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Hotel de Paris Museum Honored for Outstanding Contributions to Colorado History

Georgetown, Colo., December 16, 2015 - Hotel de Paris Museum, a Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, received the Fred A. Rosenstock Award from the Denver Posse of Westerners at its "Winter Rendezvous" held at Park Hill Golf Club in Denver. The Fred A. Rosenstock Awards were established as a memorial which provides awards to individuals and organizations making substantial contributions to the preservation of the Old West.

"Famous the wide world over," Hotel de Paris opened in 1875 and is older than the State of Colorado itself. The property dates to the silver mining boom, when it offered a first-class French restaurant, showrooms for traveling salesmen, and luxurious lodging during the Gilded Age. The idealized French inn catered to wealthy businessmen, railroad tycoons, mining investors, and outdoor adventure seekers. Proprietor Louis Dupuy's story of reinvention in the West inspired the CBS Television series "Hotel de Patee" (1959-1960), which starred Earl Holliman, Jeanette Nolan, Judi Meredith, and Strother Martin.

In 1985, museum volunteer Ellen Ray Riddle published the book *Louis Dupuy and His Souvenir of France*, and in 2014, museum volunteer Constance Merrill Primus published the book *Victorian Visitors at the Hotel de Paris in Georgetown, Colorado*. Riddle's book was the museum's first publication, and was recently republished. Primus spent seven years deciphering 18,000 handwritten signatures found in five extant guest registers. The museum is working to put the database of these names online.

Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel declared, "For its superb property and crackerjack interpretive program, Hotel de Paris Museum is the first and only Rocky Mountain attraction to be designated a Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For preserving, interpreting and opening to the public one of Colorado's most historic hotels and celebrating an often forgotten French tradition in the West, the Denver Posse of Westerners happily honors Hotel de Paris Museum."

A rich and storied past includes visits from notable guests George and Jay Gould and celebrated figures, such as the Countess Magri (the former Mrs. General Tom Thumb). However, after the Silver Panic of 1893, Hotel de Paris began a steady decline. In 1954, it was purchased and opened as a museum about the hotel. Restored period rooms showcase the site's original furnishings, which are faithfully arranged. Visitors are immersed in a setting of authenticity, which provides a fascinating window into the lives of the hotel's proprietors, workers, builders, and guests.

Hotel de Paris Museum is located at 409 6th Street, Georgetown, CO, 80444.

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About Hotel de Paris Museum

Hotel de Paris Museum, a Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is owned and operated by The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado. Hotel de Paris Museum collects, preserves, and shares history associated with Louis Dupuy's Hotel de Paris, and serves as a

catalyst for heritage tourism in Georgetown, Colorado. For more information, visit <http://www.hoteldeparismuseum.org>

About the National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded nonprofit organization, works to save America's historic places to enrich our future. For more information, visit <http://www.preservationnation.org>