an anvil 6 hrs. a day for 5 months to hand forge 200 linear feet of railings, etc. beautiful

Stiha Panel Cases:

Klaus Custom Furniture

177 County Road 33
Lamy, NM 87540
505-466-7777
Klaus Messerer

Note: to house the wonderful Stiha murals that are now going to be displayed on the Mezzanine level above La Plazuela. The murals have been beautifully restored

Dining Room Chandelier and Wall Sconces:

Casa Rosina

1925 Rosina Street, Suite A
Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-989-8007
Jeannie Colburn-Hernandez

Note: she's an amazing interview..has a PHD..very interesting...glass all mouth blown in Guadalupe, Mexico

Custom Door Hardware (Oil-Rubbed Bronze at Wood Door/Window Walls):

DulferMetal

2872 F Trades West Road
Santa Fe, NM 87507
505-310-3768
Steve Dulfer

Note: small detail, but lovely

Stone and Tile Laying (Stone Floor and Fountain):

Coronado Paint & Decorating

2929 Cerrillos
Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-473-5333
Buddy Roybal

Note: I watched them lay this floor...like piecing together a giant puzzle. Beautiful work.

Interesting: It took the Cameron Construction crew 7 days to cocoon the dining room before they could do construction. No small feat doing construction within a working hotel. Brought in a 40 ton crane one day a week so it wouldn't be too disruptive to traffic and the hotel...Great stories. contact: Tom Tarleton @ tomt@cameronbuildsit.com



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