
The mission of the Denver Architecture Foundation (DAF) is to inspire people to explore our dynamic city, experience the importance of design to our quality of life and envision an exceptional future for Denver.

Founded in 1990, DAF continues to champion the deep-rooted connections between architecture, education and community-building through diverse and expanding programs. DAF is a unique organization in the Denver area, fulfilling strong public interest in local architecture and its relevance in shaping Denver's past, present and future. As the city continues to experience unprecedented growth, DAF's importance also grows – and we have responded by expanding and enhancing program offerings for all people living, working and studying in the Mile High City:

- **Doors Open Denver (DOD)** is our annual 2-day event in which 60+ architectural sites – historic, modern, contemporary and iconic – open their doors to the public for self-guided tours. Thousands of individuals participate in these self-guided tours, in addition to our 140+ expert-guided tours. DOD integrates special family-friendly and arts and culture activities to further engage diverse participants in celebrating and experiencing our built environment.
- The **Cleworth Architectural Legacy Project (CAL)**, named in honor of Cal Cleworth, is an educational program bringing architecture and design skills into K-12 classrooms with the help of volunteer architects, engineers and designers. On average, DAF partners with 20 teachers and 100+ volunteers to deliver this program to hundreds of students each school year.
- **Box City** is a free event for children—grades K-5—where participants learn about the process of urban development and the principles that make for sound architecture, design and planning.
- **Hard Hat Tours, Walking Tours** and other **Special Events** are offered year-round as opportunities for the public to further engage with local architecture. Hard Hat Tours are hosted monthly, featuring prominent construction projects in Denver and their architects. Walking Tours are offered in multiple Denver neighborhoods, guided by historians, design professionals and educators. Special events include tours of private residences accompanied by talks with local design leaders.
- Other initiatives include DAF's **Lecture Series**, connecting the public with architecture and design experts and aiming to ignite community dialogue and further engage the public with topics related to our built environment, and **Audio Tours**, emphasizing historic preservation.

DAF's success relies on continued support from donors, members, volunteers, partners and program participants – people who share our vision of **architecture for all**.