

HLI 2023

Historic Preservation in Action



In 2023 HLI sent letters to the State Historical Fund in support of a grant to restore the windows and exterior of Geneva Lodge. A \$250,000 grant was awarded to the City of Littleton. The work will take two years to complete.

HLI members also spoke in support of preserving the Eugene Sternberg buildings of Geneva Village. While the Littleton city council voted against preserving the entire complex, the Sternberg principles and parts of his project will be preserved when the site is redeveloped beginning in 2025.

HLI President Gail Keeley and Larry Borger were involved all year advocating for preservation of the City Ditch, which was surveyed by Richard Little in 1861. This open ditch provides drinking water to Englewood, which wants to finish piping it underground. HLI advocates preserving the historic alignment and flumes.

Two walking tours were held along the ditch with HLI's Honorary Dog Mayor Murdoch and Mayor Pro Tem Netty. Murdoch's tour also visited Alferd Packer's grave in the Littleton cemetery.

The Littleton City Council will discuss the City Ditch in a study session on March 26. HLI members are encouraged to attend.

Advocacy!





HLI sponsored three History Happy Hour lectures at Vita, one lecture by Maya DeBus at her grandfather's namesake Bemis Library and led First Friday walking tours along Main Street from May until October, reaching hundreds of people.



Education!



Preservation Celebration drew nearly 100 people to the beautiful Shift Workspace in downtown Littleton for an evening of cocktails and appetizers, a photographic tribute to HLI's founder Mike Massey, and a talk by Barbara Pahl of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Shown below are some of the happy people who won prizes for answering the questions correctly in a trivia quiz about Littleton's history and historic buildings.

Fun!



Mayor Murdoch led the annual children's Halloween march at Bemis Library. Every child was given an HLI coloring book.

