

MUSEUM DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND RECOGNITION

Museum of Riverside

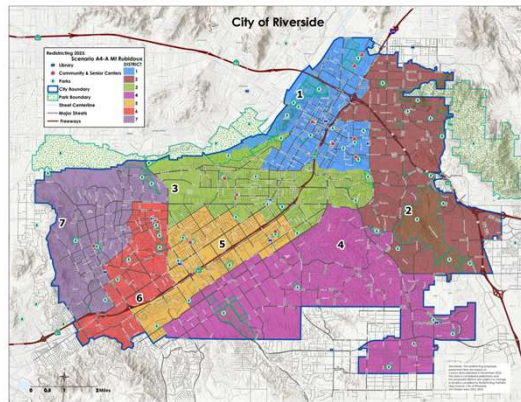
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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OUR BOARD

Board Member	Ward
Sharon Tennell	1
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Richard Cardullo	3
Rich Gardner	4
Peggy Barnhart	5
Julie Bjork	6
VACANT	7
VACANT	Citywide
Cynthia Zdilor, Chair	Citywide



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BOARD COMMITTEES AND OTHER SUPPORT

- 1. The Board appoints ad hoc committees as needed
- 2. Two independent 501(c)(3) nonprofits also support the Museum:
 - a. Riverside Museum Associates
 - b. Harada House Foundation



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MUSEUM STAFF

Staff member	Role
Robyn G. Peterson, Ph.D.	Director
Ann Lovell	Operations Manager
Jennifer Dickerson	Curatorial Services Manager
Chantal Downing	Institutional Advancement Coordinator
Ian Wright	Curator of Natural History
Taylor Bythewood-Porter	Curator of History
Katie Grim	Collections Registrar
Teresa Woodard Belding	Museum Educator
Kim Cobb	Associate Educator
Toni Kinsman	Senior Office Specialist
Cesar Mendez	Museum Maintenance Worker
Rachael Ruga	Office Specialist - .5 FTE
ARCHIVIST	In recruitment
EXHIBITION DESIGNER	Vacant – to recruit FY 25-26

**2024 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
KIM COBB**



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MUSEUM'S MISSION

As a center for learning, the Museum of Riverside interacts with the community to collect, preserve, explore, and interpret the cultural and natural history of Riverside and its region.

Approved by the Museum Board on December 15, 2015 (revised to reflect name change approved by City Council April 23, 2019).



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STANDARDS AND GOALS

1. The Museum is among the 3% of museums nationwide that are accredited.
2. The Museum Department's strategic plan for 2022-2023 – 2026-2027 will be refreshed next year.



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STANDARDS AND GOALS

- 1. Region-wide partnerships are sustained, renewed, and forged.
- 2. All museum-specific policies and procedures now meet or exceed professional standards.



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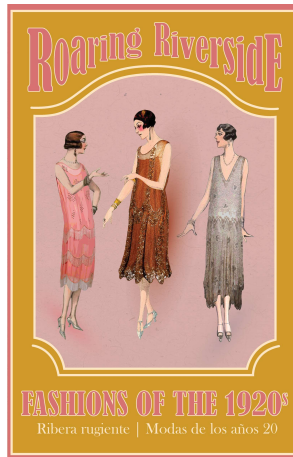
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ACTIVE ALL YEAR

From small spotlight exhibitions Citywide
to ...



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A year-long celebration of our 100th anniversary in 2024 to ...



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ACTIVE ALL YEAR

Happy crowds at festivals at Heritage House ...
... the Museum has been **active in our community.**



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DOWNTOWN RENOVATION GOALS

Museum's goal is a **smart rehabilitation** of the original historic building ...

and ...

an exciting and **thoughtful expansion** for the 21st century.



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RENOVATION PROCESS, FROM TODAY

March 2025:
Construction bid approved

By summer 2025:
Under construction

Mid-2027: Grand reopening



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100TH ANNIVERSARY RECAP

Exhibition highlighting collection ...

Successfully mounted at partner institution.

Budget goals ...

Revenue goal exceeded by about 80%.

Provide 100 programs ...

Done!



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HARADA HOUSE PROJECT

Engineering and design challenges: Agreement with new architectural design team to come before City Council shortly.

Cost and schedule: Expected in 2025 as work begins with new team.



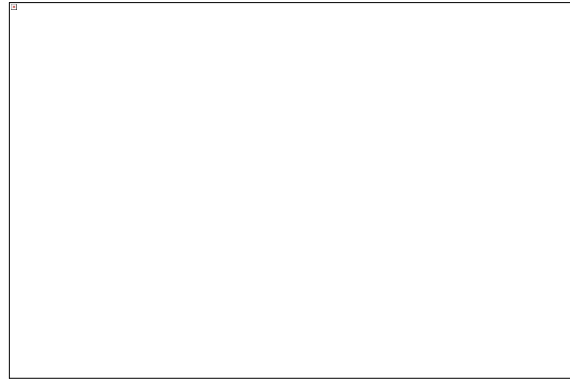
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HERITAGE HOUSE PROGRESS

1. House and carriage house painted
2. Parking lot and walking paths paved
3. Carriage house support spaces upgraded
4. Robust housekeeping and pest control protocols in place



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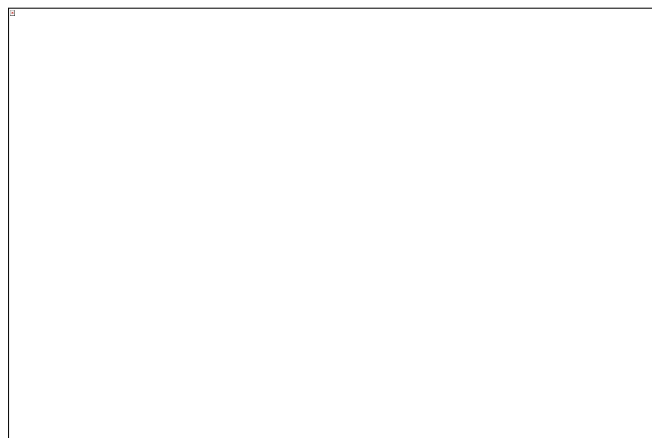
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HERITAGE HOUSE PROGRAMMING

While the downtown site is closed, Heritage House is the Museum's primary program site.

Thousands attended ...

- a. Movies on the Lawn
- b. Ice Cream Social
- c. Victorian teas
- d. Moon Festival
- e. Behind the Black Veil
- f. Christmas Open House
- g. Weekly tours for schools and public.



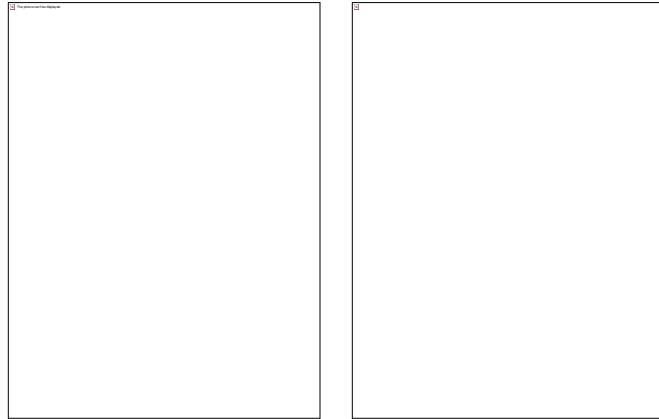
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COLLECTION STEWARDSHIP

1. Repatriating Native American sacred collections.
2. Collections moved from downtown site.
3. Improved collection documentation and storage.



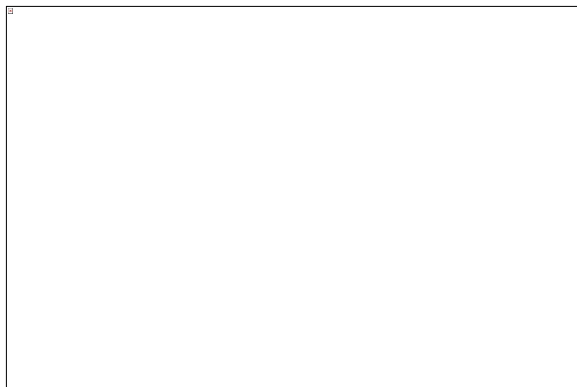
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BY THE NUMBERS – A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

1. FY2023-2024 attendance, all sites and outreach: **16,839**
2. FY2023-2024 digital audience: reach in the first half of the current FY alone: **521,470**
3. Strong attendance at Christmas Open House December: **estimated 1,200**



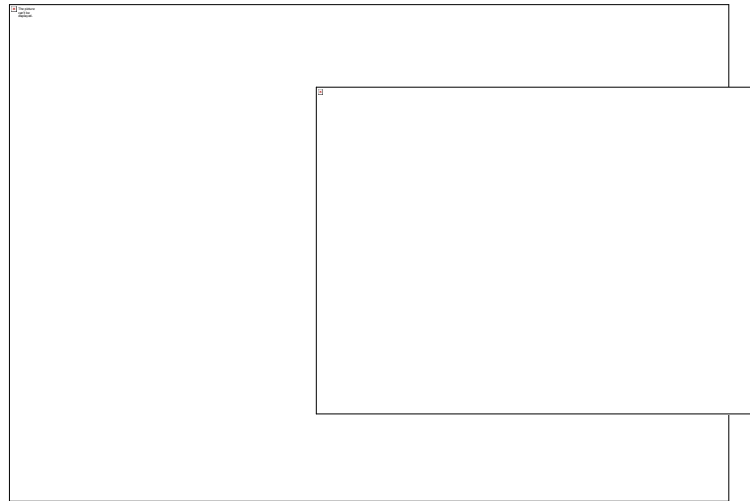
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EXPECTATIONS

1. Move forward without further delay on downtown renovation & expansion.
2. Continue planning reopening exhibitions and programs.
3. Include and honor our community as we reinvent ourselves.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority: Arts, Culture, and Recreation

Goals 1.1.3, 1.2 (all actions), 1.4.2, 1.5.2, 1.5.4: Complete the Museum of Riverside renovation; offer diverse programming throughout the City; train staff; collaborate.

Cross-Cutting Threads



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council receive and file a presentation providing an overview of the activities of the Museum Department and recognizing the Museum Department's Employee of the Year.



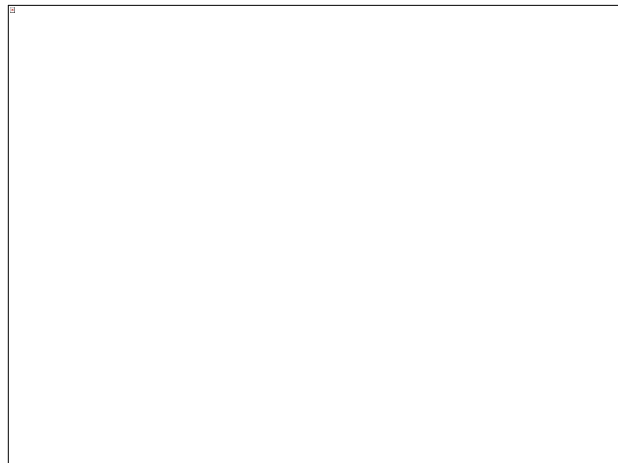
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THANK YOU

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