



## **Living Landmark Award** **2009** **Arlone Child**

**A**rlone Child served a central role in Golden's historic preservation efforts for 28 years, since the founding of the Golden Landmarks Association in 1972. She was one of the organizers and cooks at the first pasty dinner held for Golden city councilors and their wives in March 1972. She made and served hot cider at each of the Christmas celebrations held the first few years at the Astor House Hotel Museum. Arlone provided the recipes and supervised the making of the home-made ice cream in the Astor House garden during early Buffalo Bill Days celebrations. Arlone was instrumental in originating the annual Christmas Historic Home Tour starting in 1982, and continued to serve as a volunteer for the next 27 years. A true visionary, she helped organize and gather support for Golden's 12th Street Historic District in 1983.

**A**rlone was on the organizing committee for the Centennial calendar published in 1976 of the 100th anniversary of Colorado's statehood. She helped publish each succeeding calendar, and then revived the project in 1992 for the Golden Landmarks 20 year anniversary publication, gathering all the information, writing the text and publishing the booklet **GOLDEN LANDMARKS, The First Twenty Years**. Arlone served on the GLA board of directors from 1990 - 1994, and again from 2007 until her death in December 2008.

**I**n 1992, Arlone was part of the crew that braved the hanta virus danger when she and several others went up to the Red School Ranch property to number the logs of the Pierce cabin before it was dismantled and moved to its new site at the Clear Creek Ranch History Park, where Bill Bailey and his crew of volunteers rebuilt it. While serving as a tour guide at the Astor House Hotel Museum in 1992, Arlone began a computer inventory of the artifacts. The process took four years to complete and culminated in a comprehensive video inventory of the entire collection. Since Friends of the Astor House took over management of the museum in 1998, Arlone was tireless in her efforts to maintain the catalog and inventory the artifact collection on display and in storage, updating the computerized inventory and physically inspecting the collection every year.

**A**rlone was an inspired educator and intrepid traveler, adventuring with her husband Gene all over the world, establishing a scholarship fund and supporting as many as 17 African scholars. On at least two occasions in their 50 year marriage, Gene claims to have observed that she could also walk on water! Those who knew her will have no trouble believing him.