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urmurs in the streets and on the internet foretold the return of the roaring twenties as they were a century ago: unfortunately, beginning with a pandemic, yet ultimately giving way to a decade of decadence and revelry. At Pearl Social, it seems we are one step closer to this premonition coming to fruition. There is no better place (and not simply in Santa Barbara) to usher in an age of clandestine delight and unabashed merrymaking.

Between the cross streets of Helena Avenue and Yanonali sits a jewel box. Inside, nestles a pearl. Walls are swathed in emerald green, the room is dotted by baby pink settees and splashes of gold. Candlelight and conversation bounce throughout the space in an excitable frenzy. Drinks swishing in etched glasses abide by a similar color palette: deep ambers commingle in the Nightingale Negroni, while vibrant greens puncture tequila concoction Accident in Paradise. The Funk Zone's Pearl Social pays homage to the chic discretion for which Santa Barbara is prized. The bar is part speakeasy, part emporium, housing the finest selection of local and international spirits Santa Barbara has to offer.

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Pearl Social's namesake is the widely-recognized first lady of Santa Barbara, Pearl Chase. Chase was a local activist concerned with the maintenance and beautification of this one-of-a-kind slice of coastal land. Much like its inspiration, the neighborhood institution is providing the surrounding community with grace and allure. *



