



# TIME LINES



## Museum Closing its Doors This Fall

**Weddle and Gilmore Architects** are busy finalizing the plans for the renovation of the museum's lobby, public restrooms and exhibit gallery, as well as the construction of a new multi-purpose room. As the design phase of the renovation project comes to an end, the staff is preparing for the closure of the museum this fall.

All the artifacts will be removed from the exhibit gallery and placed safely in storage before demolition begins. Some parts of the current exhibits will find new homes. The photographic and text panels in the main exhibit area will be re-installed at the Pyle Adult Center. Some of the murals also may be saved for later use. According to **Dan Miller**, Exhibits Coordinator, "We may very well use some of the relevant photo murals in the new exhibit hall; and we're glad that some of the interpretive panels will live on in one of our sister facilities nearby."

In the archives, all the shelving will have to be covered in order to prevent dust and other airborne debris from contaminating the boxes of material that are stored there. Similar measures will have to be taken with the three-dimensional artifacts. The staff is bracing for a challenging, but exciting time. "Every day will probably bring a new adventure. The noise and relative chaos of the demolition phase will be the worst," states **Amy Douglass**, Museum Administrator. "But once that is over, we will get to witness the transformation of the museum and that will be very rewarding."

Although the museum will be closed to general visitation for over a year, public services will continue. The Petersen House Museum will be the focus for programs and tours. The Third Thirstday Night Cafés will be held in the Connections Café at the Tempe Public Library and the Tempe Historical Society's lunch talks will continue in the library's program room when they resume this fall. Exhibits will be installed in other Tempe venues like City Hall and the Tempe Public Library.

In addition, research services and photographic reproductions will be offered on an appointment basis, but it may not be necessary to come to the museum. According to (Continued on page 2)



**Weddle Gilmore Architects** conceptual entrance for the newly-renovated museum.

## Museum Renovation Update

This is the latest timeline for the upcoming renovation. For online information visit: [www.tempe.gov/museum/CIPinfo.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/museum/CIPinfo.htm)

Museum Exhibit Hall Closed – Fall '09  
Construction: Nov. '08 – Sept. '09  
Exhibit Installation: Mar. '09 – Nov. '09

## New Exhibit / City Hall Gallery

### **Jewel in the Desert: Getting Acquainted with Our Muslim Neighbors**

Tempe has a significant Muslim population whose diversity, contributions, and presence enrich the community. To promote cultural appreciation and interfaith respect of Muslim citizens, the museum, in collaboration with Arizona State University, the City of Tempe Diversity Office and the Tempe Muslim community, will present *Jewel in the Desert*. This exhibit is a part of a project that is collecting life stories, oral histories and artifacts that reflect the history and experiences of Arizona Muslims. It opens October 3 in the **City Hall Gallery**, 31 E. Fifth Street.

## Continuing Exhibits

### **A Proud Journey Home: Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese Communities in Arizona**

This exhibit explores Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese refugee experiences in Tempe 30 years after the Vietnam War. Featured are oral histories, photographs and objects from these communities. Funded in part through an Arizona Humanities Council grant.

### **Tempe Police: Their Own Story**

The Tempe Police Department has changed as Tempe has grown. See the technology changes and learn about the new roles of officers. Stand under the 32-foot wingspan of the Tempe Police Department's ultralight that was used in the 1980s. Bring your camera for a photo of you sitting on a real Tempe Police motorcycle.

**Both exhibits will be open until the museum closes for renovation.**



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**Richard Bauer**, Curator of Photographs and Archives, "A service that the museum now offers is the ability to do research from the convenience of your own home or office. By visiting the museum's web site at [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum), the community now has the ability to research our collections and/or view over 20,000 historical images that have been selected from our museum's archive."

"We have no intention of disappearing from public view or of neglecting our mission to serve the public," declares **Amy Douglass**. "We will do all that we can to provide our services, and we hope that the public will bear with us through this transition."

Keep posted on the progress of the renovation and upcoming exhibits and programs by visiting the museum's web site at [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum).

### Viva Volunteers!

The museum recognized the efforts of its volunteers over the past year with its annual ice cream social held on May 9. As has become the tradition, the event included fun and silliness, as well as sincere appreciation for the many hours of service. The event had a "fiesta" theme that was reflected in the decorations and the food. Whole jalapeno peppers floated in the lemonade and "gummi" versions of chili peppers topped the ice cream sundaes.

On a more serious note, six volunteers reached service goals. **Nancy Stahl** completed three years of service with the museum; **Ira King** and **Kathy Bache** reached five years; **Julia Chance**, **Amy Lettick** and **Ruth Wineberg** reached an amazing 15 years! The museum is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

Also acknowledged was gift shop volunteer **Eddie Diaz** who was recently recognized as the City of Tempe's 2008 Youth Volunteer of the Year. In just a little over a year, Eddie has completed more than 400 hours of service with the *Wild Wednesdays* programs and in the gift shop. Also recognized were museum volunteers who had been nominated for city awards including **Robert McKinley** and **Jim Wright** for Volunteer of the Year; **Ruth Wineberg** and **Ellen Cornwell** for a Continuous Service Award; and the **Tempe Site Stewards** and **Jim Wright** for a Special Project Award.

The museum also thanked the 201 volunteers who completed 10,188 hours of service during 2007. Quite a number of these individuals received Presidential Service Awards based on the number of hours served, as shown below. Congratulations and "thank you!"

**Gold Presidential Service Award (500+ hours):** Raissa Devereux • Eddie Diaz (youth) **Silver Award (250+ hours):** Linda Bordwell • Ellen Cornwell • Russell Harris • Judy Knoth • Daniel Thompson • James Wright • Marlene Yragui **Bronze Award (100+ hours):** Luis Bohorquez • Lillian Carr • Sally Clark • Louis Clunk • Sharon Clunk • Warren Egmond • Herb Fibel • Beth Fisher • Fran Fisher • Sandra Futch • Amol Jain • Birgit Jordan • Mary Ann Kwilosz • Amy Lettick • Lois Love • Christine McComb • Penny McKinley • Robert McKinley • Adriana Milinic • Dorothy Moomaw • Barbara Peters • Nancy Stahl • Penny Watkins • Richard Wolf •



The Tempe Historical Society Gift Shop volunteers took the shop's final inventory and had a pizza luncheon on May 16.

### One Chapter Ends as Another Begins

A chapter of Tempe history is drawing to an end with the closing of the Tempe Historical Society Gift Shop. Over the years, the all-volunteer run shop has raised thousands and thousands of dollars to the benefit of the museum. During this time, dozens of volunteers helped run and staff the shop, ringing sales, cleaning and dusting, taking inventory, and all the other myriad of tasks involved in running a retail establishment.

Although the Society has had a gift shop since it opened its first exhibits in the small space at the end of the old library building in 1972, its current incarnation opened for business when the expanded museum occupied the renovated library building in 1991. The shop has always been run by volunteers, and **Judy Higbee** was the first manager in the "new" shop. She was followed by **Claire Young** who managed the shop for more than 15 years, until her passing last fall. Claire brought with her a management team whose most enduring members included **Ellen Cornwell**, **Lynn Drury** and **Mary Ann Kwilosz**. Although others came and went, this core team, led by **Ellen Cornwell**, continued to work up to the very last inventory.

Thinking back about the shop brings many memories—the satellite shop in the library, the Beanie Baby frenzy of the 90s, and receiving a piece of broken merchandise as a "gift" at one of Claire's parties. Most memorable are the many volunteers who made the shop possible. Volunteers ranged in age from 13 to 90 years. **Ruth Hofmann**, who would walk from her home to the shop with the aid of a walker, and young **Eddie Diaz**, who was selected as this year's Youth Volunteer of the Year, exemplify the shop's many dedicated volunteers.

"The gift shop will always remind me of a very special time in the Society's history," remarked **Mary Ann Kwilosz**, Tempe Historical Society President. "Memories of busy, fun-filled, hectic activity, and most especially, memories of so many beautiful people--volunteers as well as customers. We've ended another Society chapter, but one that will always be close to our hearts."

The museum staff salutes the volunteers who made it all possible over the years. "Thank you," one and all. Shoppers, do not despair--the renovated museum will have a smaller gift shop adjacent to the front desk in the lobby.

## JULY

## PETERSEN HOUSE

Closed for cleaning and conservation through Monday, August 4.

## JULY 4

Independence Day.  
Museum closed.



## WILD WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays, through July 23  
Come & go between 10 am & 4 pm  
Museum / Free admission

See article below. Reservations are needed for groups of 10 or more. Call (480) 350-5100.

**July 2:** Patriot's Day

**July 9:** Got Culture?

**July 16:** Building Tempe

**July 23:** To Protect and Serve

## AUGUST

## PETERSEN HOUSE REOPENS

Tuesday, August 5

## SEPTEMBER

## SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day.

Museum closed.

3<sup>RD</sup> THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ

Thursday, September 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Connections Café / Tempe Public Library  
Free admission

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, **Christine Marin**, Archivist at Arizona State University, will present *The Mexicanas of the Tempe Normal School: A Look At the Cultural and Educational Foundation of Tempe, 1885 to 1936*.

## Wild Times in July!

Families can have fun and escape the heat in July at one of the museum's *Wild Wednesdays*. There will be four exciting Wednesdays, each with its own theme. Each week offers crafts and scavenger hunts for prizes that are sure to delight young museum visitors! Special activities have been designed to complement each week's theme.

On **July 2**, *Patriot's Day* will honor our country's independence with patriotic stories, traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July games, and presentations about the history and proper care of the American flag. On **July 9**, the museum will celebrate Tempe's diversity with traditional musical performances, crafts and stories from many cultures. *Building Tempe* on **July 16** will have architects showing how they design buildings. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the new light rail system and can construct their very own model building out of paper. *To Protect and Serve* on **July 23** honors the important jobs performed by our public safety officers. Visitors will find out about the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office's "no-kill" animal shelter and the different aspects of the Tempe Police Department.

Don't miss out—there's still time to go *wild* and stay cool in July.

## Orbit Your Way to the Museum

Now you can get a free ride to the museum and leave your car at home!

In 1996, Tempe voters passed a dedicated sales tax to fund transit improvements, including neighborhood circulator routes. The blue Orbit mini buses provide free service to residential areas, connecting them to local destinations such as shopping areas, other neighborhoods, major bus routes, schools and city facilities such as the Tempe Historical Museum. The Orbit buses on the Mars and Jupiter routes stop just to the west of the museum. They run every 15 minutes throughout the day. To see if one of these buses passes close to your neighborhood, check out the Orbit routes at [www.tempe.gov/tim/Bus/Orbit](http://www.tempe.gov/tim/Bus/Orbit).

## Passings

**Joy W. Logan** passed away on May 11. Joy was a longtime volunteer at the museum and a past member of the Tempe Historical Society. She was on the Tempe Historical Society Board in the early 1990s and served on the Historical Museum Advisory Board from 1994 to 1999. She also completed the first docent training class when the newly-remodeled museum opened in 1991 and served as a volunteer docent. She was named a museum Volunteer Emeritus for the important role she had played at the museum.

**Ellen Cornwell**, assistant manager of the gift shop, passed away on June 10. Always a part of the management team, Ellen worked quietly behind the scenes. She recently took over management of the shop when her long-time friend and gift shop manager **Claire Young** passed away. During her 15 year tenure, Ellen amassed more than 5,000 hours of service, earning her the President's Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to her dedicated service in the gift shop, Ellen had served on the Tempe Historical Society Board since 2000 as Director, Corresponding Secretary, President, and Past President. Ellen was also the museum's Volunteer of the Year in 2000. She will be sorely missed.

## The Museum and AzFCU: Community Partners

The museum received a \$50 Community Partners grant from the Arizona Federal Credit Union (AzFCU) this spring. "Thank you," AzFCU!

The museum received the grant thanks to **Ellen Cornwell** who filled out the application. With *your* help, this check could have been even larger!

To qualify for a Community Partners Grant, an individual must be a credit union member, volunteer at least 25 hours to a single organization (like the museum!) during a calendar year, and submit a simple grant application the following spring. A deposit of just \$25 is all it takes for membership. Why not join now by calling 602-683-1032 so you can earn a grant for the museum next year?





# STEP INTO HISTORY

*Time Lines* is a quarterly newsletter for museum supporters and volunteers.

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## MUSEUM HOURS

Monday - Thursday and Saturday

10 am - 5 pm

Sunday 1 - 5 pm

## MUSEUM GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday - Thursday and Saturday

10 am - 4 pm; Sunday 1 - 4 pm

## PETERSEN HOUSE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday and Saturday

10 am - 2 pm

Visit the museum's website at

[www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum)

## "From Baghdad with Love"

The Tempe Historical Museum, Kiwanis International Nuevo Club, and Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame are partnering for a second year to honor United States Veterans by sponsoring a special program on Friday, November 7, at the Fiesta Inn in Tempe.

The program is entitled *From Baghdad with Love*, after the book of the same name written by **Marine Lieutenant Colonel Jay Kopelman**. Lt. Col. Kopelman will relate the true story of the rescue of a puppy named Lava during the U.S.-led attack on Fallujah, Iraq, the "most dangerous city on earth." Not only do the Marines rescue Lava, but they learn unexpected lessons about life, death and war from the little refugee puppy. This story demonstrates that even in times of war there is a side to military service that has a greater cause.

Tickets are available online at [www.AVHOF.org](http://www.AVHOF.org) or [www.KiwanisNuevo.org](http://www.KiwanisNuevo.org). They are \$25 per person, if paid before September 30, and \$50 per person thereafter. The price includes lunch and the talk. Author-signed, hardback editions of *From Baghdad with Love* can be purchased for \$20 in advance when registering online. Proceeds from this event will benefit Arizona's youth by way of the three sponsoring organizations listed above.

*The Tempe Historical Museum is a center where the community comes together to celebrate Tempe's past and ponder the future.*

