



Littleton Economic Notes

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Littleton Businesses

The Business Focus section of the *Denver Post* recently featured The Pottery Studio Gallery located at 5739 S. Curtice St. Owner Kim Glidden, a ceramic artist herself, opened the gallery in 2005 and has filled it with a sampling of the works from Colorado's largest selection of "tried, true and new" ceramic artists. More than 50 are represented, with items ranging from special order dinnerware to wood-fired pottery, metal work, paintings, jewelry and more. Kim recently had a "ghost sign" mural painted on an exterior wall of her studio by local artist Stephen Clark who designed it after print advertisements of pottery businesses in the 1880s. She received matching funds from Colorado Creative Industries based on a Jumpstart Grant Application by "proposing the mural as an innovative artistic endeavor in keeping with the historic feeling of the area and promoting arts in historic downtown Littleton." 303.738.2275; www.thepotterystudiogallery.com

Downtown Littleton's newest shop, Swank Stems-Fine Floral Fashion, has opened at 2376 W. Main St. Owner Nicole Iverson is well known in the floral design arena and the recipient of a slew of awards for her floral artistry for weddings and other events since she opened her business in the autumn of 2007. Her new design boutique is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and currently features decorative items for the holiday season. Consultations for weddings and events are by appointment only. 720.982.9639; www.swankstems.com

Three generations celebrated the 40th anniversary of Gravina's Window Center (89 W. Littleton Blvd) on October 2nd. Founded by Jim Gravina, the company specializes in replacement windows, patio doors, entry doors and siding. The company prides itself on providing quality and service from start to

finish from the product line to the installation process, from the paint and stain crews and the service technicians. 303.794.0490; www.windowsforyourhome.com

Rhonda Lord is celebrating the 16th anniversary of ownership of Express Employment Professionals (1709 W. Littleton Blvd), which has actually been in Littleton for 25 years. It is part of the largest privately held staffing service nationwide. Rhonda and her staff enjoy helping community citizens find gainful employment while partnering with businesses in the area of Professional/Office Services and industrial positions for long term or short term positions. 303.347.2400; www.ExpressPros.com/littletonco

Dr. Claire-Marie Ficsor, DDS, recently bought the practice of Dr. Jodie Moreland, DDS, located at 5590 S. Windermere St. Although it has a new name – Windermere Family Dentistry – former patients will recognize the same helpful staff and personalized individualized treatment as before. In addition, Dr. Ficsor offers appliance therapy for sleep apnea and Invisalign, a newer way of straightening teeth that does not require braces. 303.798.4571

209 W. Littleton Blvd is now home to Second Chances, a nonprofit job training program based in Denver now in its 13th year of helping women with job training. It provides comprehensive life skill development, job readiness classes and on-the-job training for single mothers and women coming out of crisis such as domestic violence, drug/alcohol abuse, physical/sexual abuse, rejection from society, etc., through sales of donated furniture and children's items (including toys). Second Chances also runs a janitorial cleaning service staffed by single mothers, changing their lives through this employment opportunity. In addition, the company offers a wide range of classes on topics from workplace norms and computer training to parenting and domestic violence that are open to all women. 720.524.389; www.secondchancesdenver.org

Calendar

HDLM Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 6, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.; Town Hall Arts Center, 2450 W. Main St.

Planning Board Meeting for City Complan: Nov. 25, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, 2255 W. Berry Ave.

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