

Avanti Salon Grand Re-Opening Celebration!

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WORKS WILL BE POPPING AND CHAMPAGNE FLOWING when Avanti, a full service salon in Santa Barbara, opens its door to the public to celebrate their Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, February 25th, from 5 to 8pm at 309 West Carrillo St. The evening will also include music, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and art (photographs by T.C. Reiner will be on display). Participating staff will offer a 10% discount on their services for attending guests.

"We want to let our customers know that we are back," shared Steven Szabo, owner and stylist. "We also want to give our guests an opportunity to tour the salon and see what we have to offer."

After being open for almost 13 years, Avanti closed its doors in 2004. Steven set aside his "scissors" and ventured out into Real Estate. About nine months ago, he re-took over the space, which was no longer a salon and had been ill maintained, and with the help of Mary Willis (*Marika*) began the remodel/facelift. "Going into it, I didn't know how in depth and how much work it was going to be," he recalled.

In two months, a spacious, homey, and

inviting salon emerged. The space boasts a large waiting area complete with a love seat, chairs, and fireplace; seven spacious hair styling stations, a skin care/massage room; and two manicure stations. Parking is available in the back.

"I wanted to maintain the casual

elegance and friendly atmosphere from before but make it more modern," Steven shared.

Avanti specializes in all aspects of beauty including hair care and styling, skin care, massage, and nails. The Avanti team is made up of six hair stylists, two

estheticians, and one manicurist.

"All of our hair stylists are well established in the industry. Together we have over 100 years of experience," Steven shared. "I am very fortunate to work with them."

"I've been in the business for over 30 years," he added. "While I was in the Real Estate business I cut some hair at home but not on the same scale. I have a passion for this business. I look forward to coming to work every day and sometimes I don't want to leave. It's a great environment to work in."

For more information call 845-8300 or visit www.avantisalonsb.com



Steven Szabo, Owner and Stylist



The Avanti Team: (Back) **Daniel Van Hook**, Stylist; **Steven Szabo**, Owner and Stylist; and **Phillip Ludlow**, Stylist. (Front) **Kristen Perez**, Manicurist; **Alissa Lee Palumbo**, Stylist; **Pamela Gamber**, Esthetician; **Patti Bates**, Esthetician/ Massage; **Kathy Renyolds**, Stylist; **Samara Canfield**, Stylist