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# Art and Collections Display Proposal

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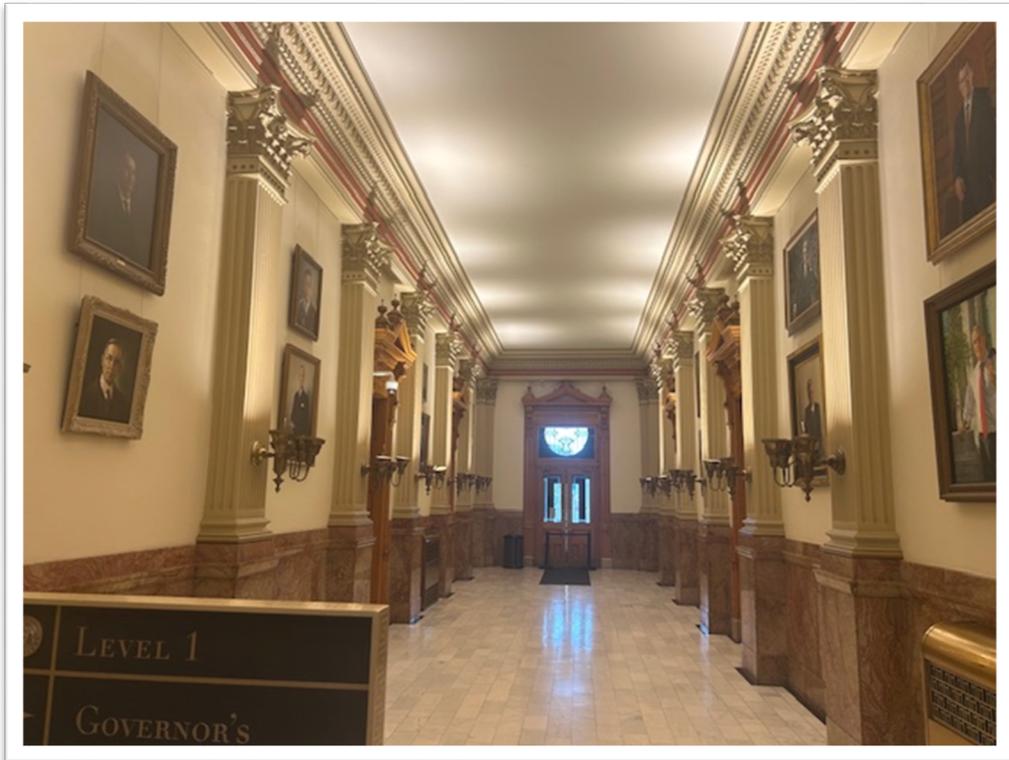
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# Currently on Display:

**Governor's Portraits** (incomplete) East and West Foyer, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

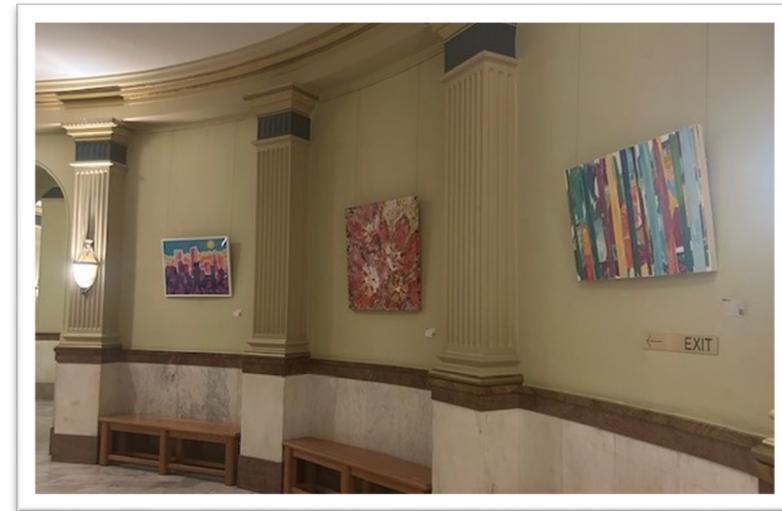
**Presidential Portraits** 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Rotunda



# Currently on Display:

**Rotating exhibit, Colorado Creative Industries:**  
Ground floor Rotunda (Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's Offices)

**Miscellaneous:** busts, paintings, military memorabilia



# Currently on Display:

Cases and Furniture: throughout the building



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# Why consider a new approach?

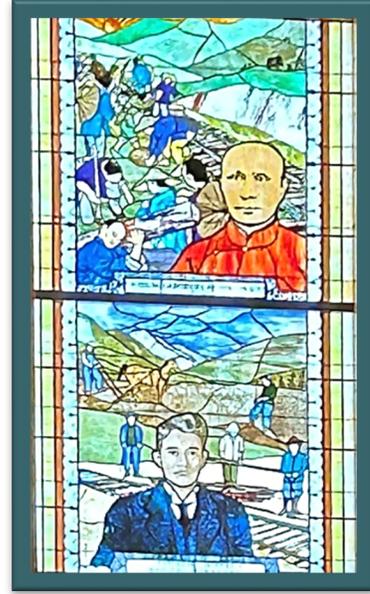
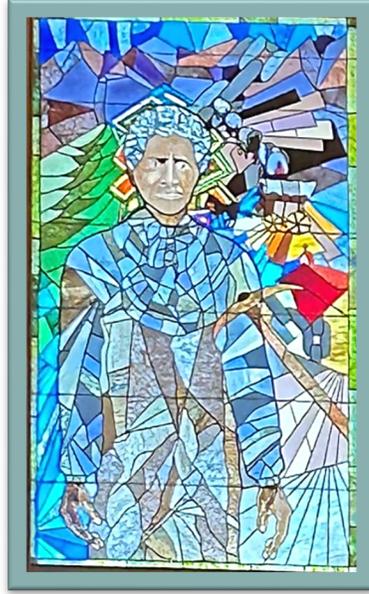
## Why Now?

- The Capitol finally has an actual collection!
- An interpretive plan has long been needed
- **150 years is a once in a generation opportunity to celebrate our state and the Capitol!**



# What was new at Colorado's Centennial?

- Heritage Windows
- Women's Gold Tapestry



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# 150 Updates

- **Re-measure the mile high marker** – with Colorado School of Mines, documentary accompaniment
- **Lego House and Senate** – with a community mosaic out of Lego
- **Constitution exhibit in the North Foyer** – a detailed focused discussion about the Colorado Constitution
- **\*\*Tapestry inspired by Women's Gold** – potential community collaboration sponsored by the Sturm Foundation



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# A New Approach

## From Static to Dynamic

A shift in thinking



# A New Approach: From Static to Dynamic

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Rotunda



East and West Foyers



Furniture and cases throughout the building



Wall space throughout the building



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# A New Approach:

## Static to Dynamic

- Thoughtful use of space
- Cohesive and educational (of our 120,000 visitors per year, 12,000 minimum are school children)
- WITH interpretation and accessibility – people focused vs object focused
- Manage limited space while increasing the impact of our collections



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# New Approach Proposal:

## Static to Dynamic

### Why should we do this?

- We can celebrate of MORE of Colorado, it's people, landscape, and ways of life.
- Other Capitols use their space for museum and art display
- Celebrate momentous occasions and milestones easily and quickly (relatively speaking, because we won't be making permanent changes)



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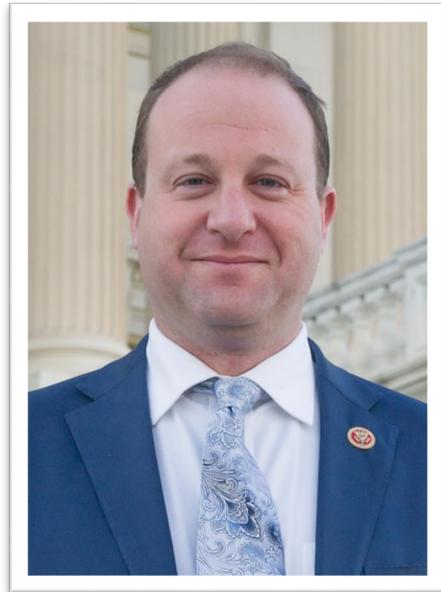
# The How...

- **Utilizing our current collection** to envision dynamic, well interpreted exhibits, ranging in length from 3 months to indefinitely
- **State and community partnerships** – Like History Colorado (and other state historical museums), Nature and Science Museum, Railroad Museum, Colorado artists;
- **Hanging system** – Museum and collector recommended for ease of change, and mitigation of damage



# Current Administration

- Official photos of the current Governor and President could be displayed in the South Foyer, on either side of the Executive Chamber's lobby.



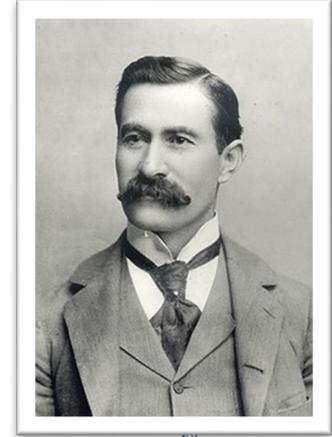
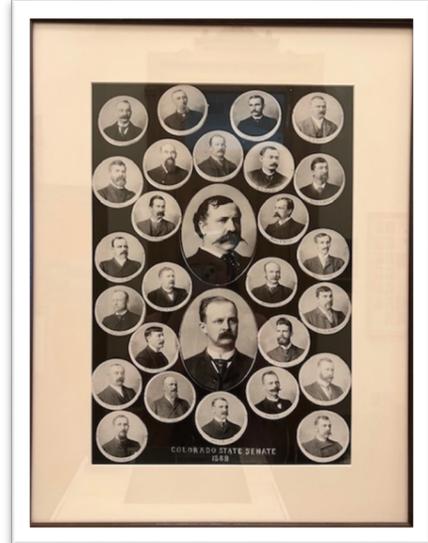
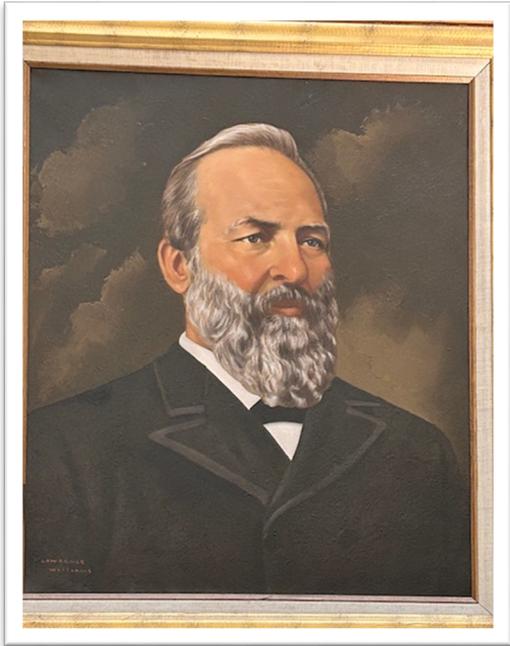
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# Pilot Gallery

## Potential Exhibits for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Rotunda Gallery

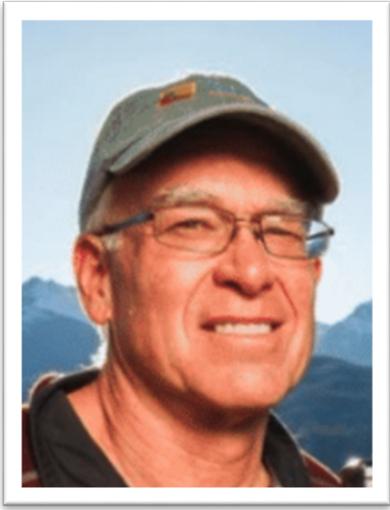
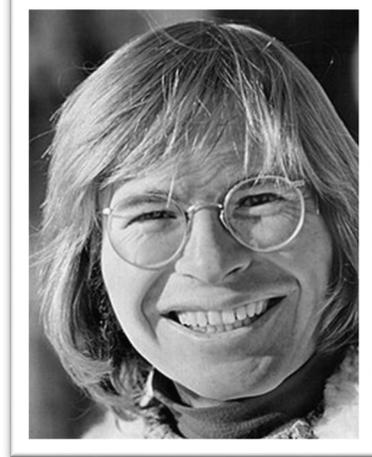


# Creating Colorado: 150 years of legislating our Mountain State



# SemiCentennial:

## The last 50 years in Colorado through people



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## Other Potential Exhibits:

- **Tribal Flags** – a display of tribal flags from \*all of Colorado's Indigenous people
- **Colfax** - 49.9 miles through the heart of Colorado
- **Behind the Granite** – the people who built the Capitol
- **Colorado and the US Military** – featuring Capitol connections, and famous military figures from Colorado



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## In Conclusion:

- **A hanging system:** mitigate damage, increase ease, one time cost
- **Shift in thinking** from Static to Dynamic
- **Honoring** this building, Colorado, our people and ways of life



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# Questions?

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