



HLI (SCF) Celebrates 20 Years!

Historic Littleton Inc. (formerly known as the Second Century Fund) is celebrating 20 years of advocacy for the preservation of Littleton's historic buildings.

All HLI members and friends are invited to a 20th anniversary party at the former Geneva Lodge (now Fisher Associates Architects), 2305 W. Berry Avenue, on Wednesday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

Littleton Museum Deputy Director Lorena Donohue will speak on the history of Geneva

Lodge. Renee Fisher Posey will lead tours of the interior restoration. There will be a short business meeting, with birthday cake and refreshments.

The Second Century Fund incorporated in 1990, during Littleton's centennial year, as a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that Littleton's historic downtown would survive for a second century.

In 2000, SCF became Historic Littleton, Inc. and changed its focus to education

and advocacy. HLI's kickoff event in 2000 was at Geneva Lodge, one of SCF's earliest advocacy projects.

SCF helped convince the city council in 1995 to save Geneva Lodge. In 1997 Littleton architect David Fisher restored the building, a former rest home, for his firm's office.



Members of the Historic Littleton Inc. Board of Directors were Special Honorees at the 82nd Western Welcome Week parade on August 21 and rode in Ray Bowman's vintage fire truck. This year's WWW theme was "Honoring our Heritage." Rebecca Kast of HLI served as the Grand Marshal.

Come to HLI's 20th Anniversary Party

Who: All Members of HLI

What: Party & Annual Meeting

When: Wed. Sept. 29, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Geneva Lodge, 2305 W. Berry Ave.

Why: Raise your glass to HLI for 20 years of historic preservation advocacy.

RSVP to:
rebeccakast@earthlink.net
or call 303-730-2639 and leave a message.

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

Twenty Years Advocating for Preservation

As Littleton prepared to celebrate its centennial year in 1990, a group of community leaders decided that something more than parties was needed.

According to Mike Massey, founder of the Second Century Fund, "I was concerned that there was no permanent or long lasting concept that would help to preserve Littleton's heritage. At that time Main Street, although Littleton's heart, was about to stop beating."

"I came up with the notion

Massey took his idea of a private, nonprofit corporation to the Littleton Leadership Retreat, where it was strongly supported. Dale Stephens, Sonya Ellingboe, Karen Gooden Arras, Vern Hendrickson, Bernard Small, Dick Scarbrough, and Bruce Wolf became involved. CPA Ron Richards secured the 501c3 status for the Second Century Fund, Inc.

Joe Racine, at that time Community Development Director for the City of Littleton, played a key role in using the

"Our first major accomplishment, other than helping folks get money for projects, was preserving Geneva Lodge. Andy (McMinimee, then City Manager) was not a happy camper. But I'm glad we preserved that building, which now is a wonderful private sector contributor to Littleton's economy.

"I think our concept all along has been to incorporate historic preservation with economic development. I think Main Street is an excellent example of that concept."

In 2000, after the City of Littleton took over the work of obtaining preservation grant money from the state, the Second Century Fund changed its name and focus and became Historic Littleton, Inc.

HLI held its kick-off event on November 12, 2000, at the restored Geneva Lodge, which HLI had lobbied to save in 1995.

For the last 10 years HLI has hosted tours and educational events during Historic Preservation Month in May.

HLI has hosted six Renewal Dinners to raise interest in preservation. HLI has also advocated saving buildings such as the Ed Bemis House and Willowcroft Manor.

"Of all the things I've done in Littleton and elsewhere," said Massey, whose volunteer portfolio is extensive, "I think I'm proudest of HLI."



Mike Massey (left) and Jim Campbell, former HLI Board members, tended the bar at one of HLI's Renewal Dinners.

that we would ask volunteers to commit dollars, goods, talent, etc. to help maintain Littleton's Main Street. I thought that would be a fitting and lasting contribution to Littleton's centennial."

SCF to obtain grant money from the state.

Money was obtained to restore the façades of Two Pottery, the Columbine Mill, and the Coors Building.

According to Massey,

20 Accomplishments of HLI and SCF*

1 Obtained over \$200,000 in grant money for Littleton from the state (1990-1999)

2 Advocated saving Geneva Lodge (1995)

3 Developed a Strategic Plan for Downtown Littleton, along with the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants (1995)

4 Honored Architect Eugene Sternberg for his lifetime achievement (2004)

5 Held two auctions to raise money for preservation (1995 and 1996)

6 Held six Renewal Dinners to foster interest in historic preservation (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2004)

7 Advocated saving the Marathon building (unsuccessfully—It was torn down in 2005); Advocated saving Sternberg building (2008—present)

8 Honored the past and present publishers of the Littleton Independent for their contribution to preserving Littleton's history (2006)

9 Led double-decker bus tours of historic sites in Littleton (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

10 Helped fund the survey to place Main Street Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places (1998)

11 Lobbied for passage of the Historic Preservation ordinance (2001)

12 Honored Littleton artist Rita Derjue for her preservation paintings (2008)

13 Successfully nominated Willowcroft Manor for the 2010 Colorado's Most Endangered Places list (2009)

14 Led home tour in the Louthan Street Historic District (2003)

15 Co-sponsored True Grit sessions with Historic Preservation Board (2009)

16 Presented the Trial of Alfred Packer and walking tour of Main Street and Littleton cemetery (2002)

17 Co-sponsored Annual Preservation Awards with the city's Historic Preservation Board (2008—2010)

18 Led walking tours through downtown Littleton (1995, 1998, 2003, 2007)

19 Advocated restoring the Ed Bemis House (2005—present); Held two open houses for the public to view the house (2006; 2010); Funded a survey and plan for interior restoration

20 Celebrated formation of the local Main Street Historic District and honored Dick Valore for his achievements (2005)

* In no particular order!

Preservation News and Updates

HP Awards Given May 20

The Historical Preservation Board and Historic Littleton, Inc. gave out awards for outstanding historic preservation projects, stewardship, and advocacy at the third annual historic preservation awards presentation on May 20.

The City of Littleton received the Outstanding Achievement Award for the renovation of the Edwin Bemis house.

Michael Bahr won the Award of Merit for the preservation of the Leach House, 2596 W. Alamo.

Two Awards of Stewardship were given. Amy and Kyle Reed received one for their ongoing care of the former Carnegie Library building, which they lease for their restaurant, The Melting Pot.

HLI members Anita and Dr. Arthur Garfein also received an Award of Stewardship for their home at 3986 W. Bowles Ave, the former Hunter residence.

HLI Board member Rebecca Kast received the Preservation Advocacy Award.

Four Workshops Planned

Historic Denver will host four workshops in Littleton to assist owners of historic properties maintain their buildings' integrity. The workshops will deal with the state tax credit program, energy efficiency, masonry, and windows.

The first workshop, which will explain the Colorado Historic Preservation Income Tax Credit, will be held Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. at the Littleton City Center, 2255 W. Berry Ave.

The workshop is free and open to the public.

The workshops are funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation Partners in the Field Program, the State Historical Fund, and Historic Denver, Inc.

HLI Wins Grant from Western Welcome

Week

Historic Littleton Inc. was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Western Welcome Week to be used for updating the HLI website and for producing storyboards for educational purposes.

The theme of this year's WWW celebration was "Honoring our Heritage."

Volunteers Needed

HLI is looking for volunteers to help with scrapbooking our memorabilia and overseeing website construction.

Over the last 20 years SCF and HLI accumulated quite a few boxes of newspaper clippings, photos and other memorabilia. We'd like to have these put into scrapbooks that can permanently record our activities.

Please contact one of the HLI board members if you'd like to help with this project.

Volunteers are also being recruited for a committee to oversee the design of a new website. Contact Charlie Carroll (720-344-4705).

Sternberg Building Sold

The city of Littleton is negotiating with a developer on the sale of the Sternberg Building on 2009 W. Littleton Blvd. No further details are known at this time.

The Historic Littleton Inc. newsletter is published quarterly for members of HLI as part of their membership contribution. Send comments to P.O Box 1004, Littleton, 80160 or email: rebeccakast@earthlink.net.

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