

TIME LINES



Construction Is Entering Final Phase

Construction has proceeded over the summer at a fast pace. The front façade, entry court, lobby and community room are nearing completion. Interior spaces are also taking shape: the administrative assistant's office, research library, archive reading room and restrooms have been framed, dry-walled and painted. The installation of the tile in the lobby has also begun.

The ambience in the exhibit gallery has changed dramatically since the walls that were blocking the 50 clerestory windows were demolished. The stained glass panels in the windows have been removed and clear glazing has taken their place, adding abundant natural light to the gallery. The windows will have a sheer scrim material hanging in front of them in order to filter out direct sunlight that might harm the artifacts.

The exhibit fixtures and casework are being fabricated by Motif, Inc. of Tempe. Motif is also responsible for most of the oversized photographs and signage that will be in the exhibit hall. Antique toys for the children's gallery are being restored by **Ron Hughes** who specializes in metal restoration. Ron also is restoring a 1929 vintage farm truck for the children's gallery and he will be doing some work on the museum's iconic fire truck as well.

Once the construction is completed in November, the museum staff will begin installing all of the exhibits. This will entail preparing artifacts for exhibit (cleaning, stabilizing, mounting), making prints of all the photographs, printing the text and artifact labels and installing everything in its rightful place. All of the interactive displays will have to be field-tested to make sure they run properly.

When all the details have been checked and re-checked, the renovated museum will be ready to open on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Mark your calendars for a great day of celebration and discovery!



In July, it became easier to visualize the new front façade.

With Appreciation

Many thanks to summer volunteers **Nathan Bucher**, **Vidhi Mehta**, **Amalia Skilton** and **Rohan Vaidya**. These students helped tent and inventory the three-dimensional collections, helping to protect the artifacts from dust and loss during the museum renovation. Their enthusiasm and hard work were greatly appreciated.

Preserve Tempe's History by Recognizing Someone Special

The 8th annual *Larry Campbell Tree of Lights* will take place this holiday season. Presented by the Tempe Historical Society, the fundraiser is named in memory of **Larry Campbell**, a past president of the Society, who began this Tempe tradition. A donation of \$5 to place a light or \$10 to place a light and a "take-home" ornament on one of two trees helps support the museum's oral history program. Notification is sent to the person being honored or the family of the person being remembered. They are also invited to a special reception in December. For more information, call (480) 350-5100 or visit tempehistoricalsociety.org/.



Explore the Past, Discover Community

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During the museum's renovation, public access to the building for research and photographic reproduction services is available by appointment only. Call (480) 350-5100 or send an email to museum@tempe.gov.

PETERSEN HOUSE HOURS
Tuesday - Thursday and Saturday
10 am - 2 pm
Closed for decorating from
December 1 through 3.

Petersen House Danish Christmas

This Christmas season, the Petersen House Museum's holiday decorations will be a reflection of the Danish story, *Peter's Christmas*, written by **J. Krohn**. It is the story of a young boy's Christmas in Denmark during the late 1800s. The story begins with the holiday preparations in early December and follows Peter and his family through their Christmas celebration to the Twelfth Night, the traditional end of the Danish Christmas season.

The decorations will be on display from December 5 through January 2. The Petersen House is open from 10 am to 2 pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays. It will also be open from 12:30 to 3:30 pm on the first three Sundays in December. Members of the East Valley Children's Theater will present their interpretation of *Peter's Christmas* on Sundays, December 6 and 13. On Sunday, December 20, there will be a performance and sing-along of traditional Danish Christmas songs by **Linda Rising** and **Karl Rehmer**. In addition, traditional paper cut ornaments (or *papir klip*) will be sold throughout December to raise funds for educational programming at the Petersen House.



Tempe Historical Society's Lunch Talks Resume

Bring your lunch and enjoy the Tempe Historical Society's lunchtime programs at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center. Coffee is provided. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.
Wednesday, November 4, 11:30 am
Chautauquan **L.M. Larry Edmonds, M.A.** gives a historical presentation as Carl T. Hayden.
Wednesday, December 9, 11:30 am
Scott Solliday presents, *The Hayden Flour Mill: Tempe's First Industry that Brought the Community Together*, a history of the Hayden Flour Mill.

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