

Historic Littleton Inc. 2024 Year in Review

A five-year effort to save a unique bank barn, the largest remaining barn in Littleton, culminated on July 23, when the 1918 Canary Barn was moved to its new, permanent location on South Santa Fe Drive. HLI President Gail Keeley, shown below on the left, led this advocacy effort, with help from other HLI board members. The barn had been slated for demolition but now will become the centerpiece of the Toll Brothers development.



Gail also has spent the last several years negotiating with the cities of Englewood and Littleton to preserve the historic alignment and flumes of the City Ditch, which was surveyed by Richard Little in 1862. Construction on the project to pipe the water underground will begin in 2025. HLI offered a walking tour of the ditch on July 15, while the water was still flowing.



At the HLI Annual Meeting February 22, Lisa Hendry, on the right below, presented a fascinating lecture on the Beers sisters of Littleton, who ran a female-owned dairy in the early 1900's. Lisa has been one of HLI's First Friday tour guides on Main Street but is now moving out of state. Thanks for all your help, Lisa; we will miss you!!!





HLI celebrated the landmark status of the former Knight Home, now the home of HLI Director John Gerkin, on May 22. The house at 5870 S. Curtice St. was previously owned by long-time HLI Director Sonya Ellingboe, who ran a book store there. It also was the office for the Littleton Times newspaper.



On June 24 HLI and DOCOMOMO, a Mid-Century Modernist group, presented a lecture and tour about the Community Architecture of Eugene Sternberg at Geneva Village. This property is being renovated by the City of Littleton.



Thanks to HLI member Susan Stein, left, for opening her 1911 home in downtown Littleton on November 19 and speaking on Sears catalog homes.

