



Walking in Pioneers' Footsteps

When Littleton's Director of Public Services Charlie Blosten talks about putting a 1.7 mile walking trail along the historic City Ditch, his enthusiasm is catching.

"This is probably the most exciting, fun project I've worked on in 41 years," Blosten says. "The key thing is when you walk along this trail you are walking in the footsteps of the pioneers."

Pioneers like Richard S. Little, who came here in 1861 to survey the City Ditch, after the first surveyor failed at the job. Little liked this area so much that he brought his wife Angeline here, homesteaded 120 acres, and eventually established the town of Littleton.

Blosten recently came to a Historic Littleton Inc. board meeting to ask for support for the trail project, which was enthusiastically given.

He would also like all HLI members who

want to be invited to a future trail walk-through to send an email to cblosten@littletongov.org. (Historic Littleton has a policy of not giving out the email addresses of our members.)



The City Ditch trail will follow a footpath that appears much the same as it did in Richard



HLI President Mary Wolf addressed the membership at the 2010 Annual Meeting on Sept. 29. More photos on page 3. Mary is stepping down after three years as president. Thanks for all your hard work, Mary!

Blosten has assembled over \$1 million in funding to construct the trail, which will connect the Lee Gulch Trail to the Big Dry Creek Trail. Construction of the first phase, from Littleton Boulevard north, will hopefully begin this year.

Future plans include adding amenities such as benches, trees and historical signage.

The trail will connect historic sites such as the Littleton cemetery, downtown, the courthouse, and the Depot Art Center.

"Part of my goal is to encourage the City of Englewood, who manages the ditch, not to pipe the entire length, because of its historic value," Blosten said.

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

Preservation News and Updates

Preservation Paintings Displayed At Bemis Library in May

Twenty "preservation paintings" by Littleton artist rita derjue will be displayed in the lower level of Bemis Library during the month of May to celebrate Historic Preservation Month.

The painting were given to HLI by derjue in 2009 to increase public awareness of the need for preservation.

A "meet the artist" reception will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. This is free and open to the public.

At the same event the Historical Preservation Board and Historic Littleton, Inc. will hold the fourth annual historic preservation awards ceremony.

Awards will be presented for outstanding historic preservation projects, stewardship, and advocacy. A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Nominations are due April 1.

2011 HLI Events Planned

Mark your calendars for several events which have been planned for HLI members.

On Thursday, August 25, HLI members are invited to a tour and dinner at historic Glen Elk in Pine. Liz Eaton will coordinate this.

The 2011 HLI Annual Meeting will be at Fort Logan on Saturday, Sept. 24 beginning at 4 p.m. Jack Ballard will lead a walking tour of the grounds.

More information about both events will be in subsequent newsletters.

Carroll New President

Charlie Carroll was elected the new President of Historic Littleton at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Liz Eaton will be the new Vice President. The other officers will remain the same.

HLI to Update Website

The HLI board is con-

tracting with web design firm No Pickles to update the HLI website. Look for a new presence at historiclittletoninc.org soon!

Sternberg Building to be Sold

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

Time to Renew Memberships

It's that time again! HLI annual membership dues of \$30 for 2011 are due. Please fill out the enclosed form on the back of this newsletter and mail it with your check to Historic Littleton, Inc. P.O. Box 1004, Littleton, CO 80160.

Many thanks to those who renewed early at the HLI Annual Meeting. You do not need to renew again this year.

These earlybirds include:

Meg Anderson & John Lake, Jim & Peggy Cole, Sonya Ellingboe, Virginia Fleenor, Kurt & Gail Keeley, Pete McClintock, Stew Meagher, Jean Selders, Frank & Marian Taylor, and Evelyn Waddell.

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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Historic Littleton Inc. celebrated its annual meeting and 10th anniversary at Geneva Lodge on Sept. 29. HLI members were given a tour of the restored structure by Chris Fisher and Renee Fisher Posey, standing in middle left photo.

At left, Littleton Museum Deputy Director Lorena Donohue gives a power-point lecture on the history of Geneva Lodge.



Littleton City Councilmember Peggy Cole and her husband Jim Cole, middle right photo, were among the HLI members celebrating with cake and wine.

In the photo at lower right, LeBrun Hutchison holds an animated discussion with Millie Rothstein, Marilyn Carroll and Doris Hulse. LeBrun was a dedicated member of Historic Littleton Inc. who passed away suddenly on December 21, 2010. He will be greatly missed by all.



It's Time to Renew Your Historic Littleton, Inc. Membership for 2011!

Since October, 2000, Historic Littleton, Inc. has been active in fostering a positive spirit towards historic preservation in Littleton. Historic Littleton members receive a quarterly newsletter, are invited to participate in special tours and events, and are directly involved in promoting historic preservation in the greater Littleton area.

In our present economy, with a focus on sustainability, preservation has become more important than ever. As architect Carl Elefante said, "The greenest building is one that is already built."

On May 4, HLI will join with the Historical Preservation Board in presenting the 4th Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Other events in 2011 include a walk-through of the City Ditch trail, a tour and dinner at Glen Elks, and a tour of Fort Logan. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and thank you for your support!

Sincerely, The Board of Directors of Historic Littleton, Inc.

Charlie Carroll, President; Liz Eaton, Vice President; Sonya Ellingboe, Secretary; Ron Richards, Treasurer; Barb Eaton, Membership; Rebecca Kast, Newsletter Editor; and Directors Karen Arras, Jack Ballard, Lorena Donohue, Dick Dugdale, Doris Hulse, Mike Massey, Darlee Whiting, and Mary Wolf.

Members of Historic Littleton, Inc. need to renew their memberships for 2011. Please send your \$30 membership fee to:

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