

TIME LINES



Museum Opens with Community Festival

Approximately 2,000 visitors enjoyed the festivities and their first look at the newly-renovated Tempe History Museum during the grand reopening on Saturday, February 27. Twenty community groups staffed tables in Plencner Plaza in front of the museum, offering hands-on activities and giveaway items. Performances, ranging from **Marshall Trimble**, Arizona State Historian, to Cambodian dancers and the Corona del Sol Steel Drum Band, delighted the audience in the Community Room. Free food was provided by Whole Foods Market, Harkins Theaters, Costco and Arizona Milk Producers.

Before the official reopening, Mariachi ASU serenaded those in attendance as people gathered at the entrance for the ribbon cutting. Mayor **Hugh Hallman** started off the celebration with remarks about Tempe's origins. Councilmembers **Corey Woods** and **Ben Arredondo** also were in attendance and helped to present awards to the winners of the essay contest (see related article, page 3). Mayor Hallman, Councilmembers Woods and Arredondo, and former Mayor **Rudy Campbell** cut the multi-colored ribbon. The ribbon itself was made up of many segments signed by Tempe citizens and knotted together in a chain. The Mayor then led the procession into the museum, followed by the Tempe Sister Cities high school delegates carrying the flags of Tempe's eight sister cities, as well as the Arizona and United States flags.



Tempe Mayor **Hugh Hallman** speaking at the grand reopening.

The public opening was preceded by an evening reception on Friday, February 26. In attendance were the Mayor and City Council, other elected officials, past council members, Tempe Historical Society and museum advisory board members, and many other museum supporters. Remarks were made by Mayor Hallman; **Lisa Roach**, Museum Advisory Board Chair; **Vince Murray**, Tempe Historical Society President and **Amy Douglass**, Museum Administrator. A beautiful cake was donated by Honeymoon Sweets for the occasion. Brignall Construction, Inc., the general contractor for the renovation project and Weddle Gilmore Black Rock Studio, the project architect, also sponsored the event.

Many thanks go out to all of the City of Tempe staff and volunteers who helped to plan and staff both events!

Check Out Our New Exhibits!

Main Exhibition Hall

The museum's main exhibition, entitled, *Tempe: Distinct, Diverse, Dynamic*, is the heart of the new Tempe History Museum. Here the story of Tempe, a Southwestern desert urban community with a distinct identity and sense of place, is dramatically staged through a variety of media. The exhibition explores the social, environmental, educational and community history of Tempe using a thematic approach. Visitors are able to identify and explore four thematic areas—*College Town*, *Building Our Community*, *Living Together* and *Surviving in the Desert*. Iconic objects and portions of the museum's oral history collection are used to help bring the city's past alive and illuminate present day Tempe. New technology and a designated space with children's hands-on activities provide educational opportunities for all ages and a chance for families to engage in intergenerational learning.

Changing Gallery

Tom Harter: Picturing Change in Tempe is an exhibit that features paintings by Arizona State University art professor and former Petersen House resident **Tom Harter**. His work portrays rural Tempe during the 1950s and 60s, a time of transformation brought on by record population growth and urban development. Paintings by some of Harter's many students are also featured.



(above) Guests arriving for the evening reopening reception on February 26. Photo courtesy of **Jay Mark**.



(above) After her speech at the evening reception, Museum Board Chair **Lisa Roach** took this photo of the guests.



(left to right above) Former Mayor **Rudy Campbell**, Mayor **Hugh Hallman**, Councilmember **Ben Arredondo** and Councilmember **Corey Woods** cut the ribbon on February 27, allowing the first guests to stream into the newly-renovated museum (above right).



Guests of all ages enjoyed the museum (above & below).



The Corona del Sol Steel Drum Band (above).



Crowd-pleasing giveaways, crafts and activities added to the event.

Thank You!!

It took the help of many people and organizations to plan and run the museum's grand reopening event. The museum staff would like to thank community members **Mary Ann Kwilosz, Peggy Moroney, Vince Murray, and Lisa Roach** for serving on the planning committee.

In addition, the staff also thanks the many organizations who participated that day. They provided information on their organization, and an activity for children or a giveaway item:

Archaeological Research Institute of ASU
Arizona Asians
ASU Alumni Association and Sparky
Cambodian Community of Arizona
Census 2010
City of Tempe Public Relations Office
Friends of the Tempe Public Library
Hackett House
Questers, Guess Birchett Chapter
Questers, Hayden's Ferry Chapter
Tardeada Advisory Committee
Teen Friends of the Tempe Public Library
Tempe Fire Department
Tempe Garden Club
Tempe Historical Society
Tempe History Museum African-American Advisory Committee
Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation
Tempe History Museum LGBT Advisory Group
Tempe Municipal Arts Commission
Tempe Police Department
Tempe Public Works Department/ERIC Recycling Education Van
Tempe Transit Office/Tempe in Motion
Tempe Sister City High School Delegates
Whole Foods

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Essay contest winners Mandri Randeniya (left), Allan Miles (above), Jenna Shoosmith (upper right) and Maddie Billingsley (right) with Councilmember Corey Woods, Lisa Roach, Councilmember Ben Arredondo and Mayor Hugh Hallman.

Award-winning Students Chosen

The Tempe History Museum partnered with the Tempe Elementary School District (TD3) on an essay writing contest to commemorate the reopening of the museum. Students in grades four through eight were invited to write an essay explaining how museums tell history. The Language Arts and Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator for TD3, **Lois Whisiker-Williams**, her assistant **Cherry Taylor**, and nearly three dozen language arts coaches throughout the district promoted the contest. Thanks to their support, there were 559 entries received!

School district staff and teachers met at the museum during mid-February to judge the essays. The essays were scored based on a six-trait rubric used to score essays on the AIMS tests. The essays were divided into two groups, 4th and 5th grade, and 6th through 8th grade. First and second place winners were chosen for each group.

Winners were as follows:

First place 4th and 5th grade

Mandri Randeniya, 5th grade, Rover School

Second place 4th and 5th grade

Allan Miles, 5th grade, Scales Technology Academy

First place 6th through 8th grade

Jenna Shoosmith, 7th grade, Ward Traditional Academy

Second place 6th through 8th grade

Maddie Billingsley, 6th grade, McKemy Middle School

Every student who submitted an essay received an honorable mention certificate. The first and second place winners were given either a trophy or a ribbon and a gift card to Changing Hands Bookstore. All prizes were generously donated by **Lisa Roach**, Chair of the Museum Advisory Board. Awards were presented to the students by **Mayor Hugh Hallman, Councilmembers Corey Woods and Ben Arredondo**, and Ms. Roach just prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the museum's grand reopening on February 27. The winning essays are on display in the lobby of the museum and will soon be available on the museum's web site.

Thank you to Lisa, Lois, Cherry, the language art coaches, and the TD3 students who participated!



Museum Advisory Board Welcomes Three New Members



Although she works full time for Salt River Project (SRP), new Advisory Board member **Shirley McKean** also finds time to volunteer in the Collections area of the museum. Fortunately SRP is very supportive of community involvement by its employees and a flex schedule allows Shirley to have alternate Fridays off. Shirley has been with SRP for ten years as a training analyst.

Shirley first toured the museum as part of the curriculum of the 2008 class of Tempe Leadership, a program of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. Its purpose is to identify emerging community leaders and to foster leadership skills through education, experience, exposure and service to the community. She was drawn to the museum because of her anthropology major and her love of history and archeology. Shirley actually first applied to serve on the Historical Museum Advisory Board, but since there were no openings at that time, she decided to get involved as a museum volunteer. Shirley has completed a gamut of tasks in Collections including preparations for the renovated exhibit hall. She feels her service on the Advisory Board will allow her an even more in-depth involvement with the museum.

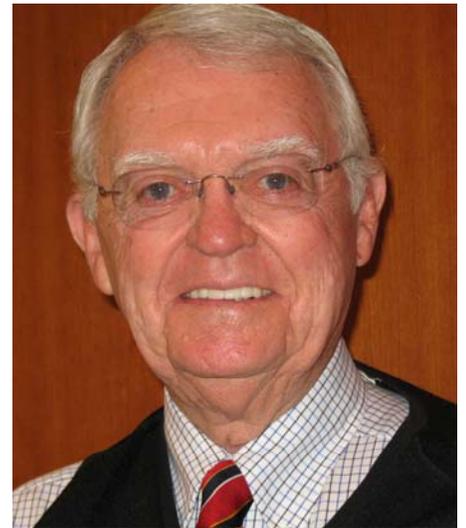
Shirley has lived in Tempe off and on for more than 11 years. In her free time she enjoys water color painting and botanical illustration.

It was dedication to his community and recognition of the value of preserving history that brought **Gerald Woodward** to the Museum Advisory Board. No newcomer to community service, he lives by the motto that, "Volunteering is the rent that you pay for living in your city."

Gerald was a Tempe Sister Cities (TSC) board member for over 30 years, after being elected to the board in 1978. He says his legacy with that organization is the Tempe Sister City Gardens. In 1982, **Ron Pies**, who at that time was the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Tempe, suggested "that a portion of Kiwanis Park be developed as a tribute to Tempe Sister City activities." Gerald was appointed to develop the park area. Working with the Parks and Recreation Department, he developed the garden, which includes plaques honoring past exchange students and members of the TSC "Ring of Honor." In 2007, Gerald was inducted into the Ring of Honor in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the organization.

Gerald has also served on the Industrial Development Authority, a group that promotes industry and develops trade in the Tempe area.

In 1973, Gerald moved from Europe to Tempe with his wife and three children. All three of his children graduated from McClintock High School. His daughter Sheri had the unique honor of being elected the first female class president at McClintock in 1977.



Korri Turner has lived in Tempe all of her life. "I grew up in Tempe and went to Supai Elementary School and Coronado High School. And, being such a homebody, attended Arizona State University (twice: BA, MA). My mother's side of the family came to the Territory in the mid 1800s, and since then, our family has had five generations born in Arizona."

Korri is a bioarchaeologist (studying the animal remains in archaeological sites) but has worked in many aspects of contract archaeology. She also does freelance photography and proofreading for additional income. Korri also taught at Mesa Community College years ago and enjoyed it.

When asked why she decided to apply for the Museum Advisory Board, Korri responded, "...I finally reached a point where I started to think about the community and not just my own life, and discovered the desire, finally, to want to contribute back to the local world around me... I certainly hope to provide appropriate input, insight, and participation as best I can. This is new to me, and I find it very exciting to be part of it."

Korri lives in a 1945 Goodwin tract home in Tempe. She loves to read and travel, and photography is a life-long passion as well. When she needs to "get the dust and cobwebs out," she likes to go for a run along Tempe Town Lake.



Explore the Past, Discover Community

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

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Comments, suggestions?
Call 480-350-5100.

Tempe History Museum Hours

Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10 am - 5 pm
Sundays, 1 - 5 pm
Closed Mondays and major holidays.

Petersen House Hours

Tuesdays - Thursdays & Saturdays,
10 am - 2 pm

Visit the museum's website at
www.tempe.gov/museum



Visitors can still admire Tempe's first fire truck, which is prominently displayed in the center of the new exhibit hall.

April / May / June

Quarterly Calendar

480-350-5100

APRIL

TEMPE HISTORICAL LUNCH TALK

Wednesday, April 14, 11:30 am

Tempe History Museum Community Room / Free

Dr. Chris Smith, associate professor of history at Arizona State University, will give a presentation about *American Humor*. Bring your lunch; coffee is provided.



3RD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ

Thursday, April 15

Doors open at 6:30 pm; presentation starts at 7 pm.

Tempe History Museum Community Room / Free

How Wild Was It? Crime and Justice in the Arizona Territory, presented by Dr. Paul T. Hietter, history faculty at Mesa Community College. Coffee is provided.

MAY

PERFORMANCES AT THE MUSEUM

Student-Produced Theater

Saturday, May 8, 7 pm

Tempe History Museum Community Room / Free

Enjoy an evening of plays by local 5th grade students from Broadmor Elementary School. These plays are based on themes presented in the museum's exhibit hall.

MONDAY, MAY 31

Memorial Day. Museum closed.

JUNE

WILD WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 14, 21

Come & go between 10 am & 3 pm

Museum / Free admission

Beat the heat and enjoy special hands-on activities, crafts, games and prizes. Once again, the museum's popular program will provide great summer fun for the whole family. Each Wednesday will focus on a unique theme, so you can visit again and again. There is no pre-registration needed for family groups who would like to participate. Groups of 10 or more and day care groups should call (480) 350-5100 for a reservation.

June 9 - *Desert Creatures*, featuring the Phoenix Zoo Desert Connections

June 16 - *Meet Your Neighbors*

June 23 - *Sun Devil Fever*

June 30 - *ARTastic*

July 14 - *Busy Tempe Town*

July 21 - *Creepy Crawlies*, featuring the Phoenix Herpetological Society

Looking ahead. . .

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day. Museum closed.