



Bemis Grand-Daughter to Speak July 29

Historic Littleton, Inc. is pleased to present Maya DeBus, grand-daughter of Ed and Katherine Bemis, on Tuesday, July 29, at 7 p.m. at Bemis Public Library to speak about her notable grandparents and their families.

The Bemis name has long been associated with Littleton. Fred and Elizabeth Bemis were Littleton pioneers who settled here in the 1880's and ran a dairy farm. Their frame home, the first home built east of the railroad tracks, was moved to the grounds of the Littleton Museum where it is now part of the 1890's farm.

Son Ed Bemis started working at the Littleton Independent newspaper when he was 11 years old, and eventually became its publisher. Ed Bemis was also Littleton's town treasurer, deputy sheriff, fire chief, the founder of the Littleton Historical Society (which became the Littleton Museum) and he has a street and the library named after him!

When Ed Bemis died in 1978, he donated his home at 5890 S. Bemis to the City of Littleton. The house was restored with major grants from the State Historical Fund and the City of Littleton and is now the headquarters of Western Welcome Week and Historic Littleton, Inc.

Maya became acquainted with Historic Littleton in 2006 when HLI was raising money to help restore her grandparents' home. She will show family photos and speak about her grandparents' role in Littleton history.

DeBus will also speak at the Englewood Public Library on Friday, Aug. 1 at 3 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



Maya DeBus, right, stands with her sister in front of the Ed Bemis House in 2006, before the home's roof and siding were restored, as shown in the bottom photo.



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

Third Annual Scavenger Hunt Set for Sept 13



Finding clues, learning more about Littleton's historic downtown, and getting the chance to win lots of money is all part of the fun of HLI's 3rd Annual Scavenger Hunt, which will be held Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The hunt begins at Town Hall Arts Center, where participants will pick up a clue list. Clues will be on cards with the Sleuth logo that will be hidden in various Main Street businesses. Costumed re-enactors will present a bit of Littleton history to help with the clues. Other clues will be in architectural details of the buildings.

The winning ballots will be entered into a lottery to pick the winners of the \$500, \$300, \$100, and \$50 cash prizes. Other prizes include donations from Littleton businesses, gift cards, and coupons.

According to HLI Vice President Liz Eaton, the purpose of the scavenger hunt is to educate people about our historic downtown in a fun way.

Volunteers are needed to dress in period costume, pass out fliers, and help with other details. Call Karen Arras at 303-601-8221 to help. The photos show how much fun past events have been for volunteers and participants!



Have You Liked HLI on Facebook?

If you haven't, you have missed out on seeing Mike Yost's fantastic photos of Littleton's historic early-century and mid-century buildings.

Yost is a published author and photographer who is helping HLI get up-to-date with social media. You can also check out Mike's work and photos on our improved website: www.hlinc.org.

Mike is a gifted photographer and we are lucky to have his work!

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