SPRING STUDY TOUR & ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 21 - 23, 2020
DENVER: The Queen City of the West

MAY 21 - 23, 2020 • OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR MAY 20, 2020

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Optional Pre-Tour Golden, Colorado

Breakfast on your own • Lunch included at Table Mountain Grill • Opening Reception at the Boettcher Mansion
10:45 a.m. depart from hotel by coach to Golden
5:00 p.m. coach will pick up the rest of the group at the Hampton Inn & Suites Denver Downtown
8:00 p.m. coach departs for return to hotel in Denver

Golden was the original territorial capital of Colorado and a hub of activity in the late 1800s. Gold seekers started arriving in 1858, and Golden City was founded in 1859. It became a supply hub for miners who panned for gold in Clear Creek. Golden has eight historic neighborhoods and numerous landmarks on the National Register of Historic Places.

Calvary Episcopal Church Tour
This Gothic Revival style chapel dating to the pioneer days of Golden is the oldest continuously used Episcopal church in Colorado, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Construction began in late 1867 and was completed the following year.

Historic Downtown Golden
Local historian leads us as we walk from the church to our lunch stop, noting the Armory (largest cobblestone building in America, 1913), the Quaintence Block (1911 glazed brick building with one foot in Victorian times and another in Art Deco future), and the Foss Mural (depicting downtown Golden in 1913).

Lunch at Table Mountain Grill

Miners Museum at the Colorado School of Mines
CSM was the first Colorado public institution of higher learning and was established to serve the local mining industry. In 1873, CSM opened the first building in its present location.

Boettcher Museum, Guided Tour
The Boettcher Mansion is a historic mountaintop estate, built in 1917 as a summer home and hunting lodge for Charles Boettcher. Tour the interior, resplendent with period furniture and decor, and learn about the history of the Arts & Crafts-style stone, stucco and timber buildings.

—— 6 p.m. Opening Reception at the Boettcher Mansion ——

Overview presentation by Andrea Malcomb, Molly Brown House Museum Director

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Three-Day Annual Meeting Program, Denver

Breakfast and dinner on your own • Lunch included at Linger Eatuary
9:00 a.m. depart from hotel by coach • 5 p.m. return to hotel

Morning Walking Tour with Historic Denver Docents: Union Station and the Crawford Hotel
The first transcontinental rail line was finished in 1869 but had bypassed Colorado’s Rocky Mountains in favor of the lower mountain passes of Wyoming. Foreseeing the potential disaster in excluding Denver from not only the commercial benefits of transcontinental rail access, but more importantly, the heavy mining equipment that would be needed for the continued growth of the gold and silver economy, prominent Denverites acted quickly to collaborate to build the 106-mile spur that connected Denver to Cheyenne, Wyoming and a second connection to Kansas City, Kansas to secure Denver’s link to the resources and capital that soon flowed from the coasts.

Larimer Square
Explore Denver’s oldest block and learn about the first city center, its transformation to a skid row, and how local citizens saved the block of buildings from demolition to create Denver’s first historic district. We will have access to the Daniels & Fisher Clock Tower with 360 views of Denver.

Lunch with the Group at Linger
Once a mortuary that held the remains of Buffalo Bill, this Denver hotspot is now a death-themed restaurant, evolving from historic mortuary to Denver’s ultra-cool Linger Eatuary.

State Capitol Tour
The golden-domed Colorado State Capitol is one of the prominent features in Denver’s skyline, sitting at exactly one mile above sea level. The Neoclassical building, intentionally reminiscent of the United States Capitol, was designed by Elijah E. Myers and constructed in the 1890s. The dome's current golden shine now comes from 65 ounces of .999 pure gold that was mined in Colorado, hammer into gold leaf in Florence, Italy, and applied in 2013.

Denver Art Museum, Welcome Presentation
Darrin Alfred, curator of Architecture and Design
Founded in 1893 as the Denver Artist’s Club, the Denver Art Museum opened its own galleries in 1949. In 1971, the museum opened the North Building by Gio Ponti in collaboration with James Sudler Associates of Denver. This bold tradition continued in 2006 with the 146,000 sq. ft. Frederic C. Hamilton Building, a joint venture of architect Daniel Libeskind and Denver-based Davis Partnership Architects. A renovation of Ponti’s North Building is due to open in June.
FRIDAY, MAY 22  
COLORADO SPRINGS, MANITOU SPRINGS, GARDEN OF THE GODS

Breakfast on your own • Lunch included at Miramont Castle

Dinner on your own or attend Alumni Association annual meeting and dinner (further details provided in the Alumni eNewsletter as soon as plans are finalized)

8:30 a.m. depart by coach to Colorado Springs • 5:30 p.m. return to hotel

MORNING: WALKING TOUR WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Begin on Millionaire’s Row where buildings display the opulence that resulted from the Cripple Creek mining boom. Other homes housed the city’s elite, including bank presidents, philanthropists, and famous authors. These residences display a wide array of architecture and include works from most of the city’s premier architects. We’ll visit the Pastorius Residence, the only remaining Cripple Creek-era mansion south of Colorado College still in single-family use on its original lot. The house is significant for its architecture, as an elaborate example of the half-timbered version of the Queen Anne style and notable for its gables of stucco with embedded mineral specimens. The Stewart House, with its brick walls, stone columns and Greek Corinthian-style arches, was one of the first homes built on Millionaire’s Row, in 1898. P. B. Stewart was art lover who decorated his home lavishly. A fine collection of Audubon prints was displayed on the dining room walls.

LUNCH IN THE GREAT HALL OF MIRAMONT CASTLE, MANITOU SPRINGS

In 1892, Father Francolon came as a missionary priest to Manitou, already famous for its healing waters and clean air. Construction of the Castle began in the fall of 1895, with Fr. Francolon incorporating all the features he liked into the Castle. It is a remarkable structure with nine separate styles of architecture, from medieval, crenellated battlements at each end of the Castle to the beautiful Gothic front door.

GARDEN OF THE GODS, TOUR WITH STEP-ON GUIDE

We’ll see dramatic views and 300’ towering sandstone rock formations set against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. A trained Colorado naturalist will step onto our coach to give a 45 to 60-minute tour of the Garden of the Gods Park.

SATURDAY, MAY 23  
DENVER

Breakfast and lunch on your own

Closing Banquet Dinner & Awards Presentation included (cash bar)

9:00 a.m. depart from hotel by coach • 4:30 p.m. return to hotel

5:45 p.m. depart from hotel by coach to the Oxford Hotel

8:30 p.m. depart by coach to return to hotel in Denver

MORNING: WALKING TOUR OF CAPITOL HILL, WITH HISTORIC DENVER DOCENTS

The blocks surrounding the State Capitol were filled with mansions at the turn of the last century. Uncover the stories of families who lived in these homes at the end of the 19th century, and discover the mansions that have survived and some that were lost on this walking tour of the area. Learn how the surviving mansions have found new uses.

MOLLY BROWN HOUSE – INTERIOR TOUR

We will divide into two groups to tour the home of philanthropist, activist, and socialite Margaret Brown, known as “The Unsinkable Molly Brown” having survived the sinking of the RMS Titanic. The house was built in the 1880s by architect William A. Lang, incorporating several popular styles, including Queen Anne-style architecture. In 1970, a group of concerned citizens formed Historic Denver, Inc., raising the funds for the house to be restored.

FREE TIME FOR LUNCH AND EXPLORATION IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE CREATIVE DISTRICT

Admission is included for introduction and self-guiding at the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art. Other options nearby (admission not included): the Clyfford Still Museum, the History Colorado Center, the Byers-Evans House Museum, Denver’s Central Public Library, and numerous commercial art galleries.

AFTERNOON: WALKING TOUR OF QUALITY HILL, WITH HISTORIC DENVER DOCENTS

Explore the neighborhood known as Quality Hill with stops in front of the Boettcher, Zang and Malo Mansions, among others. Located in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, Quality Hill grew rapidly as an exclusive enclave of the wealthy in the early years of the 20th century. This tour highlights many of the key people who established Quality Hill and whose names remain recognizable in Denver today.

Above: Miramont Castle. Below, l to r: Molly Brown House, Adolf Zang Mansion, the Stewart House.
The Pre-Meeting Tour • Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Includes visits, transportation and lunch. Due to limited seating, this portion of our event will fill up quickly. Please reserve early to avoid disappointment. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Pre-Meeting Tour.

The Annual Meeting Tour Package
Wednesday, May 20 (evening) - May 23, 2020
Includes site admission fees; transportation; Wednesday reception; Thursday lunch; Friday lunch; Saturday dinner. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Annual Meeting Tour Package. If you are attending the Alumni Association event on Friday evening a separate reservation is required (see box at right).

Special Note
Bear in mind that there will be extensive walking, so please bring comfortable shoes. We regret that we cannot provide alternate means of transportation for those who have walking or endurance difficulties. (Public transportation may be available in some areas, but participants will be responsible for the cost if they use them.) Also bear in mind that Denver is known as “the mile high city” for a reason, so it's important that you stay hydrated and not over-exert yourself.

Getting There
Denver is served by Denver International Airport and there are direct flights from most major U.S. cities. Denver is also accessible by train (Amtrak) and bus (various companies) as well as by car. Light rail service from the airport to Union Station in downtown Denver is available, as are taxis and Uber.

Weather & What to Wear
Average daytime temperatures in Denver range from 67°F to 78°F, rarely falling below 52°F and average daily lows range from 43°F to 52°F, rarely falling below 34°, but it is advisable to check the local forecast before departure and pack accordingly. Layers are always practical. Special note: Gentlemen should bring jackets as they are appropriate for the closing banquet.

Eating Out
There are many restaurants—of various types, cuisines and price points—in and within walking distance of the hotel.

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