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Hotel de Paris Museum Enriches Its Tours with New Interactive Opportunities

Georgetown, Colo., February 1, 2012- [Hotel de Paris Museum](#), a National Trust Historic Site, opens its 57th tour season to the public on Friday, June 1, 2012. Louis Dupuy's legendary hotel dates to the silver mining boom, when it served as a first-class French restaurant, showroom for traveling salesmen, and luxurious hotel during the Gilded Age. New this year, guests will touch selected historic artifacts owned by Dupuy.

Touch Something Really Old

A reduction in barriers between the public and historic artifacts will allow visitors to better connect with and understand history at Hotel de Paris Museum. New opportunities to touch, hear and see how really old things function will seemingly make years slip away. An improved sensory experience will intensify the tour experience, stimulate curiosity, and make visitors feel transported to a time when the hotel was "famous the wide world over."

Explore Restored Period Rooms

Recognized for authenticity, Hotel de Paris Museum displays a significant collection of objects from the hotel's past in restored period rooms. Over 7,000 square feet are furnished with faithful arrangements of historic artifacts that tell the story of Frenchman Dupuy, the "father of domestic science," and his amazing transformation from journalist, to miner, to renowned host. Dupuy's life is illustrated through photography, statuary, oil paintings, etchings, lithographs, books, maps, decorative arts and culinary items.

Visitors will explore one of the most celebrated and well-appointed hotels in the West from the guest, proprietor, and back of the house staff perspectives, as well as learn about exemplary preservation of this rare historical and cultural resource. This year, the public will enjoy increased accessibility to the collection through limited handling of some of the museum's genuine artifacts.

The site is open daily from June-September, and on weekends from October-December. Docent-led tours cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for minors/seniors/military, with a 50 percent discount for National Trust for Historic Preservation members. Hotel de Paris Museum is located at 409 6th Street, Georgetown, Colo, 80444. Free public parking is located next to the museum. For more information about the Hotel de Paris Museum, visit <http://www.hoteldeparismuseum.org/>.

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About Hotel de Paris Museum

Hotel de Paris Museum, a National Trust Historic Site, is owned and operated by The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Colorado. The National Trust for Historic Preservation helps people preserve, improve, and enjoy the places that matter to them.

Hotel de Paris Museum is part of a diverse group of National Trust sites that includes Philip Johnson's Glass House, Acoma Sky City, and President Lincoln's Cottage.

Hotel de Paris Museum educates a broad and diverse audience about the site's importance to Georgetown, Colorado, the Georgetown-Silver Plume National Historic Landmark District, the State of Colorado, and the United States of America.

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 PreservationNation.org .