



Marcie Miller

Marcie began her “idyllic” childhood in Golden while her dad was an undergrad at Mines, living in tarpaper army barracks that passed for married student housing on the corner of 6th Ave & 19th St. where she grew up roaming the CSM campus. Eventually moving to a house out on Easley Way, just above the Railroad Museum, her parents gave her and her siblings a lot of room to be kids; they roamed

North Table Mountain like it was their own back yard. They would be up and down the mountain multiple times in a day, and often joked (with only a hint of exaggeration) that their mom only had two rules: always wear shoes because of rattlesnakes and be home by dark. Hopping the fence to the railroad museum to play hide and seek and cops and robbers and taking imaginary train trips all over the world and riding her beloved mare, Copper, bareback across the Mesa filled Marcie’s days.

Marcie headed to Westminster College in Salt Lake City and “skied her butt off” while earning a degree in Business Administration and Economics, laying the foundation for what has become a long and varied career. Buying the main floor of the building at 14th and Washington, Marcie opened her first business, a Compucopy, with her mother in 1983. Ten years later, with two friends, she opened Higher Grounds, Golden’s first coffee house. During this time period Marcie also began her illustrious career of community service, volunteerism and public office which continued in Golden until 2005 when she decided to enjoy the aloha life and moved to Hawaii. Over the next four years she opened a glass blowing studio, gave lessons, learned the art of fundraising and discovered a passion for non-profits that changed her life.

Marcie moved back from Hawaii in 2009 and has loved being a member of the community in a very real way. In addition to a varied array of jobs, she has volunteered and worked with too many organizations to name, but here goes... GCC Buffalo Bill Days Committee, GCC Christmas Committee, Jefferson Symphony Orchestra, Golden Landmarks Association, Save the Mesas, Table Mountains Conservation Fund, CINQ, Golden City Council, Foothills Art Center, Golden City Council (again), Colorado Cowboy Gathering and current Board Member of Leadership Golden – over three decades of public service! One of the things she is most proud of is her service as a City Councilor, which gave her the opportunity to look into the future and do something that would make a profound difference for people who will never even know who she is and that was to add her vote to her fellow councilors’ to secure the Guanella Reservoir for Golden’s water storage, now and well into the future.

If you ask her she says she doesn’t know what her next adventure will be, but she dreams of walking the Camino de Santiago and visiting Machu Picchu. She hopes to someday work out a summer – winter flip-flop between Golden and Hawaii. Other than that...time will tell.