

An Introduction

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Museum of Riverside Riverside, California



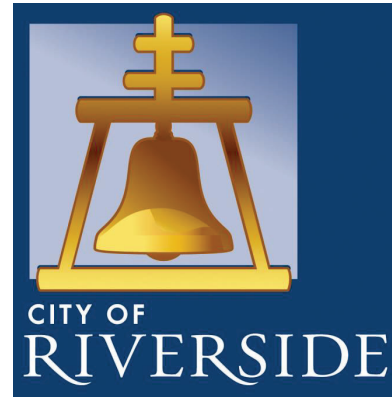
Who Are We?

- A nationally accredited museum
- A community museum established in 1924
- A destination for lifelong learning, curriculum enrichment, and cultural events



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- We are a department of the City of Riverside, the 12th largest city in California and one of its most diverse.
- The Museum's establishment is codified in the Municipal Code.



Our Mission – Nature, Culture, History



“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.”

Historic Site Steward

The Museum maintains seven sites, and four of them are historic sites.

- Main museum, 1912
- Heritage House, 1891-1892
- Harada House, circa 1884
- Harada House Interpretive Center, original structure 1890s



What We Do

- **Exhibitions**
- Education programs
- Special events
- Collection management

"Collect, preserve, and interpret"



Common Threads

Quilts, Comforters, and Clothing
from the
Hayes Family Collection

MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE
MARCH 18-JUNE 24, 2022

HERITAGE HOUSE
8193 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



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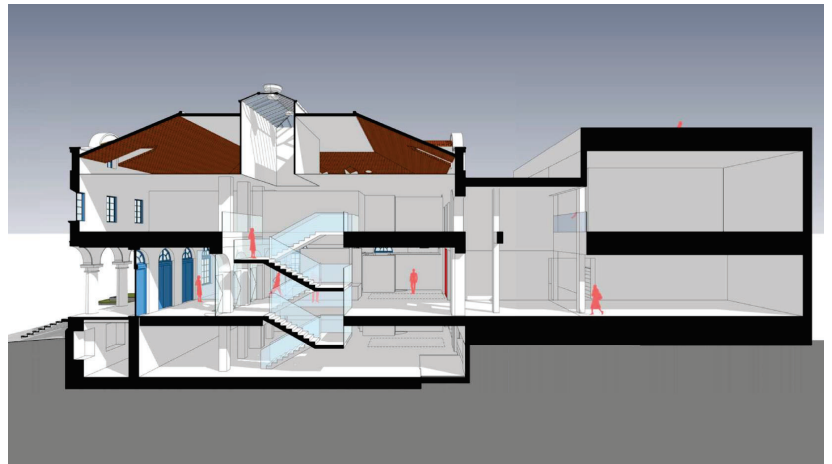
Main Museum Update

- Riverside City Council approved our project moving forward as of October 2022
- Steps include:
 - Completing architectural design
 - Community engagement
 - Construction bid and approval
 - Construction period
 - Installation of exhibitions
 - Grand reopening



Main Museum Update

- More active changing exhibition program after reopening
- Nature Lab to be larger
- Features not present before: loading dock, freight elevator, environmental controls to museum standards



Heritage House

- Since September 2017, our only site open to the public
- Few original furnishings – house is an imagining of an 1890s grower's home
- Two temporary exhibitions annually
- Diligently maintained



Heritage House

- The operation of Heritage House depends on volunteers to guide tours, host events, and help maintain gardens
- Guided tours offered Fridays-Sundays; closed July and August



HARADA HOUSE

Harada House

- A National Historic Landmark, a State Historical Landmark, and a local historic landmark
- A civil rights site unique to Riverside



Circa 1932



HARADA
HOUSE

Harada House

- Harada House was the subject of a civil rights court case in 1916-1918.
- The Harada case was the first test in the U. S. of the constitutionality of exclusionary, racist property and immigration laws.
- The case was heard in the Riverside County Courthouse.



NOTE! Be on the lookout for more Museum of Riverside “mini-museums” in town in the future!



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Harada House

- Campaign to fund the project exceeded its goal.
- Continuing to fundraise for endowment.
- Architects currently at work designing how the rehabilitation will occur, from the foundation up.





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Harada House Interpretive Center

- Interpretive Center project, next door to Harada House, is under way concurrently.
- Plan is to demolish existing structure and reconstruct it to resemble its 1930s appearance.
- A complex, multi-year project is anticipated.



Programming Update

- Our staff actively present the Museum's own programs as well as participating in others' festivals and events.
- Soon to debut: Nature Lab On-the-Go.



Insect Fair 2022



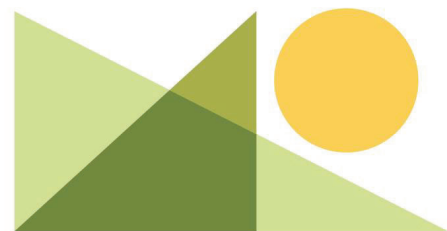
Take Part!

- Join the Riverside Museum Associates
- Donate to the Riverside Museum Associates or Harada House Foundation
- Join a community advisory team
 - Collections committee
 - Marketing and branding
 - Programs
 - Renovation design



Look for Us!

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- Facebook and Instagram:
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- YouTube
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