



## “Preservation Paintings” on Exhibit

Fifteen of the “preservation paintings” which were donated to Historic Littleton, Inc. by artist rita derjue will be exhibited at Town Hall Arts Center’s Stanton Gallery beginning on July 31. The “Gone But Not Forgotten” exhibition will continue until September 11.

Nationally renowned artist derjue started documenting historic buildings in Littleton in the 1970’s. Unfortunately, some of the buildings, such as the Culp Mansion shown on the right, were torn down after derjue painted them. Other buildings, such as Town Hall and the Santa Fe depot, were preserved and given new purposes.

In 2009 derjue gave these watercolors to



Historic Littleton in the hopes that HLI will continue to display them to raise public awareness of the importance of historic preservation.

The free exhibition will be open during normal business and performance hours at Town Hall Arts Center and is a featured art show during Western Welcome Week.

In 2009 derjue received the Bruce F. Wolf award for her commitment to preservation.



*Richard Hedrick and the team that renovated the Havener Millinery building at 2455 Main Street display their Historic Preservation Award for Outstanding Achievement. More photos of the 2012 award winners on page 3.*

## Save the Date!

HLI members are invited to a bus tour of historic sites in Douglas County on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Charlie Carroll, Sonya Ellingboe and Darlee Whiting will lead the trip, which will go to Castlewood Canyon, Larkspur and Sedalia. A \$15 fee will cover the tour and box lunch. Look for a flier with more details and a reservation form in August.

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



# Arapaho Hills Guidelines Finalized

Historic Preservation Consultant Diane Wray Tomasso presented the design guidelines for Arapaho Hills to a rapt audience of homeowners on June 26 at the Littleton City Center.

Arapaho Hills is a neighborhood of mid-century modern homes bounded by Lowell, Camargo, Berry and Arrowhead streets in the west side of Littleton. The homes were built in the 1950's by developer Clyde Mannon, who also built Arapaho Acres in Englewood. Bruce Sutherland was the architect who designed them.

Originally 360 modern homes were envisioned on a 160-acre site. Eighty-three homes were actually built in the subdivision by Mannon.

Six of the houses were designed for Better Homes & Gardens magazine as the annual "Show or "Idea" homes for the years 1956 through 1961.

Tomasso said Arapaho Hills is a completely unique enclave of custom homes designed in the Usonian or International style.

What is unique to Arapaho Hills is the massing of the houses. They were positioned at varied angles, to take advantage of the natural contours of the land. They are horizontally oriented and have flat or pitched roofs, car ports, large overhangs, and curvilinear driveways. Many of



or copies of the guidelines available for every homeowner.

The guidelines are also available on the city website: [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

The guidelines state that "the future preservation of Arapaho Hills depends on finding new homeowners that understand and appreciate the values of the community and are sensitive to retaining the historic qualities of the neighborhood."

"Owning a home in Arapaho Hills is not for everyone," the report says. "The neighborhood has social, cultural and architectural significance that transcends its value as mere residential real estate. Individuals who are not interested in playing, at least to some extent, the role of cultural steward, should consider whether or not an Arapaho Hills home really meets their needs."

Last year a National Register Nomination for Arapaho Hills was prepared by the city, approved by the state and sent to the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. The proposed National Register District includes 54 houses and the original sales office/carpentry shop, along with two original signs.

The city expects to hear about the National Register nomination by the end of August, but Tomasso told the homeowners that being on the National Register is prestigious but does not give any protections to their subdivision. "You need to get local landmark designation," she said.



the homes feature masonry or rhyolite walls.

The design guidelines contain original architectural drawings and detailed photos of the homes. The intent of the guidelines is to help homeowners learn about the unique history and design of their homes, so they can make renovations or upgrades without destroying the architectural integrity of the homes or the neighborhood.

By October Tomasso will have printed col-



# 2012 HP Awards

On May 9, Historic Littleton Inc. and the Historical Preservation Board presented the 2012 Historic Presentation Awards at Town Hall Arts Center.

A standing-room-only crowd filled the Stanton Gallery to honor the 2012 award winners and the original board of directors of Town Hall Arts Center.



At right, the family of Vaughn Gardinier gather to hear HLI President Charlie Carroll read a proclamation honoring Gardinier's vision and hard work in turning Littleton's former Town Hall into an arts center.

Below, Jim and Kurt Hulse receive the Award for Preservation Advocacy that was posthumously awarded to Doris Hulse.



At left, HP Board President Chuck Reid presents the Preservation Advocacy Award to Kevin Koernig. Above, Reid presents the Award of Stewardship to a representative from the First Presbyterian Church (left) and the Award of Merit to Steve Kurtz (right) who renovated the Sternberg Building.

# HLI Loses Director Doris Hulse

Doris Farmer Hulse was one of those people who could learn anything she set her mind on—and her mind was remarkable, with an encyclopedic memory.

Born July 31, 1934, Doris grew up in Alden, KS. She married Jim Hulse in 1957 and they moved to the Denver area in 1959. Doris worked as an analytical chemist at Marathon Oil. Jim and Doris have one son, Kurt, who is 47.

After Doris retired, she devoted herself to the study of genealogy and historical research. She researched many people and buildings for the Littleton Museum. Much of the history information on the city of Littleton's website is the product of Doris' work.

As a HLI board member, Doris willingly took on any task. She was a hard-working, enthusiastic, fun board member. Doris passed away on Feb. 28. She is greatly missed!

HLI President Charlie Carroll thanks all those who donated to Historic Littleton in Doris' memory. Nearly \$1,000 was raised for HLI.

The following individuals contributed to Doris' memorial fund: Mary Bradford, J. C. Brown, Charles and Marilyn Carroll, Richard and Anne Dugdale, Enos D. Elkins & Sallie J. Elkins Trust, Evelyn A. Erlougher, Judith R. Ham, John B. and Patricia D. Hayes Trust, Phyllis I. Hulse, Melody A. Jones, Michael and Karen Kaplan, J.V. and A.R. Okerman, Ronald C. and Denise M. Parsons, Douglas Smith and Patricia Potter, Gay Caldwell Shaffer, Herman and Marlene Sommer, Transydan, LLC, and Michael K. and Diane B. Taylor.



Doris prepared refreshments with HLI Director Mike Massey at an HLI event at Bemis House.

## Englewood Starts up Historical Society

A group of Englewood citizens concerned about losing the Englewood Depot have formed a non-profit organization to preserve what is left of Englewood's history and historical buildings.

The Englewood Historical Society is sponsoring a series of summer history talks. HLI Director Jack Ballard will speak on the Fort Logan story at the Englewood Public Library on Friday, July 27 at 3 p.m.

Call 720-254-1897 or 303-269-9768 for more information.

## HLI to Sponsor Main Street Scavenger Hunt

Historic Littleton is sponsoring a scavenger hunt on Main Street in September to promote awareness of Littleton's historic buildings. This will be a fun way to introduce children to the idea of historic preservation. Liz Eaton needs people to volunteer for this event. Call her at 303-470-0770.

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