

# TIME LINES



## Wild Wednesdays Rule!

*Wild Wednesdays* were a great success for the eighth year in a row. A total of 3,071 visitors including parents, grandparents and children enjoyed this year's activities over the seven Wednesdays. Our repeat visitation was strong, testifying to the quality of the program.

Four-year-old **Kimme Blakeney** has attended almost every *Wild Wednesday* for the past three years. When asked about her favorite activity, she said, "I like the scavenger hunt. When we get back we always want to keep the papers." Her mother, **Donna Blakeney**, said that she likes *Wild Wednesdays* because Kimme really seems interested in the activities. Donna loves watching her daughter find something on the scavenger hunt and seeing the excitement that this discovery brings.



Councilmember **Barb Carter** being "interviewed" by museum visitors during *Wild Wednesday* on July 13.

Thanks to City Councilmembers **Barb Carter, Len Copple** and **Hut Hutson** for participating in "Your Town" day. We also are grateful for the participation of the Tempe Fire, Water and Public Works Departments. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Desert Cry Wildlife Rehabilitation brought live animals along with other displays for the "Desert Wildlife" day. Many volunteers assisted us, including the summer youth volunteers, **Kathy Bache, Herb Fibel, Judy Knoth, Peggy Moroney, Richard Nearing, Lisa Roach** and **Joan Wall**.

## Youth Advisory Committee Brings Teen Perspective to the Museum

Teens represent the future of Tempe and it is important that the museum reach out to this segment of the community. In order to involve Tempe's youth, it is necessary to gain their perspectives on their community, its history, their concerns, and how best to engage them in the museum's programs. For this reason, the museum has established a youth advisory committee.

Representatives for the Historical Museum Youth Advisory Committee (HMYAC) were recruited by Museum Administrator, **Amy Douglass**, from the junior and senior classes of the high schools within the Tempe Union High School District. Several of the members have volunteered at the museum during the summer in years past. The committee's first meeting was held on March 26, 2005. The officers were elected and the committee wrote its mission statement:

Making the museum the best it can be by coming up with new ideas to involve teenagers.

- New programs for teenagers
- Making Tempe more interesting to teenagers
- Making the history of Tempe fun to teenagers.

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## New Exhibit

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

The Tempe Historical Museum and the Program for Southeast Asian Studies (PSEAS) at Arizona State University have joined in a cooperative venture to assist Southeast Asian communities to celebrate their past and ponder their future. This community history exhibit explores Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese refugee experiences in Tempe, Arizona, 30 years after the Vietnam War. It features oral histories, photographs and objects from these communities. Funded in part through an Arizona Humanities Council "We the People" grant, the exhibit opens on October 22.

## Continuing Exhibits

### Scrapbooks for History

Some people make family heritage albums or "scrapbooks" to share family history. These types of albums can also make an important contribution to Tempe history. This exhibit explores ways of collecting family history and introduces the museum's Family History Albums Project. See completed albums. Get ideas and suggestions for making your own album. Through October 9.

### Picturing Mill Avenue

This exhibit features historic photographs of downtown Tempe paired with contemporary views from the same perspective, re-photographed by guest photographer **Larry Mishler**. A walking tour brochure, which will guide you to the Mill Avenue locations that are featured in the exhibit, is available in the museum lobby. Funding for the brochure was provided by the Tempe Historical Society. Through January 5, 2006.



Summer youth volunteers show off their tie-dyed shirts which they wore during the "Groovy '60s" *Wild Wednesday* on July 20. Also pictured are some of the museum staff and volunteers who assisted with the program.



## Bringing a Child to the Museum

Here are some tips for making your next Tempe Historical Museum visit with a child a great experience:

- Consider your child's age and attention span when planning your visit.
- Don't try to see everything. Plan on coming back to finish touring the galleries. Let a young child take the lead on what to see.
- Talk about what you see. Ask questions like, "What do you think it would be like to wear clothes like that?"
- Pick up a scavenger hunt activity at the front desk. Make their visit a treasure hunt and they can win a prize for their efforts.
- Spend some time afterward talking about what they have seen and learned.

## Summer Youth Volunteers Make a Difference

This past summer, 35 middle school, high school and college students served more than 800 hours in a variety of capacities at the museum. More important than the "numbers" is the work they accomplished.

Most visible were the teens who helped present the popular *Wild Wednesdays* programs to over three thousand visitors, primarily children. Behind the scenes, archive volunteers spent the summer assembling photographic housings, mounting and inventorying photographs; and all the tasks related to cataloging a photographic collection. In the research library, volunteers worked with the 1930 U.S. Census, copying information on Tempe residents. They also clipped, copied and sorted newspaper articles about Tempe topics. In the collections area, volunteers worked hard on inventorying and photographing three-dimensional artifacts. The Tempe Historical Society gift shop also benefited from summer help.

Although summer offers a wider array of volunteer opportunities for students, school year opportunities are also available. Students can work with a curator after school Monday through Friday between 3 or 3:30 to 5 p.m. Weekend opportunities exist at the Petersen House and in the gift shop. To volunteer, call 480-350-5190.

## Are You a Tempe History Detective?

The Tempe Historical Museum's *Tempe History Detectives* program was launched on Wednesday, June 29, 2005, during *Wild Wednesdays*.

*Tempe History Detectives* is a new on-going museum activity with two levels of difficulty. Ages 9 to 12 have activities geared to their age and abilities, while *Junior Tempe History Detectives* is designed for ages 6 to 8.

Each participant receives a passbook upon registration, offering them a choice of activities. Three activities per page qualify as a rank earned, with a commensurate reward. There are three ranks per passbook: Sleuth, Investigator and Detective. A completed passbook including at least one scavenger hunt, one site visit, one essay, and a family genealogy qualifies the individual as a full Tempe History Detective.

Some activities, such as scavenger hunts, are completed at the Tempe Historical Museum. Other activities may be completed at home or at the Petersen House Museum, then brought into the museum for credit. A few activities may require an adult's assistance.

There are 148 children signed up for the *Tempe History Detective* program. To date, **Brian Drew** has made the rank of Investigator. **Broderick Drew** and **Braylen Drew** have earned the rank of Junior Investigator.



Stop by the Tempe Historical Museum today to become a *Tempe History Detective*! Look for the Tempe History Detective graphic to find "official" History Detective events in the calendar on page 3.

**OCTOBER**

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

Tuesday, October 4, 9 am  
Museum Board Room / Free

Come explore all that volunteers can do at the museum.

**TEMPE TARDEADA**

Sunday, October 9, Noon – 8 pm  
Tempe Community Complex

Annual Hispanic festival celebrating Tempe’s Hispanic heritage. Free admission.

**TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS PROGRAMS**

Wednesday, October 12  
11:30 am – 1 pm

Museum classroom / Free

Dr. James McBride, *More Than a Desert*. Bring your lunch. Coffee provided.



**AWESOME AUTUMN ADVENTURE**

Thursday, October 13, 10 am – 2 pm  
Museum

Free admission

Join us for family fun featuring a magical theme. There will be crafts, stories, drawings and scavenger hunts for prizes.



**3<sup>RD</sup> THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ**

Thursday, October 20  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Museum / Free

Visit the museum galleries, have a cup of coffee, and listen to Paul Scharbach and John Akers, authors of *Phoenix Then and Now*, a book which compares modern and historic photographs of locations in the Phoenix area. They will discuss the history of some of the locations

and about taking the recent photographs.

**PETERSEN HOUSE ENDOWMENT RAFFLE DRAWING**

Saturday, October 29, 2 pm  
Museum lobby

Raffle tickets may be purchased in the Tempe Historical Society gift shop at the museum throughout October. See ad below.

**NOVEMBER**

**TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS PROGRAMS**

Wednesday, November 9  
11:30 am – 1 pm

Museum classroom / Free

Dr. Jay Cravath, *Miners, Cowboys and Washerwomen: The Work Songs of Arizona*. Bring your lunch. Coffee provided. Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.

**NOVEMBER 11**

Museum closed for Veteran’s Day.

**LUNCH WITH A VET**

Saturday, November 12, 11:30 am  
Edna Vihel Center for the Arts

The Tempe Historical Society is honoring America’s veterans at this fundraising luncheon. The event will offer an afternoon of memories and surprises. Call (480) 350-5100 for information.



**3<sup>RD</sup> THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ**

Thursday, November 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Museum / Free

Visit the museum galleries and have a cup of coffee. At 7 pm, Tony Thipdavong will talk about the museum’s newest exhibit, *A Long Journey Home: Cambodian, Laotian and*

*Vietnamese Communities in Arizona*.

**NOVEMBER 24 & 25**

Museum closed for Thanksgiving.

**PETERSEN HOUSE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY DECORATING**

Tuesday, November 29 through Thursday, December 1

**DECEMBER**



**GINGERBREAD FANTASIA**

Saturday, December 3, 1 – 4 pm  
Museum

Free admission

Free holiday festivities for the whole family. There will be “make and take” activities, cookies and punch. Bring your camera for pictures with Santa.

**PETERSEN HOUSE MUSEUM HOLIDAY SHOWCASE**

Saturday, December 3 through Saturday, December 31

Free admission

Each room will feature unique holiday decorations. Stroll through the house and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

**MUSEUM HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

Saturday, December 3 through Saturday, December 31

Holiday decorations featuring gingerbread and model train themes will adorn the exhibit hall.

**DECEMBER 25 & 26**

Museum closed for Christmas.

**Passings**

**Ernest Noriega Moraga**, 77, passed away on August 15. Ernie was a Tempe native and was married for 58 years to **Lillie Parra**, also a native of Tempe. The Moragas have been active members of the *Tardeada* advisory committee since it was founded by the museum in 1999. Ernie and Lillie have also assisted the museum in identifying individuals for oral histories and by contributing to our family history albums project.

**Win Prizes and Support Educational Programs**

Buy your Petersen House Endowment raffle tickets at the Tempe Historical Society Gift Shop at the museum.

Tickets are only \$1 each, or six tickets for \$5.

You could win hotel accommodations, meals, entertainment certificates and much more!

The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 29, at 2 pm.



# Step Into History

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

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Comments, suggestions?  
Call 480-350-5100.

#### 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)

#### Youth Advisory Committee (Continued from page 1)

The committee officers are **Pavel Nuno**, Chair; **Amelia Leong**, Vice Chair and **Lindsay Samuell**, Recorder. Other committee members are **Ceré and Tujan Netters**, **Miguel Garcia**, **Ian Glenn**, **Anna Bethancourt**, **Anna Bosen** and **Katie Metzger**. Unfortunately, there is no representative from Desert Vista High School at this time.

HMYAC has identified three main projects for this school year:

1. Coordinate a photographic exhibit that will feature collages from each of the schools within the Tempe Union High School District to be exhibited at the Tempe Historical Museum.
2. Identify community service projects at the museum for the various service clubs in the schools.
3. Coordinate an evening event targeted at teens as part of the museum's *Third Thirstday Night Café* series.

HMYAC has begun important work. The current members of the committee are establishing lines of communication among the museum staff and high school students that will continue on into the future, hopefully long after they have graduated. Without their dedication, assistance and enthusiasm, the museum would not be able to reach out as effectively to this important audience. The staff is indebted to these teens for their willingness to forge ahead!

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