



Golden Landmarks Association  
*Preserving Our Past, Protecting Our Future*

## Living Landmark Award 2005

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Donna (Edmondson) Miller was born in North Kansas City, Missouri. She attended Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah where she met and married her college sweetheart Sam Miller. In 1955 the couple moved to Golden where Sam enrolled in Colorado School of Mines. While her husband studied engineering, Donna became interested in mining history and the Golden community. In 1978, as Public Information Associate with the visitor's program at SERI (now NREL), she returned to school at Regis College to pursue a degree in Business Administration. In addition, she raised three children Marcie, Ron and Donna Jeanne.

Donna has served the Golden Landmarks Association for over thirty years. During her service she helped clean, repair, steam off old wall paper, repaper, strip off old paint and repaint the Astor House. She has been involved historical research and program development. She dressed in period costume and offered walking tours of historic Golden. She was also active in setting up the original Clear Creek Ranch Park. She has served six terms as president and continues to serve as office manager. Today she is one of Golden Landmarks Association's best resources for information.

Donna spearheaded a drive to prevent part of South Table Mountain from becoming a gravel quarry 30 years before Nike tried to purchase some of that land.

As an active business owner in the community, Donna and her daughter Marcie opened Compucopy offering all aspects of desktop publishing and copy work.

Long active in the Golden Chamber of Commerce, she served as a Golden Ambassador for many years and chaired several events committees.

When the Jefferson County Library Board was considering closing our library branch, Donna helped launch a petition drive and a letter-writing campaign to keep Golden's library open. The library has since moved to a new building and is now in line for expansion.

In 1984, Donna organized a birthday party for the city when Golden turned 125, complete with cake and a parade.

When she is not serving Golden, Donna has enjoyed hot air ballooning, white water rafting, whale watching, swimming with dolphins, and her latest passion, boogie boarding in Hawaii.