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The Victorian Society in America Spring Study Tour

MAY 19 - 21, 2022

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR

GOLDEN, COLORADO

Breakfast on your own • Lunch included at Table Mountain Grill • Opening Reception at the Boettcher Mansion
10:30 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 1800's. 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.



Calvary Episcopal Church

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GOLDEN

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

LUNCH AT TABLE MOUNTAIN GRILL

MINES 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 19

THREE-DAY STUDY TOUR PROGRAM, DENVER

Breakfast and dinner on your own • Lunch included at Ellyngton's
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 ELLYNGTON'S AT THE BROWN PALACE HOTEL

Open since 1892, The Brown Palace Hotel and Spa has become one of the most beloved Denver hotels. In the late 1800's, people from all over the country were still flocking to the West seeking their fortunes, and everyone stopped in Denver.

COLORADO STATE CAPITOL

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, hammered 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 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 Davis Partnership Architects. After a four-year construction and renovation project, Ponti's North Building and its new Anna & John J. Sie Welcome Center opened in October 2021.



*Breakfast on your own • Lunch included at Miramont Castle
Dinner on your own or attend Alumni Association Dinner
8:30 a.m. depart by coach to Colorado Springs • 5:30 p.m. return to hotel*

*The Alumni Association's Dinner will be held on Friday evening.
For further details, email AA President David Lamdin
at dalamdin@gmail.com*

MORNING: WALKING TOUR WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Join our guide Tim Scanlon on a walk in the Millionaire's Row neighborhood, where buildings display the opulence that resulted from the Cripple Creek mining district boom. These homes once housed the city's elite and display a wide array of architecture and include works from the city's premier architects. We'll visit the Pastorius Residence, the only remaining Cripple Creek era mansion 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. We will see the Van Briggie Pottery Company building, designed by architect Nicolaas van den Arend displaying Flemish farmhouse and Arts & Crafts influences. It operated from 1908 to 1968 as a pottery factory, producing ceramic art and architectural pieces. Today the property is owned by Colorado College, the kilns have been removed, and the interiors are active offices.

LUNCH AT 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. We'll have a Light Victorian Tea lunch in the Queen's Parlour Tearoom.

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 21

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

American philanthropist, activist, and socialite Margaret Brown was known as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" because she survived the sinking of the RMS *Titanic*. Her 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 to its former glory.

KIRKLAND MUSEUM OF FINE & DECORATIVE ART

Admission is included for introduction and self-guiding at the Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art.

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

Other options nearby (admission not included): the Clyfford Still Museum, the Denver Art Museum, the History Colorado Center, the Byers-Evans House Museum, Denver's Central Public Library, and numerous commercial art galleries.

*Closing Banquet
and Awards Presentation
Sage Room, Oxford Hotel*

Above: Miramont Castle. Below, l to r: Molly Brown House, Adolf Zang Mansion, the Stewart House.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND REGISTER WITH THE SOCIETY AND BOOK THEIR HOTEL BY APRIL 1, 2022

The Pre-Meeting Tour • Wednesday, May 18, 2022

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.

Study Tour Package

Wednesday, May 18 (evening) - Saturday, May 21, 2022

Includes site admission fees; transportation; Wednesday reception; Thursday lunch; Friday lunch; Saturday dinner. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Study Tour Package. If you are attending the Alumni Association event on Friday evening a separate reservation is required. Please contact AA President David Lamdin for details at dalamdin@gmail.com

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 daily high temperatures in Denver in May 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.

Hotel Information

Our headquarters hotel is the Hampton Inn & Suites Denver Downtown, 1845 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. The phone number for reservations is (303) 864-8000. Please use this number to make your room reservation. Be sure to mention that you are with the Victorian Society in America to get the discounted rate of \$209 per night single or double occupancy, and **these rooms will be held for us exclusively until April 1, 2022.** After this date, the discounted rate will no longer be available and the rooms will be subject to availability.

MAKING RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOTEL ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AT YOUR EXPENSE. THE SOCIETY'S ONLY ROLE IS TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE.

How to Register

We recommend reserving early, as space is limited. Registrations can be made via check (preferable), credit card, or money order. Your spot in the program is secured only after we receive payment.

Cancellations

Cancellations received on or before April 18, 2022, will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. **There will be no refunds after April 18, 2022.** If you think that there is a chance that you will need to withdraw from this program, you may wish to consider purchasing trip insurance. Trip insurance protects you against any unforeseen need to cancel. Trip insurance can cover the Society's fee and your airfare and hotel costs. There are many providers of this type of insurance; one place to start looking is www.insuremytrip.com (800-487-4722). The Society is providing this information purely as a service to you, and we do not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

Disclaimer

The Victorian Society in America is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal items during this program. The Victorian Society in America reserves the right to make such changes to the schedule, sites to be visited, or personnel as may become necessary or desirable.

	COST	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL
Pre-Study Tour (Member)	\$195	_____	= _____
Pre-Study Tour (Non-Member)	\$215	_____	= _____
Spring Study Tour (Member)	\$975	_____	= _____
Spring Study Tour (Non-Member)	\$995	_____	= _____
			TOTAL \$ _____

Please check payment option

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made payable to The Victorian Society in America

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