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## Presidents Message: Rob Squire

This will be my last President's message before our Annual Meeting on June 6 when our organization will elect our first regular Board of Directors to 2 year terms, consistent with our bylaws. The first thing I would like to say is thank you for allowing me to serve you, the members of UpDoNA. It has truly been a privilege to act as your first president.

In the scant six months since we first formed, we are already known to the City of Denver and even in some segments of the Colorado State Legislature as a strong action-oriented organization. We have their attention. This is due to the effort and support of many people that have joined forces for the betterment of our community...

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**ALoft Contract Renewal Update.** UpDoNa has been busy and working hard on this issue. [Click here for a summary and recent update, https://updona.org/community-information/](https://updona.org/community-information/)



## FENTANYL ACCOUNTABILITY AND PREVENTION

Contributed by Lisa Pope



The Colorado Legislature passed House Bill 22-1326 with bipartisan support just before the 2022 legislative session ended. Governor Polis signed the bill on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. While the bill is far from perfect, it begins to address the fentanyl crisis in Colorado.

[Read on about House Bill 22-1326 in our community.](#)

## Urban Forest - Build the Canopy Grant Program

The [Urban Forest Initiative](#) is a grant program

managed by the Downtown Denver Partnership that provides financial assistance to properties downtown to enlarge existing tree planters and/or install new tree planters where possible.

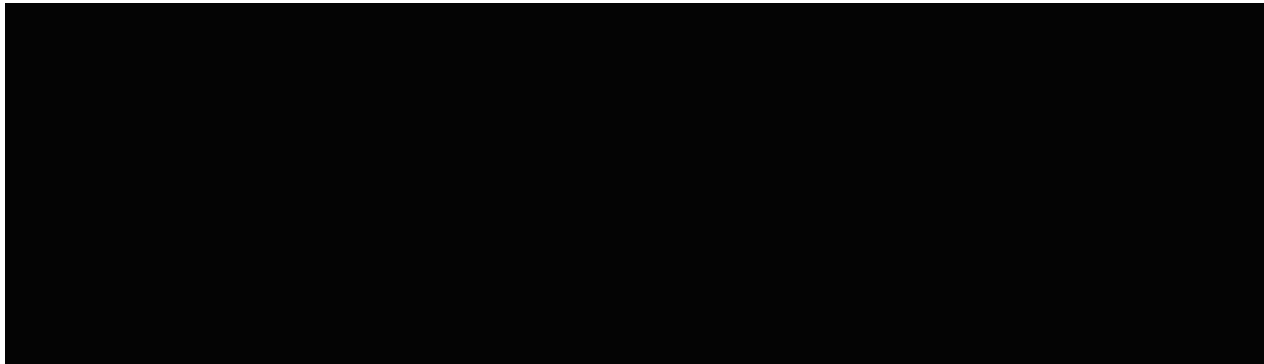
Please contact the Downtown Denver Partnership if you are interested in installing tree planters in front of your residential building or business, <https://www.downtowndenver.com/urban-forest-initiative-grant-applications/>



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[Learn how the Spire is working with Urban Forest Initiative](#)

Click on any of the images below for more information!



# TERA

## A New Culinary Addition to Upper Downtown

A long awaited Upper Downtown restaurant has just opened at 14th and Stout Street. It will be owned and operated by native Coloradan Chef Scott Schaden. Bringing 17 years of culinary experience to the table, Schaden is excited to represent his food and concept in one of Denver's most culturally vibrant areas. "Art, music, theater and culture are the heart of any great city and we are excited to be in the middle of that".  
(Schaden)

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## Out and About in UpDoNA: Botero Sculptures

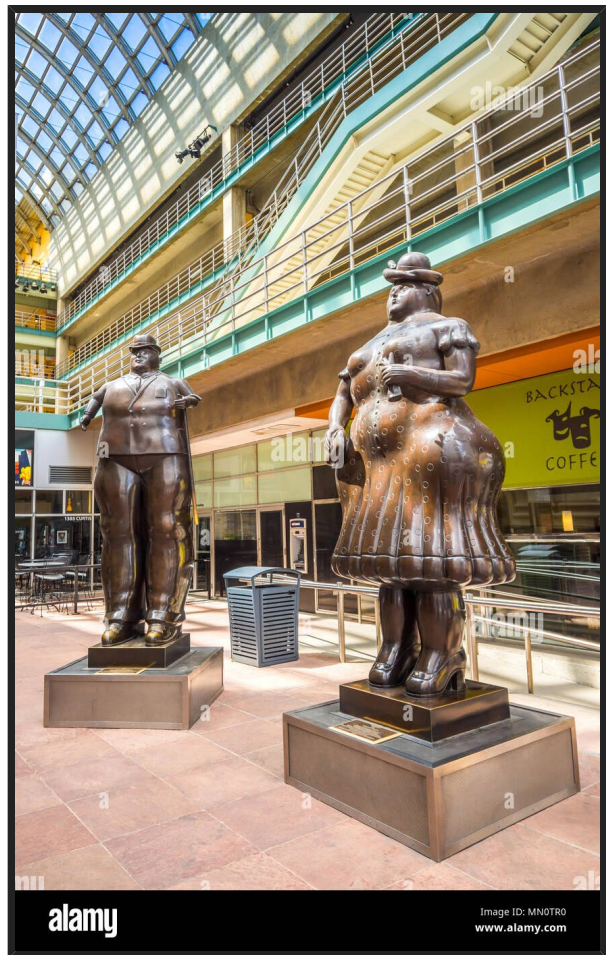
Article by Helen Hedrick, Co-Chair UpDoNA Cares Committee

**Denver's Public Art Program was established in 1988 as an Executive Order under Mayor Federico Peña. The order, enacted into Ordinance by Denver City Council in 1991, directs that 1% of any capital improvement project over \$1 million undertaken by the City, be set aside for the inclusion of art. Over the past two decades, Denver has installed more than 150 works of art under this program. A large amount of the city's public art can be found downtown.**

<https://www.denver.org/things-to-do/tours/public-art-walking-tour/>

**The "Man and Woman" by Colombian artist, [Fernando Botero](#) is one example. "Man" and "Women" stand 13 feet tall and are made of bronze. These two sculptures were placed**

outside the Temple Hoyne Buell Theater in 1998. Judging by the numbers of tourists taking pictures in front of them, they add that important “surprise element” to the downtown Denver ambience.



***\*\*\*UpDoNA has been approved and is now a 501c(3) organization! Your donations are tax-deductible and any donations made previously are tax-deductible retroactively to the date of UpDoNA’s founding in 2021.\*\*\****

**Yes, I want to Donate to UpDoNA!**



### Who We Are

UpDoNA is a city registered neighborhood organization formed to advocate for the interests of the residents and businesses in Upper Downtown Denver.



### [Clean Sustainable Denver](#)

**June 4th at 8:30 AM**

**Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.  
Bring gloves, a trash grabber or broom,  
and a dustpan**

## Our Vision

To have an Upper Downtown community that is and continues to be one of the most sought-after neighborhoods for residents, businesses and visitors.

## Our Mission

To be a partner and advocate for the betterment of the Upper Downtown community and all those who live, work and play here!

### Local Business Spotlight

UpDoNA offers a Business Membership, click here to get involved!

\* If you are involved with a local business in the UpDoNA area and are interested in learning more about highlighting your business. Please email us at: [info@updona.org](mailto:info@updona.org)

### [Back the Blue BBQ and Cigar Event](#)



**June 16, 2022**

**5:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Venue: 13th Street between Glenarm and Welton**

### [BBQ, Bands & Beer Empower Field at Mile](#)

[High](#)

**June 17th to 19th**

**Venue: Empower Field and Mile High - 1701 Bryant St.**

### [3rd Annual Denver Fringe Festival](#)

**June 23rd to June 26th**

**Venue: Five Points and RiNo**

### [LoDoNA Safe Clean & Compassionate Town](#)

[Hall](#)

**June 23rd at 4:30 PM**

**Venue: Denver Chamber of Commerce Building  
1445 Market Street or Zoom**

To see more events, please click [here!](#)

**For a complete list of concert and event schedules at the biggest venues around town, visit the following sites:**

<https://www.ballarena.com/events-tickets/calendar/>

<https://www.empowerfieldatmilehigh.com/events>

<https://www.paramountdenver.com/event-calendar/>

<https://www.redrocksonline.com/>

<https://www.denvercenter.org/tickets-events/>

For a complete list of Events Around Town, visit [Denver.org](https://www.denver.org)

## Volunteers Needed!

We need help to do our work. It takes volunteers to make a volunteer organization run. There are opportunities all over.

- Interested in making downtown life safer and more rewarding? Volunteer for the Safety and Quality of Life Committee
- How about helping to improve the lives of the homeless? Volunteer for UpDoNA Cares
- Would you like to help make our streets clean and attractive? Volunteer for our monthly Community Cleanups with our Clean Sustainable Denver Committee
- Have a writing skill? Write articles for our Website/Newsletter Committee
- Or would you rather help by increasing the influence of UpDoNA. There is power in numbers, and you can be a part of our Membership Committee
- Are you good at organizing? Help arrange social events as a part of our Social Committee
- Do you have a skill or interest in managing organizations? Consider running for our Board of Directors. We have an immediate opening and will be holding an election in April of this year.

We can only do our work with the help of people like you! Please consider offering your services to help us be a more effective and influential association. [Click here to get involved as a volunteer!](#) Every committee I mentioned can use help. Please – Get Involved.



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