



## Living Landmark Award 2003

### ❧ Alice Dempsey ❧

Alice Dempsey grew up in Quincy, Illinois where music played a major role in her life. As a youth she studied violin and dance, performing on stage and with orchestras. She attended Avila College in Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from DePaul University in Chicago as a member of the Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, Alice joined the feature staff of The Chicago Tribune, where she contributed to a daily column. She then became assistant editor of the Travel Department and wrote travel stories and other articles.

In 1968 Alice moved to Golden with her husband, Ed, and seven children. She became an active member of the community, getting involved in numerous cultural and civic organizations. She was a founding member of the Golden Landmarks Association and served as Secretary for the organization. As an enthusiastic historical researcher she was a tireless contributor to the restoration of the Astor House Museum. She is a long-time member of the Pioneer Delphian Study Club, a woman's group started in 1929 that still meets regularly. She has served several terms as President and as Secretary-Treasurer of that club. For 15 years Alice, an accomplished violinist, played with the choir at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where she is still an active member of the congregation.

In 1970 she began working for the Golden Transcript newspaper, writing feature stories about interesting people in the Golden area. She received the Denver Post's "Spot News of the Year" Award. She is currently researching a book that she is writing about five generations of a Sioux Indian family.

Alice is still an active member of the community and volunteers her time at the Mother Cabrini Shrine. She is a member of the Foothills Art Center and the Golden Pioneer Museum. Although Alice loves to travel and has visited many countries, she still finds Golden a very special place to live.