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Beauty Is In The Eye Of The Beholder *Open A New Door And Experience Denver's History*

DENVER, Colo. – Looking to do something different this weekend? The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) invites you to celebrate Denver's unique architectural landscape by participating in Doors Open Denver 2010. Take a step back in time and visit a building that served as a model for other local building projects and its influence can still be seen in other governmental and public structures throughout downtown Denver. The Byron White U. S. Courthouse is located on 1823 Stout Street and it will be open for self-guided tours on April 17-18, from 10 am – 2 pm both days.

One of Denver's first permanent post office and courthouse, the Byron White U.S. Courthouse reveals interesting clues that tell a long and rich Colorado history. You'll find things like inscribed names on marble-faced walls with names like Buffalo Bill Cody, one of the best-known Pony Express riders, an important part of the history of the postal service in the American West. You can also satisfy the artist in you with a display of four murals by artist Herman T. Schaldermundt, completed in 1918 which were recently restored through GSA's Fine Arts Program. Details will be available upon entering the building at a self-help station.

GSA's Fine Arts Collection is one of our nation's oldest and largest public art collections. It consists of permanently installed and moveable mural paintings, sculpture, architectural or environmental works of art, and works on paper dating from 1850 to the present. These civic works of art are in federal buildings and courthouses across the United States. Maintained by GSA as a part of our national and cultural heritage, the Fine Arts Collection serves as a reminder of the important tradition of individual creative expression.

Throughout history architectural works are often perceived as cultural and political symbols as well as works of art. Find one of Denver's hidden historical treasures by participating in Doors Open Denver 2010.

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