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Historic Denver's 47th Annual Dinner & Awards Program to honor Outstanding Preservation Leaders and Projects

Denver (September 15, 2017) – Historic Denver, Inc. announced today its Honorees for the upcoming Annual Dinner and Awards Program on November 1, 2017 at the Brown Palace Hotel & Spa. The event will honor three individuals, four preservation projects and one “Remix” award to a project that successfully and dynamically incorporates an old building with new construction.

The Nelson/Falkenberg Family will receive the **Keystone Award** for lifetime achievement in historic preservation. Ruth Falkenberg and her late husband Larry Nelson are long-time leaders in the preservation and development community and co-owned 620 Corp., Inc. Both have served on numerous City Boards and Commissions. Their most beloved adaptive reuse projects include Hangar 61, Rocky Mountain Bank Note Building, several buildings in Lower Downtown, including the Hardware Block, and the Epworth Building in Curtis Park that is now home to Little White Dress and Wenk & Associates. The Award also honors Ruth's parents, William (Bill) S. Falkenberg and his late wife, Janis Falkenberg, who were also active in the historic preservation and architecture community over many decades. Bill earned his Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering at the University of Colorado in 1949. He was a development consultant in Denver and President of Falkenberg Construction Company from the 1950s through the 1980s, and actively worked on the restoration of the Molly Brown House, 9th Street Historic Park and Four Mile Historic Park. Janis served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Historical Society (now History Colorado) and was the first woman to Chair that board. She also took on numerous research projects, including cataloguing the collection of Denver landscape architect S.R. DeBoer, for the Society's library. The work of Larry, Ruth, Bill & Janice has deeply influenced Denver's preservation community and kept our cultural heritage vibrant and dynamic.

This year's **Ann Love Award** will go to **Susan Powers**. The award honors those who embody the spirit of one of Historic Denver's founders and former Colorado First Lady, Ann Love. **Susan Powers** is the President of Urban Ventures LLC, a real estate development company she created in 1998. Urban Ventures focuses its efforts in urban neighborhoods, close to the core of downtown. This is reflected in developments that have included historic renovation, affordable housing, TOD, Brownfields redevelopment, student housing, modular housing and mixed use projects in non-traditional neighborhoods. Urban Ventures redeveloped the retired convent, Marycrest, in northwest Denver, into a model mixed income co-housing development called Aria Denver. Urban Ventures and White Construction also recently partnered to purchase 3.5 acres of property adjacent to the Platte River in a formerly active industrial area. This has been developed into the STEAM on the Platte project. Prior to her work with Urban Ventures Susan worked for the Denver Urban Renewal Authority and played a significant role in the rehabilitation of the Denver Dry Building.

Charleszine “Terry” Nelson will be honored with the **Molly Brown Award**, created to honor a woman who demonstrates the unsinkable Margaret “Molly” Brown's commitment to community. **Terry Nelson** is the Special Collection and Community Resource Manager for the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library. She is the local expert on Five Points history, and through her work ensures that the rich culture and the stories of Five Points are shared from generation to generation. Nelson has 30+ years of Library experience. She has been a bookmobile librarian, manager of the library film center, a reference and humanities librarian, and was the manager of Volunteer Services for the Denver Public Library. Born and raised in Denver, Nelson attended Manual

High School, earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a master's degree in Information Technology and Library Science from Emporia State College.

Four projects will be recognized for their contributions to Denver's unique identity with **Community Preservation Awards**. The honorees include: **The Krisana Park Conservation Overlay District**, a neighborhood effort that aimed to honor and preserve an intact Eichler-esque mid-century modern neighborhood in south east Denver. **The Stanley Marketplace**, an adaptive reuse project near Stapleton that took the former Stanley Aviation Building and repurposed it as an urban retail center filled with local food, boutiques and offices. **The Goddard School at Steele Gymnasium** repurposed the 1914 Robert Steele Gymnasium in the Berkeley Neighborhood into a modern day Pre-Kindergarten school. Lastly, the **Bosler House**, a true Gem of the Highland neighborhood that fell into serious disrepair has been lovingly brought back to life by Steven and Jan Davis.

Only in its second year, Historic Denver's **Remix Award** will be awarded this year to **Shift Workspaces – Bannock**, which successfully blends a historic building with a new development, an action Historic Denver encourages. Grant Barnhill, the Founder of Shift Workspaces, transformed the former Fistell's Electronics Building into a modern day Co-Working space. The 1936 building's original timber ceilings and brick walls mixed seamlessly with glassed-in offices and modern art. The soul of the building remains, but it has been given new life for a new era of Denver business.

Historic Denver's Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony is a Denver tradition, held at the Brown Palace for all of its 47 years. More than 400 civic and community leaders will attend the event's cocktail hour held in the elegant main lobby of the historic hotel. New this year, the organization has put together an exciting Live Auction fundraiser with four packages featuring unique experiences in beloved historic places. Included in the Live Auction will be a package that highlights the history of the Five Points neighborhood with an evening of Jazz and cocktails in the Rossonian building before it heads into restoration and renovation. One lucky bidder will be able to invite a small group of friends to enjoy this exclusive opportunity to see the long dormant and beloved Rossonian building and hear jazz played there once again.

The Annual Dinner & Awards Program is supported by Silver Sponsors Urban Ventures, LLC. Bronze Sponsors include: Palisade Partners, Kirkpatrick Bank and Sprung Construction and Shift Workspaces - Bannock. Sponsorships from \$3,000 to \$15,000 are still available. Individual tickets are available for \$195. To become a sponsor or purchase tickets visit www.historicdenver.org or call 303-534-5288 ext. 7.

The 47th Annual Dinner & Awards Program is chaired by Kendra Sandoval. The Dinner Committee members are: Gautam Sachania, Amy Harmon, David Leuthold, Tom Kimball, Bob Sarlo, Jackie Noble, Cyndi Bush-Luna, Annie Levinsky and Sigri Strand.

About Historic Denver

Historic Denver is the organization for those who love Denver. For more than 45 years Historic Denver has led the way by providing ideas and actions for the places that give Denver its unique identity. Historic Denver owns and operates the Molly Brown House Museum, provides education and

technical assistance for owners of historic properties, operates the Denver Story Trek and Discover Denver projects, and actively engages in community dialogue about the vibrancy created through the dynamic mix of old and new.

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