



Golden Landmarks Association
Preserving Our Past, Protecting Our Future

Living Landmark Award 2008

❧ **E l l i o t B r o w n** ❧

An environmentalist to the heart and a Save-the-Mesa person to the core, Elliot Brown has been proactive on both issues.

He arrived in Colorado from Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1979 to take a job as staff scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder. With a doctorate in metallurgy and materials engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, he was well suited to the position.

However, he had fallen in love with the mountains, the foothills, the mesas and Golden, so in 1981 he obtained a position on the faculty of Colorado School of Mines. He bought property on the south side of South Table Mountain, which he assumed bordered Open Space. He discovered it was privately owned, and there was a possibility of first, a gravel pit operation coming to the mountaintop and second, that the Nike corporate headquarters might relocate there.

In 1986 he left Mines to start his own business, EB Scientific Enterprises to perform contract research and development in metallurgy and materials science related technologies.

Not only did he decide to take a stand against losing his favorite hiking, biking and climbing area, but he wanted very much to do all he could to preserve the nature of Golden as a small town. He compared it, 'fondly' to his small town neighborhood in New York City.

Avid in his beliefs concerning these issues, he became a founding member of the Save the Mesas group and fought diligently for its ideals, getting support from the city, county and state. He was helpful in promoting the Mesa Music Festivals. It was "a nervous but intoxicating time" when all was accomplished, he said. That meant saving the mesas, which now belong to Open Space.

He helped found the Table Mountains Conservations Fund that has actively brokered the acquisition of small parcels of land on the slopes of the Table Mountains.

Brown also helped organize Citizens Involved in the Northwest Quadrant to oppose a beltway through Golden.