

# HISTORIC LITTLETON INC.

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## HLI Board Renews Its Mission and Sets Goals

The Board of Directors of Historic Littleton Inc. met January 18, 2004 in a day-long retreat to review the work of the last 13 years of Second Century Fund and Historic Littleton and to develop a new mission statement and goals.

This was the first retreat held by the Board of Historic Littleton Inc.

Back in 1989, at the Littleton Leadership Retreat, Mike Massey brainstormed forming an organization to solicit funds to provide low cost loans to property owners and businesses on Main Street. The organization was called Second Century Fund, because, as Massey said at the time, "It occurred to me that we should give our town a gift that would help it prosper during its second century. That notion was the beginning of the Second Century Fund. The focus of the Second Century Fund is Main Street and downtown Littleton...because it is our heart. It helps make us special."

Massey formed a nonprofit corporation in 1990 with a board of directors of local business people and citizens. Many of that original board still serve on the Historic Littleton Inc. board today, such as Massey, Ron Richards, Sonya Eilingboe, Karen Gooden Arras, Bernard Small, and Bruce Wolf.

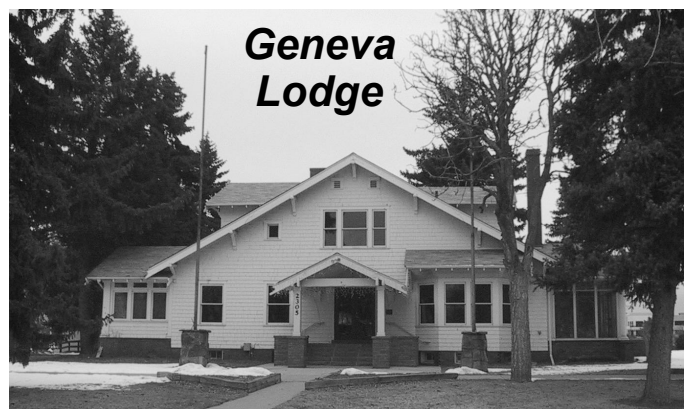
Second Century Fund was instrumental in developing a strategic plan for Main Street, in saving Geneva Lodge from destruction, and in establishing a National Register District for downtown Littleton. SCF served as a conduit for grants from the State Historic Fund until the city of Littleton took on this role. Second Century Fund solicited funding from corporations, held two benefit

auctions, and began sponsoring annual Renewal Dinners at the Inn at Hudson Gardens to promote historic preservation.

In 2000, the Second Century Fund changed its name to Historic Littleton Inc. and re-wrote its bylaws to become a membership organization. HLI sponsors tours to historic buildings in the metro area, offers walking and bus tours of historic Littleton, and celebrates National Historic Preservation Month each year. After a two year hiatus, Historic Littleton will once again present a Renewal Dinner on May 19 (see article on back).

At the January retreat the board decided to slightly rewrite the HLI mission statement. The new mission statement is: **Historic Littleton is dedicated to preserving the historical and architectural heritage of the greater Littleton area through advocacy and education.**

HLI's new goals include: 1) **Educating the community about historic preservation,** 2) **Influencing public policy on preservation issues,** 3) **Forming alliances with other local, county, state-wide, and national preservation organizations,** and 4) **Acting as a resource in support of historic preservation.**



# Sixth Annual Renewal Dinner will Honor Sternberg

Eugene Sternberg, the modernist architect who designed some of the best-known landmarks in the Littleton area, will be honored at the Sixth Annual Renewal Dinner on Wednesday, May 19 at 6 p.m.

The Renewal Dinners were an annual event begun in 1997 by the Second Century Fund to foster interest in historic preservation. Historic Littleton Inc. continued this tradition until 2001. This year the board of directors of Historic Littleton decided it was important to renew community involvement in preservation by reviving the tradition of the annual dinners.

The Sixth Annual Renewal Dinner will feature light entertain-

ment, a delicious buffet dinner, and a chance to view Hudson Gardens and socialize. The Englewood Historical Society is co-sponsoring the Renewal Dinner.

Eugene Sternberg was a native of



Czechoslovakia who trained at

Cambridge University in England and emigrated to the United States in 1945. He was the first faculty member to be hired at the University of Denver's School of Architecture. Sternberg, age 89, now resides in Evergreen.

During his ca-

reer, Sternberg designed a number of buildings in the Englewood and Littleton area. Well-known landmarks in the Littleton area designed by Sternberg include Arapahoe Community College, Heritage High School, Bemis Library, Geneva Village, and Carl Sandburg Elementary School. Sternberg was also the principal architect behind the Arapahoe Acres subdivision in Englewood, which is the first post-WWII subdivision to become a National Register Historic District.

The Renewal Dinner will honor Sternberg with a slide show of his work and a lifetime achievement award created by Ray Tomasso, an Englewood artist. The April HLI newsletter will have more details about this event.

*Note: The information about Eugene Sternberg and the photo were taken by permission from the website: [www.arapahoeacres.org](http://www.arapahoeacres.org) which was written by Englewood historian Diane Wray.*

## 2004 List of Endangered Structures

Colorado Preservation Inc. presented its 2004 list of Most Endangered Places at the CPI's Annual Historic Preservation Conference held February 5-7 at the El Jebel Shrine Temple in Denver. In all, 50 sites have been named to the list since 1998. The purpose of the list is to increase awareness of historically significant places in Colorado that are most in danger of being lost. The 2004 list includes:

1. Allen J. Beaumont Home in Pueblo
2. Luigi Gianella Building in Aguilar
3. Paris Mill in Park County
4. Bent County High School in Las Animas
5. Columbian Elementary School, Las Animas
6. Redstone Castle in Redstone, Pitkin County

Of the previous 44 sites on the list, 6 have been saved, 29 are experiencing progress, 7 are in alert status, and two have been lost. For more information about the Endangered Places Program, see [www.coloradopreservation.org](http://www.coloradopreservation.org).

## CALENDAR

**May 19** — Sixth Annual Renewal Dinner at Inn at Hudson Gardens—6 p.m.

**Aug. 25**—HLI Annual Meeting, Bus Tour of Sternberg-designed buildings in Englewood and Littleton, Ice Cream Social

**Oct. 20**—Meeting on Main Street to revisit Strategic Plan