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PROJECT FEATURE

The Rugged Old West Meets Glitzy Las Vegas in Local Colorado Saloon

Interior Designer Nancy Sanford Enlists Sonoma Forge Bath Faucets for Ghost Ranch Saloon Restrooms



When the time came to scout out a bar for the Ghost Ranch Saloon in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, interior designer Nancy Sanford's clients took her on a tour of the American West. "The owner and I flew all over – to Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming," says Sanford. "We heard about a bar in Montana that had a Western feel, and we went to have a look."

This was no ordinary bar. It debuted at Chicago's Columbian Exposition of 1893. Sure, it'd been damaged slightly in a fire, but *piffle!* The client immediately had it shipped to Colorado. "We reassembled it and installed it in the space, which involved building out the ceiling to accommodate it," she says. "It was probably the most exciting project of my career."

The client wanted a "Western-saloon-meets-glitzy-Las-Vegas" kind of feel – and not just for the bar. The restrooms were destined for the same kind of funky, far-out treatment.

Sanford chose Sonoma Forge faucets for the restaurant's two bathrooms, choosing from two collections—CiXX and WherEver—using three Sans Hands, handle-less, automatic faucets from each, for a total of six faucets. The designer selected them, because for those who use them in a commercial space, they're faster, less messy, and more hygienic.

Then there are the aesthetics of the WherEver WaterFall spout. "There's an adaptability—you can do a water

faucet pipe that's decorative, and even though it's simple in design, it's got a lot going on with it," says Sanford. "It's not just water coming out of a pipe, but a graceful curve that's unlike a typical pipe."

The concrete sinks are from Sonoma Cast Stone. In the men's room is a taupe trough sink, with elegant copperpipe faucets. "I wanted my client to see it as manly and masculine while also having some elements of high design, so a rustic and rugged, but refined feel," she says.

In the women's room is a wave sink in a yellowish-tan concrete with automatic faucets in the CiXX hammered brass finish. Behind the faucets lies glass tile in three dimensions.

The copper and brass faucet designs from Sonoma Forge were the touch that made Sanford's day. "The unique rustic finishes lent to the ruggedness of the design, which is perfect for the Western saloon theme," says the designer, adding, "It reminds visitors of a time on the American Frontier when things were built to last."

That's probably because Sonoma Forge quality is as authentic as the Old West itself.

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Top: Ghost Ranch men's room exudes masculine styling and high design from Sonoma Forge WherEver Collection; Bottom: CiXX Sans Hands in hammered brass finish in Ghost Ranch women's bathroom