

MUSEUM DEPARTMENT

**Museum Curator
at the Museum of Riverside**

Museum Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021

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THE COLLECTION



Lakota infant carrier (A1-588)



Gerald Clarke's *Our Lady of San Jacinto* (P130)



Acoma ceramic shoes (A280-26A,B)

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A HISTORY MYSTERY



A8-131



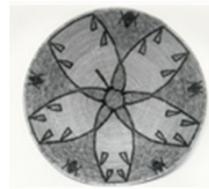
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What do these five baskets have in common?

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WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT THE JOB

Research



Objects



People



The big picture

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STEWARDSHIP



- Ensure the stewardship of the collection for future generations
- Conservation
- Saving the stories



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OUTREACH

- Working with regional Indigenous peoples
- Building relationships with donors, researchers, lenders
- Conducting and sharing research
 - Exhibitions
 - Social media
- Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
- AB 275 CalNAGPRA



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LIAISON TO THE COMMUNITY

- Indigenous community
- Special interest groups
- NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA
- Donors
- Lenders
- Patrons
- Stakeholders – anyone and everyone



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INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY

- Riverside family history
- Museum costume & textiles consultant
- Curator of Exhibitions and Collections
- Directors: from Raoul Lopez to Robyn Peterson
- **Major exhibitions**
 - *Adornment*
 - *American Indian Women Artists: Beyond Craft*
 - *Cahuilla Continuum*
 - *Century of Costume*



1920s dress,
exhibited 1981



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INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY

- **More exhibitions**
 - *From China to California*
 - *Patterns of Life: Cultural Diversity & American Quilts*
 - *Riverside Municipal Museum's Treasures from Native American and History Collections in Sendai, Japan*
 - *A Museum for Riverside: 75th Museum Anniversary*



1860s dress, now on exhibit



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FUTURE



- Complete inventory
- Major exhibitions
- Contemporary acquisitions
- Social media
- The Museum's 100th anniversary



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum of Riverside Board receive and file a presentation on the Museum of Riverside's Museum Curator.



STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

1. **Community Trust** – This presentation to the Museum of Riverside Board supports community trust by establishing transparency in Museum operations.
2. **Equity** – This presentation is accessible to all members of the public via the live-streamed Museum of Riverside Board meeting, viewable and downloadable meeting documents, and meeting recordings that can be accessed after the meeting.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** - Activities of the Museum of Riverside are funded through the City General Fund. Presentations regarding Museum collections support transparent management the City's financial resources to preserve Riverside's history through proper collections care.
4. **Innovation** – Staff member presentations offered via virtual meetings are an innovative way for Museum Board members and the public to learn more about Museum operations, while the downtown Museum site is closed to the public.
5. **Sustainability and Resiliency** – Proper collections care supports sustainable and resilient methods of preserving Riverside's history for current and future generations.



THANK YOU

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