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Colorado Chautauqua Association & Three Leaf Concepts receive historic preservation award for Chautauqua Dining Hall project

Award recognizes exceptional preservation of historic places in Boulder County

BOULDER, Colo. (May 20, 2014) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association and Three Leaf Concepts have been recognized with a Heritage Roundtable Local History and Preservation Award for their six month refurbishment project of the Chautauqua Dining Hall.

Built in 1898 and one of the original buildings of the Colorado Chautauqua, the Chautauqua Dining Hall has served the community for over 116 years.

Guided by a commitment to preservation and sustainability, Colorado Chautauqua Association in collaboration with Three Leaf Concepts, the Dining Hall operator, made every effort to lovingly preserve the iconic building while simultaneously utilizing new building science to enhance the building's health, functionality and comfort.



Chautauqua Dining Hall's refurbished bar and dining areas

The wood shingle roof was replaced with a dimensional composite roofing material and exterior trim, siding, and gutters that were deteriorated were replaced. Structural work incorporated several energy efficiency upgrades and the building received a fresh coat of paint.

Highlights of the renovated interior include beautifully refinished floors that had been hidden under carpet for years, two stone fireplaces, and a redesigned, cozy bar and lounge area for casual food and beverages. The "back-of-house" floor plan was also updated to more efficiently and expeditiously serve guests on busy nights.

Technical and financial support for the Chautauqua Dining Hall project was also provided by History Colorado's State Historical Fund, the City of Boulder and the National Park Service.

The Heritage Roundtable Local History and Preservation Awards are presented each spring by the Boulder Heritage Roundtable to individuals and organizations that have made special contributions to historic preservation in Boulder County in the past year. The antique square nails presented to award winners are from a Boulder County historic building, in the foothills. The same person has handmade the award for multiple years.

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The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that preserves, perpetuates and improves the site and spirit of the historic Chautauqua, enhancing its community and values through cultural, educational, social and recreational experiences. The chautauqua experience is based on lifelong learning, love of nature, voluntary simplicity, and music, oration and the arts. Historic significance, traditions, cultural relevance, respite and enrichment are among the community benefits provided by the Colorado Chautauqua. CCA serves as the steward of historic Chautauqua. It leases from the City of Boulder and has full responsibility for preservation and use of 26 acres of Chautauqua Park, home to many public buildings, gardens and 99 cottages, 58 of which are available for rental through the Association. The Colorado Chautauqua was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006. The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Tier II organization. For more information about the Colorado Chautauqua and the CCA visit www.chautauqua.com or www.facebook.com/coloradochautauqua.

The Chautauqua Dining Hall is operated by Three Leaf Concepts. Owned by Lenny and Sara Martinelli, Three Leaf Concepts (TLC) operates the Boulder Dushanbe Teahouse and owns and operates other award-winning restaurants including Leaf, Aji, Naropa Café, The Huckleberry and Zucca as well as Three Leaf Farm and Three Leaf Catering.

For access to historic photos, or to arrange interviews with executive director Susan Connelly, contact Glenda Catron at 303-449-2108, ext. 17.