

TIME LINES



Tales of Double Butte Cemetery

Do you know which Arizona Governor declared war on California, how bermuda grass got to Tempe or why the names Honor, Thanks and Guess are important? Come along on a narrated tour of Tempe's most historic cemetery on October 31 to find out the answers (see calendar, page 4).

On September 13, 1897 the officers of the Tempe Cemetery Company signed the Articles of Incorporation, forming the first corporation to administer Double Butte Cemetery in Tempe. During the next century, the cemetery expanded several times and changed ownership twice. Many Tempe residents and people who played prominent roles in the leadership of the state of Arizona have been laid to rest in Double Butte Cemetery. **Niels Petersen**, who originally donated the land for the cemetery, was buried there upon his death in 1923. His wife **Susanna Petersen** had his body moved shortly thereafter to the burial plot beside the Petersen House where he still rests next to Susanna.

Tempe notables who will be featured on the tour will include **Thanks Anderson, Guess Birchett, Benjamin Baker Moer, B. Howard Pyle, Hugh Laird, Carl Hayden, Charles Trumbull Hayden, Sallie Davis Hayden, Walker Wilson Jones, Winchester Miller, Curtin Miller, the Woolf Family and James C. Goodwin**. Some will be portrayed by living history narrators. Others' stories will be revealed by community volunteers.

Double Butte Cemetery is located on the southeast corner of Broadway and 48th Street. The walking tour is approximately 3/4 of a mile in distance. Attendees should wear comfortable walking shoes. Purchase your tickets at www.tempe.gov/events/tales, or if you prefer, stop by the Parks and Recreation office on the second floor of the Tempe Library. The price of admission is \$15 per person. The proceeds will support the oral history program at the museum without which the tales of Tempe could not be retold.

Exhibits

Main Exhibition Hall

The main exhibition, *Tempe: Distinct, Diverse, Dynamic*, dramatically presents the story of Tempe through a variety of media. The exhibition explores the history of Tempe through 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 hands-on activities in the *Kids' Place* gallery provide opportunities for families to learn together.

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.

Upcoming Exhibit

The Finley Boys: Arizona's Royal Family of Rodeo will tell the story of three brothers from a local ranching family who grew up to be national rodeo stars in the 1930s through 1950s. Learn about the Finleys and the history of rodeo through displays and interactives that will appeal to all ages. This exhibit will open in March 2011.



Winners of the *Ladmo Bags* posed with **Bill Thompson** (aka Wallace, center) after the *Tribute to Wallace and Ladmo* on August 7.



A LEGO fan checks out the model train scene at the LEGO League event on September 11.

Events at the Museum



Mariachi Corazón de Phoenix (right) performed in the Community Room on August 28 and explained the origins of mariachi music.



Learning to use a Hohokam style pump drill at *Wild Wednesdays* on June 23.



Rana Santacruz (center) performs with the string quartet Ethel and Taos master flutist **Robert Mirabal** (third from right) at the TEDx Tempe on September 15. The following day, Mr. Santacruz performed at the Kennedy Center to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mexican independence.

Thank You Summer Volunteers!

Completion of the museum renovation in February allowed the museum to reinstate its popular *Wild Wednesdays* summer programming. The public certainly hadn't forgotten how much fun there was to be had at the museum and once again showed up by the hundreds during June and July.

The museum wouldn't have been able to offer the fun craft activities and games without the help of its volunteers, many of whom were students dedicating their summer break to serving the community. Helping with *Wild Wednesdays* were **Victoria Aguilar, Yakira Bergsman, Laura Fife, Julianna Goenaga, Mohammad Halloum, Dru Hoagland, Natalie Hochhaus, Kelly Jones, Andrea McKay, Lisa Mortensen, Lauryn Pedersen, Tamara Perez, Sarah Rogers, Gabby Roig, Bradley Smith, Yan Wang, Yuan Yang, Madison Ward, Conner Wareing and Fadumo Warsame.**

Some of the museum history interpreters didn't want to miss out on the fun, so "thanks" also to **Albert Guzman, Lynn Stratz, Beth King and Shirlee King.**



Teen volunteers **Sarah Rogers** (left) and **Tamara Perez** (right) take a moment to smile for the camera during *Wild Wednesdays*.



Bryce Rodriguez (left) earned the rank of Tempe Junior History Detective and **Mike Hassam** (right) earned the rank of and Tempe History Detective during *Wild Wednesdays* this summer.

Honor or Remember Someone Special

You can help to preserve Tempe's history at the same time that you honor or remember someone special by participating in the 9th annual *Larry Campbell Tree of Lights* 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 the tree helps support the museum's oral history program.

The tree will be on display in the museum lobby throughout December. Notification will be sent to persons being honored or the families of persons being remembered. They also will be invited to a special reception on Sunday, December 12. For more information, call (480) 350-5100.

Nisse, Gnomes and Elves

This Christmas season, the Petersen House Museum's holiday decorations will be a reflection of the Scandinavian traditions of the Christmas elves or gnomes that go by many names. In Denmark and Norway, they are known as the *nisse*. They are thought to live with families, either in the attic, the cellar or the barn, and their behavior toward the residents is a direct reflection of whether family members are *naughty* or *nice*.

The decorations will be on display on Saturdays and Sundays from December 4 through 19. The Petersen House will be open from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays and from 1 to 4 pm on Sundays. Special Sunday activities will include a performance and sing-along of traditional Danish Christmas songs, demonstrations of traditional paper cut ornaments (or *papir klip*) and storytelling about the often mischievous elves.

A special feature will be the newly remodeled foyer of the Petersen House. It is being redone in the Victorian style to reflect the importance of this room as the entryway to the
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OCTOBER

CARS AND GUITARS (South)**Saturday, October 2, 9 am to noon****Tempe History Museum / Tempe Community Center Plaza**

A tie-in to the exhibit currently at the Tempe Center for the Arts, this family event features vintage and hand-made guitars in the museum. Plaza activities include art booths, art cars, on-stage guitar performances, mini guitar lessons, the ERIC recycle trailer and an art project from the Tempe recycling program.

PERFORMANCES AT THE MUSEUM**A concert with Mariachi Corazón de Phoenix****Saturday, October 9, 7 pm****Tempe Community Center Plaza**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and kick off the *Tardeada* with an outdoor concert.

TEMPE TARDEADA, Presented by APS**Sunday, October 10, Noon to 6 pm****Tempe History Museum and Tempe Community Center Plaza**

The *Tardeada* is a celebration of Hispanic culture with roots in Tempe featuring Hispanic family albums, music and dance, face painters, balloon animals, inflatable rides, The Game Truck and Hispanic-themed crafts.

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**LUNCH TALK****Wednesday, October 13, 11:30 am to 1 pm****Community Room / Free**

Bring your lunch and join **Janice Jarrett** presenting *Your Musical Brain: Can Music Make You Smarter?* Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. Coffee is provided.

THIRD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ**Bringing History Books to Life****A Series of Local Author Events*****Women Who Live in Coffee Shops and Other Stories*****Thursday, October 21, 7 pm****Community Room / Free**

Join the museum for a free cup of coffee and a book signing and discussion of *Women Who Live in Coffee Shops and Other Stories* by **Stella Pope Duarte**. It is an award-winning collection of 13 short stories set against an urban backdrop of the meanest streets in Phoenix.

TALES FROM DOUBLE BUTTE CEMETERY**Sunday, October 31, 2 pm****Double Butte Cemetery****Fee: \$15**

Join this narrated walking tour of Tempe's historic cemetery to learn about some of Tempe's most significant citizens. Tickets can be purchased online at

www.tempe.gov/events/tales or the Parks and Recreation office. Proceeds benefit the museum.

NOVEMBER

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**LUNCH TALK****Wednesday, November 10, 11:30 am to 1 pm****Community Room / Free**

Bring your lunch and join **Jay Cravath** presenting *Romancing Arizona: Songs of Love and Marriage*. Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. Coffee provided.

NOVEMBER 11, Veterans Day. Museum closed.**PERFORMANCES AT THE MUSEUM****Arizona Student Film Festival: A Screening****Saturday, November 13, 7pm****Community Room / Free**

Enjoy a screening of past winners of this film festival. The Arizona Student Film Festival is open to students in 3rd grade through college. Students write, direct, shoot and edit their own works. Prize winners are selected in 3 categories.

THIRD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFE**Bringing History Books to Life****A Series of Local Author Events*****A Roadside History of Arizona*****Thursday, November 18, 7 pm****Community Room / Free**

Join the museum for a free cup of coffee and a book signing and discussion by **Marshall Trimble**, Arizona's Official State Historian and a great storyteller.

DECEMBER

HOLIDAY TREE DISPLAY**Throughout December****Community Room**

Walk through a display of holiday trees decorated in various themes relating to the history of Tempe and the mission of the museum.

LARRY CAMPBELL TREE OF LIGHTS**Throughout December****Museum Lobby**

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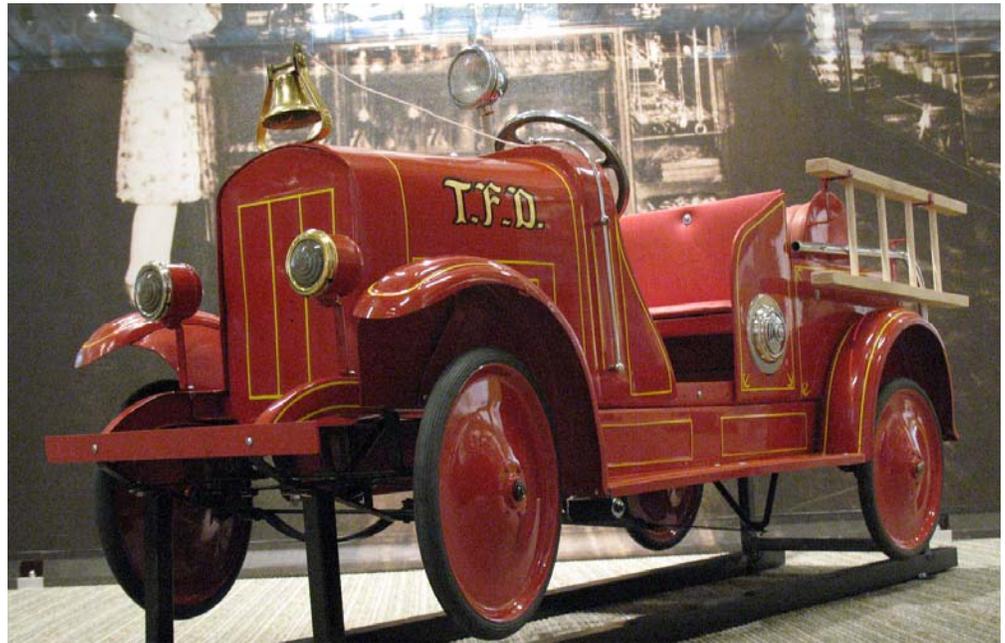
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This 1930s toy pedal fire truck is a new addition to *Kids' Place*. It was one of many models made by the American Juvenile Wheels Company.

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PERFORMANCES AT THE MUSEUM

East Valley Children's Theater

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 10, 7 pm

Community Room / Free

Enjoy a fun-filled holiday show for the whole family. Also visit the *Family Fun Factory* for some art, music, food and fun at the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts from 6:30 to 9 pm.

DANISH CHRISTMAS AT THE PETERSEN HOUSE

Weekends, Dec. 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19,

Saturdays, 10 am to 3 pm

Sundays, 1 to 4 pm

Free Admission / Donations Accepted

The Petersen House Museum will be filled with Danish Christmas decorations and traditions for the holiday season. The theme this year will be *Nisse, Gnomes and Elves* and will depict the varied traditions of Scandinavian countries, including Denmark, pertaining to the magical folk who are thought to inhabit households and often create mischief. Special programs will be featured on Sundays.

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home. During the Victorian era, the foyer was a formal space to greet guests and create a good first impression on visitors. Decorative elements will include hand-painted reproduction wallpapers, gilded picture rails and faux wood finishes. This project is being funded through a Questers International Preservation and Restoration Grant, sponsored by the Tempe-based Hayden's Ferry Chapter of the Questers.



Traditional Danish Christmas decorations