

## Preservation Leaders Honored on May 21

Seven individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to Littleton's historic preservation efforts will be honored on Wednesday, May 21 at a 7 p.m. event at the Littleton Historical Museum. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

The reception will follow a program on researching the history of a building. Bruce Hanson, reference librarian in the Western History/ Genealogy Department at the Denver Public Library, and Lorena Donohue, deputy director/ curator of the Littleton Historical Museum, will speak about the process of using library and other local resources to conduct this research.

This program is in recognition of National Historical Preservation Month and is funded by a grant from the Colorado State Historical Fund.

Historic Preservation awards will go to Patty Anderson, Jonathan Bush, LeBrun Hutchison, Steve Kurtz, Karl and Terri Pappert, and David Svenson.

Patty Anderson, one of the first members of the Historical Preservation Board, will be honored for preservation advocacy.

Jonathan Bush and Steve Kurtz of Littleton Capital Partners are receiving recognition for their restoration of the Kauer Building.

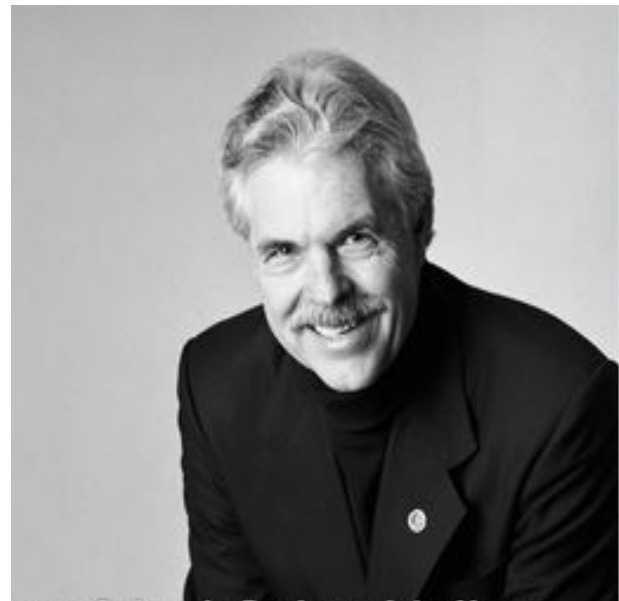
LeBrun Hutchison will receive an award for his work in adding Bega Park to the Main Street Historical District.

The Papperts will be honored for preservation through ongoing maintenance of the Littleton Creamery Building.

David Svenson, who turned the decrepit Louthan House into the popular Café Terra Cotta, will receive an award for adaptive reuse of a historic structure.

Members of Historic Littleton Inc. and the City of Littleton's Historical Preservation Board selected the award recipients.

Historic Littleton commends these Individuals for their contributions to preservation!



**Bruce F. Wolf**  
**1944—2008**

Historic Littleton Inc. deeply regrets the passing of Bruce Wolf, one of our founders, who was currently serving as co-president of Historic Littleton Inc. with his wife Mary. Bruce's volunteer contributions in Littleton spanned many organizations and many years.

A future issue of the HLI newsletter will feature Bruce's many achievements and his dedication to historic preservation.

He will be greatly missed.

*Historic Littleton Inc. is dedicated to preserving the historical and architectural heritage of the greater Littleton area through advocacy and education.*

# Council Accepts Grant for the Ed Bemis House

In February the Littleton City Council accepted a \$198,483 grant from the State Historical Fund and agreed to a \$95,000 match to do major repairs at the Edwin Bemis House.

The grant comes with a 20-year covenant protect-

ing the building and landscape from changes.

The grant will go towards replacing the roof, stabilizing the basement support system, removing the asbestos siding, and rehabilitating exterior doors and windows.

"We're excited to have the grant and to see how beautiful the house will be when it is finished," said Cindy Hathaway, executive director of Western Welcome Week. Western Welcome Week is the tenant in Bemis House, which is owned by the City of Littleton.

According to Hathaway, the landscaping around the Ed Bemis house has al-

ready been upgraded, with a new sprinkler system, perennials and sod. Mike Giesen, a volunteer with WWW, solicited donations of irrigation equipment and labor from Schultz Industries. South Suburban maintains the house's landscape.

Hathaway said that WWW is looking for civic groups to "adopt a room" to restore the interior of the Bemis House. Groups would paint and strip woodwork according to the guidelines in a study financed by Historic Littleton Inc. Call Hathaway at 303-794-4870 to help.

## Preservation News

- Researcher Diane Wray has nearly completed a historical context report of post-World War II commercial and public buildings in Littleton.

This report, the first step towards compiling a survey of post-WW II buildings in Littleton, will be presented to the Historical Preservation Board in June or July. Call Littleton's Historic Preservation Planner Andrea Mimnaugh at 303-795-3719 for more information.

- Mary Allman Koernig, former director of the Littleton Historical Museum, has been named executive director of Colorado Preservation Inc.

- The City of Littleton has received a \$4,000 grant from the State Historic Fund to do a reconnaissance survey of the Arapahoe Hills neighborhood. This survey will determine which homes have intact historical integrity and what the boundaries should be for a historic district proposed by some of the neighborhood's residents.

Researcher Diane Wray will be conducting the survey.



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**Skelly Station Revealed:** During the construction of the new restaurant Merle's on Main Street, the removal of the siding revealed the original 1930's Skelly Service Station exterior, built in an English/Norman Cottage style, with steeply pitched roof and multi-light windows. Developer David Svenson will incorporate part of the original building into his new restaurant, which was approved in March by the planning commission.

# Council Candidates Speak on Preservation

Seven of the eight candidates for the Littleton City Council attended a forum at the Buck Center on Thursday, September 20.

Each of the candidates was asked what role government (specifically the city of Littleton) should play in historic preservation.

Their answers are summarized here:

## **Doug Clark:**

Government's role is to highly encourage preservation where it is appropriate.

## **Debbie Brinkman:**

She agreed with Clark that some buildings deserve preserving, but this must be balanced with private property rights.

## **Peggy Cole:**

Government should give incentives, other than financial incentives, to encourage preservation.

## **Cindy Christensen:**

She supports the city's current role in preservation and would strongly encourage the use of incentives.

## **Bruce Stahlman:**

He is currently serving as the city council's liaison to the Historical Preservation Board. He feels homeowners need tools to help them retain the character of their neighborhoods. He likes what the city is currently do-

ing to promote historic preservation.

## **Amy Conklin:**

The city has a long tradition of helping to preserve its historic buildings, which she would like to see continue. She feels that government can be a facilitator for preservation.

## **Joseph Trujillo:**

He said he fought against historic designation in downtown Littleton because they wanted to make it mandatory—everyone had to go into the district. They finally came up with an opt-in/opt-out district and 24 of 150 businesses have historical designation. Their incentive is to reduce your parking by 50 percent. He is against

this incentive. He had to knock down a historic house, even though the city fought it, to provide parking for his business. Downtown is very short of parking spaces. A requirement for any business should be that they provide enough parking.

**Tony Gallagher** was not present at the forum, but when questioned later he said he is definitely for preserving something that has historic value. The Bemis House is a good example of that. But just because a building is old doesn't mean it has historic value.

**To learn more about the city council candidates' views on historic preservation, or any subject matter, contact them at the following numbers:**

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Doug Clark  
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Peggy Cole  
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Amy Conklin  
303-795-5925

Tony Gallagher  
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### **District 4**

Debbie Brinkman  
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Cindy Christensen  
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### **At Large**

