TIME LINES

Renovation Designs Underway

Exciting things are underway at the museum! The contractors have been hired and the planning is underway for the museum's \$3.5 million remodel, its first updating since it opened in 1991. This next phase requires research and brainstorming to uncover and develop ideas to make the museum an exciting and interactive place to visit, time and time again. Staff, volunteers and the public have been meeting with **Weddle Gilmore Architects** and **Gyroscope, Inc.**, the exhibit design firm, to share their ideas and develop new ones.

It has already been determined that the exhibit gallery will have a thematic layout versus its current chronological one and will employ technology to tell Tempe's story. Plans are to make the museum more user-friendly for all ages, including interactive 'stations' where families can engage in educational activities together, as well as a separate children's gallery that caters to the needs of pre-school and elementary school-aged children. Just so visitors will always remember their museum experience, the planning team is working on developing some kind of fun, interactive photo feature which would allow visitors to create, printout and take home a digital photo as a keep-sake of their visit. According to **Tom Canasi**, Community Services Department Manager, "These changes will enable the museum to better convey Tempe's rich and diverse history."

Other plans include an expanded lobby space that will accommodate a variety of public gatherings. The existing classroom, too, will be expanded into a program room with greater seating capacity and versatility. Most noticeable will be changes to the exterior of the building. Some type of "visual marker" is planned along Southern Avenue to catch the eye and pique the interest of the thousands of drivers who pass by each day. Also, the front entrance will have greater visibility, possibly at night as well as during the day, and will clearly identify the building as a museum.

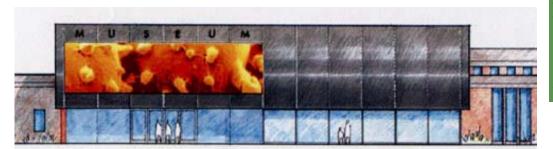
The planning timeline calls for the final design to be complete by August 2008, construction taking place between September 2008 and September 2009, and exhibit installation happening between November 2008 and November 2009. We will keep you informed of progress through this newsletter and information is always available under the *Museum Renovation* section of the website at www.tempe.gov/museum.



CONCEPTUAL SOUTH ELEV

(above) **Weddle Gilmore Architects** conceptual drawing of the south (entry) side of the renovated museum.

(below) The same drawing cropped and enlarged to better show the front entrance, expanded lobby space and the front of the new program room (to the right).





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, this exhibit has received several awards, including a national award.

Tempe Police: Their Own Story The Tempe Police Department has changed as Tempe has grown. In addition, the Department's excellent handling of special events makes it a model for other local cities. See the technology changes and learn about the new roles of officers. Hear officers tell their own story about what it is like to be a Tempe police officer. Bring your camera for a photo opportunity of you sitting on a real Tempe Police motorcycle. Stand under the 32-foot wingspan of the Tempe Police Department's ultralight that was used in the 1980s.

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

City Hall Exhibit

Art with a Cause

Art can promote the message of social change. This exhibit includes many 1970s posters from the Royal Chicano Air Force that announced dances, strikes, boycotts, and traditional ceremonies in support of the United Farm Workers Union and its co-founder, Cesar Chavez. The exhibit also presents the saga of Chavez in Arizona, from his protest fast in 1972 to his honorary degree from ASU in 1992. Also on display are samples from local contemporary Hispanic printmakers. This exhibit is on display at the City Hall Gallery, 31 East 5th Street, first floor, through April 4, 2008.



Museum Loses a Friend



The museum lost a dear friend and great lady on October 4. Claire Young, lifetime member of the Tempe Historical Society and volunteer gift shop manager, passed away unexpectedly while visiting her daughter in North Carolina. Claire had volunteered at the museum since 1990, running the Tempe Historical Society gift shop and a satellite shop in the Tempe Public Library.

During her tenure, Claire won almost every kind of volunteer award the City of Tempe offers including 1995 Museum Volunteer of the Year, 1996 City of Tempe Volunteer of the Year and a *Community Weavers* Award in 1999. In addition, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the President's Council on Service and Participation for having completed 4,000 hours of service at the gift shop.

At the shop, Claire supervised purchasing, inventory, stocking, sales and upkeep. In addition, Claire managed a volunteer staff of up to three dozen volunteers. Claire was beloved by her volunteers and will long be remembered by them for her great sense of humor and her tradition of giving away broken shop merchandise as party gifts. Through her efforts, thousands of dollars were raised and donated to the museum by the Society to fund special programming, temporary staffing, equipment and much more. Claire will be greatly missed.

Donations to the Tempe Historical Society in memory of Claire are being accepted and may be sent to: Tempe Historical Society, 809 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Tag Line Contest

Just about every business has one. Museums use them, too. A short phrase that tells the public what to expect when they visit the museum or use its services is better known as a "tag line." For the past 16 years, the Tempe Historical Museum's tag line has been "Step Into History." It has served us well but we are entering into a new phase with the renovation of the exhibit hall. With more interactive, dynamic and family-friendly exhibits, we think it's time for a new tag line to reflect where the museum is headed into the future. Now's your chance to get creative and help us come up with a unique tag line! Visit the museum's web site at www.tempe.gov/museum, check out the museum's vision and mission, as well as the renovation section, and fill out the entry form for our contest. If your tag line is selected, you stand to win a Tempe prize!

Correction: In our last issue for 2007 (volume XIV, issue 4), we ran an article entitled "Fun Facts about Tempe High School." The article stated that the original Tempe High School burned in 1955 as the result of a fire purposefully set by the Tempe Volunteer Fire Department as a training exercise. It was brought to our attention by Fire Chief Cliff Jones that this was not the case. The fire was of unknown origin and was not deliberately set by the fire department. We apologize for any confusion that this story might have caused.

The Larry Campbell Tree of Lights

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's "Larry Campbell Tree of Lights" fundraiser. Now in its sixth year, the project is named in memory of **Larry Campbell**, past president of the Tempe Historical Society. He originally suggested the fundraiser, which allows people to purchase lights and ornaments in the name of someone they wish to honor or remember. Over \$1300 has been raised so far this holiday season. These funds help support the museum's oral history program.

For more "thank yous," see page 4.

Bandersnatch Gone, But Not Forgotten

Did you enjoy a few sand volleyball games and ice cold beverages at **Bandersnatch** back in the 1970s and 1980s? This longtime brew pub has been closed for a number of years and it has been demolished to make way for a hotel. The museum is looking for photographs and memorabilia to document this noteworthy Tempe watering hole. Please contact the museum at 480-350-5100 to donate items to the museum's artifact collections.

Museum Welcomes New Board Member

Meet the museum's newest and youngest advisory board member, **Dan Killoren**. Dan is no stranger to the museum having completed an internship here during the fall of 2005. His internship was sponsored by the Tempe Historical Society, and funded with donations from the "Larry Campbell Tree of Lights" program. Working under the direction of then Curator of History **John Akers**, Dan researched and completed oral histories of individuals important to Tempe. At that time, Dan was an undergraduate



studying history and English. He is now working on a Ph.D. in Public History at Arizona State University.

Dan also serves on the city's Historic Preservation Commission. If that weren't enough, he also works in the research archives for Salt River Project where he helps maintain corporate records and researches various topics.

When asked why he wanted to serve on the museum advisory board, Dan replied that he is a big Tempe history buff and that many of the activities and responsibilities of the board are similar to his area of study. He is especially interested in assisting with the museum renovation. One of his goals for his tenure on the board is to see the Elias Rodriquez House become a fully operational house museum similar to the Petersen House.

It's hard to believe he would have any spare time, but when he does, Dan enjoys golf and running, filmmaking and documentaries. In Arizona since 2003, Dan was born and raised in Appleton, Wisconsin. If you get a chance, please welcome Dan (back) to the museum!

JANUARY

JANUARY 1, New Year's Day. Museum closed.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION Tuesday, January 8, 9 am Museum Board Room / Free

Come explore behind the scenes and find out all that volunteers can do at the museum during this hourlong orientation.

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS PROGRAMS Wednesday, January 9, 11:30 am Museum classroom / Free Abel Flores, Yaqui History & Culture. Bring your lunch. Coffee provided.



3RD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ Thursday, January 17 6:30 - 8:30 pm Museum / Free

Visit the museum galleries and have a cup of coffee. At 7 pm, **Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker** will present *The African American Experience in Arizona:* 500 Years of History. Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

JANUARY 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Museum closed.

FEBRUARY

ANTIQUE SEMINARS Tuesdays, February 5 through 26 7 – 9 pm

Pyle Adult Recreation Center Presented by the Hayden's Ferry Questers. Proceeds benefit the Petersen House Museum. For more information call (480) 350-5140.

Registration fee.

Seminar topics:

February 5

What Exactly Makes an Antique; Spanish Versus Colonial Antiques

February 12

Antique Dolls; Toy Trains

February 19

Southwest Art; Pearls

February 26

Ceramic Arts Studio of Madison, WI; Service Station & Coke Collectibles

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS PROGRAMS

Wednesday, February 13

11:30 am

Museum classroom / Free Ann Hibner Koblitz, Shady Women and Respectability in Territorial Arizona. Bring your lunch. Coffee provided. Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

FEBRUARY 18, President's Day. Museum closed.



3RD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ Thursday, February 21 6:30 - 8:30 pm Museum / Free

Visit the museum galleries and have a cup of coffee. At 7 pm, the first of a four-part film and music series, *Recent Refugees in the Valley,* begins. The series, which will continue on each consecutive Thursday night through March 13, will focus on refugees' resettlement experiences in the United States. It is co-sponsored by COAR (Community Outreach & Advocacy for Refugees). Call (480) 350-5100 for more details.

MARCH

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS PROGRAMS Wednesday, March 12, 11:30 am Museum classroom / Free Reba Wells Grandrud, In Their Own Words: Diaries of 19th Century Women. Bring your lunch. Coffee provided. Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

ROCK ART TOUR

Thursday, March 13, 10 – 11 am Hayden Butte Preserve / Free Learn about Hohokam rock art with Dr. Amy Douglass, Museum Administrator and archaeologist. Wear comfortable shoes; bring water and binoculars. Hike rated moderate. Call (480) 350-5100 for directions.

PETERSEN HOUSE MUSEUM Tuesday, March 18 through Monday, March 24

Closed for cleaning & conservation.



3RD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ Thursday, March 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Museum / Free

Visit the museum galleries and have a cup of coffee. At 7 pm, **Mary Melcher** will present, *Arizona Women's Heritage Trail: Marking Their Sites.*Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

MARCH 23, Easter Sunday. Museum closed.

MARCH 31, Cesar Chavez Day. Museum closed.

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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

Step Into History

"Thank You" to Our Community Donors

The museum would like to acknowledge:

- The **Tempe Historical Society** and the **Guess Birchett Chapter of the Questers** for providing the refreshments for the opening reception of *Art with a Cause*.
- Robin and Robert Trick for donating \$1,200 from the proceeds of their 25th anniversary dinner at Tricks restaurant. Congratulations on your continuing success!
- The **Tempe Nuevo Kiwanis Club** for a \$3,280 donation from the proceeds of their "Thieves of Baghdad" breakfast.
- The **Tempe Historical Society** for \$3,500 in support of the Petersen House Endowment Fund and staff activities.

The financial support and appreciation of our mission by the community means a great deal to us!

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