

# The Restored Biltmore Complex

## *A Proud Landmark Regained*

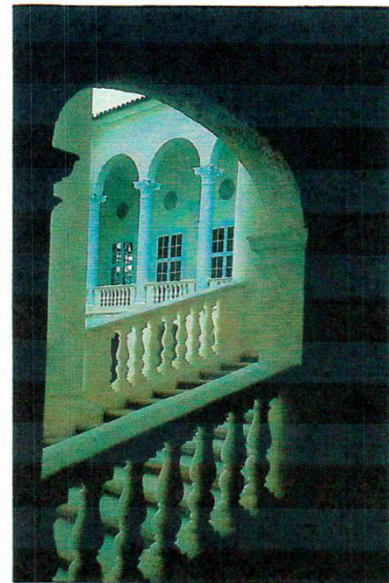
With its courtyard colonnade embellished with Corinthian columns, a frieze detailed with griffins and other mythological characters, the 1920's, Mediterranean-styled Biltmore Complex became designated as a National Registered Landmark. This was closely followed by a study performed by Ferendino/Grafton/Spillis/Candela to determine the reuse potential of this site and buildings; beginning in 1978, the Country Club building was restored to house a 200 seat restaurant, the Metropolitan Museum and Art Center, and a golf pro shop and locker room facilities.

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*Interior courtyard*

*The restored main dining area*



*Stairway to main gallery level  
New wing of dining room*

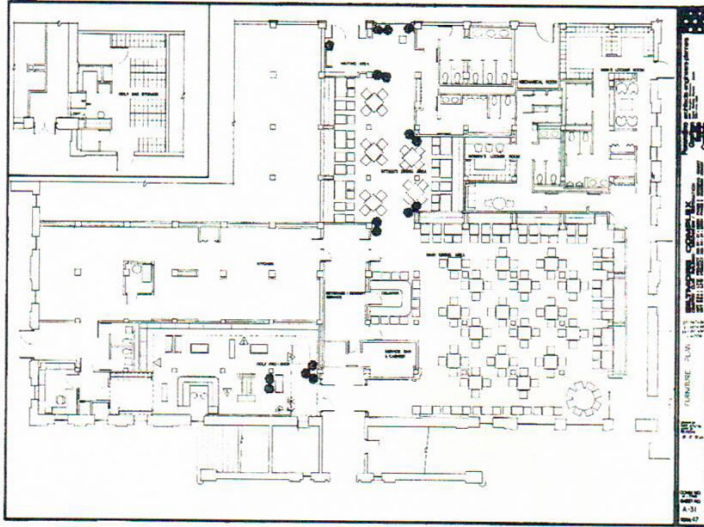




# Dining experience with the allure of a recaptured era

Preserved wood paneling of sixty-six native woods cover the walls, ceilings and columns of the restaurant's main dining room. Custom-designed banquette seating, upholstered in rust-colored plush wool, fit within lowered ceiling dining niches flanked by original wood pilasters. These units provided continuity between the newly constructed areas and the restored dining room. Mirrored panels above reflect the activity and views of the adjacent championship golf course, seen through floor-to-ceiling glazed panels. One is returned to another era in time while sharing in a warm and relaxing atmosphere accented by ceiling fans, cane seating and surfaces of verde antique marble. A marble-covered counter functions as a bar by day for buffets and banquets, and by night as additional bar seating. Cleat-proof carpeting upholsters the sides of the unit to allow golfers free use of this area as well.

The backlit etched glass panels at the entrance to the dining room consist of sections set in rosewood-stained, radius frames, in keeping with the 1920's styling. The artwork was based upon original advertising for the Biltmore.



1st floor plan

The Biltmore restaurant

