



project bonneville hot springs spa



Above, from left: A couples treatment room at the Bonneville Hot Springs Resort & Spa; dramatic drapery and lighting create intimacy in the manicure/pedicure area.

Weekend Retreat

A spa outside of Portland takes advantage of its therapeutic site
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For WCI, Inc., the Bonneville Hot Springs Resort & Spa has been an ongoing, seven-year labor of love. From 2002 to 2005, the Portland, Oregon-based firm designed the entire hotel and spa, including the guestrooms, public spaces, restaurant, lounge, and spa. Now most recently, the firm has completed a 2,500-square-foot spa addition, which includes two couples treatment rooms, two private treatment rooms, five pedicure thrones, three manicure tables, and a sitting area with a fireplace.



“Since the spa has been so well received for the past five years, and a fabulous source of revenue for the resort, they decided to move forward with the new addition,” explains Larissa Burden, the lead interior designer on the project, adding that next up they will add a 950-square-foot retail space.

Since the resort is located in the scenic Columbia George, which is a state and federally environmentally protected area, the designers wanted to bring the outside in, “and leave as much natural beauty visible for guests to enjoy,” explains Burden. “We wanted to create an entire space where the guests feel the entire hotel is a spa.” Organic tones with earth, sky, and foliage elements abound, accented with jeweled tones of gold, red, and bronze and millwork done in native Oregon white oak and trims

in black walnut. And since the space was very grand in scale, large dramatic drapery and lighting create an intimate feel.

One thing that sets the spa apart from nearby competitors is its site. Located three miles from the Columbia River, it sits on an underground mineral hot springs (hence the name) and was designed to take full advantage of this unique attribute. Twelve claw-foot soaking tubs are fed with the mineral water, as are hot tubs on the decks of the guest suites, which all stem from the owner’s sappier side. “The owner kept an old claw-foot tub on the back of the property for sentimental value that was there when he bought the property from the previous owner,” Burden says. “It was there to collect the mineral water from the bubbling underground springs to take an outdoor bath.” >



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Above: A sitting area boasts scenic views and a fireplace.

- Owner Pete Cam
- Property Manager Gary Sorrels
- Interior Design Firm WCI, Inc.
- Project Team Larissa Burden (lead interior designer), Jennifer Falkenberg
- Tile Flooring Dal Tile
- Decorative Glass Backsplash Tile Dal Tile
- Drapery Fabrication KCL Marketing, Fabtex
- Floor Runners Chilewich
- Coffee/Side Tables D'Style, Palecek
- Sitting Area Rug Shaw
- Seating Stylus
- Bench Madison
- Decorative Lighting and Mirrors Uttermost
- Fabrics Designtex, Fabricut, Stacy Garcia, Valley Forge, Duralee, Arc Com
- Existing Spa AC Furniture, Shaw Rugs, Fabricut, Robert Allen, Kravet ■