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- Subject:** Avery House Exhibit: “The Margaret Brown Collection — A Legacy of Fashion and Friendship”
- Date:** Exhibit runs Saturdays & Sundays 1:00–4:00, Feb. 6 – Jul. 10, 2016
- Location:** The 1879 Avery House | 328 W. Mountain Ave. | Fort Collins, CO 80521
- Cost:** Free, donations appreciated

A new exhibit opening February 6 at the 1879 Avery House in Fort Collins showcases a remarkable collection of a century of fine womenswear, mid-1800s to mid-1900s. The Margaret Brown Collection is among the largest and most important donations of historic costume to Poudre Landmarks Foundation (PLF), which manages the Avery House. Visitors will see a beautiful, extensive range of fashion, from evening gowns to sportswear, outerwear to undergarments, hats to shoes.

Margaret Brown’s lifelong love of vintage fashion resulted in an extensive collection that she used for charity fashion shows. Brown, who currently lives in Denver, had been on the lookout for a suitable place to donate her collection. After seeing the Rocky Mountain PBS *Arts District* feature on the Avery House’s 2013 costume exhibit, “Fashions of an Age: The *Downton Abbey* Era,” Brown contacted PLF about donating her collection. PLF is delighted and honored to share, through this exhibit, Margaret Brown’s legacy of fashion and friendship.

The exhibit is presented by the Avery House Guild and Poudre Landmarks Foundation. Visitors can view the exhibit during regular Avery House tour hours, Saturdays and Sundays, 1–4 p.m. The exhibit runs February 6 to July 10. Free admission; donations appreciated.

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About Poudre Landmarks Foundation

Poudre Landmarks Foundation (PLF) manages two City of Fort Collins–owned historical properties—the 1879 Avery House and the 1883 Water Works—and offers numerous educational activities in Fort Collins. PLF envisions a community that understands, appreciates, and values its past, with a mission to preserve, restore, protect, and interpret the architectural and cultural heritage of the Fort Collins area.



Volunteers carefully prepare displays for a new exhibit at the 1879 Avery House, “The Margaret Brown Collection—A Legacy of Fashion and Friendship,” opening February 6.

