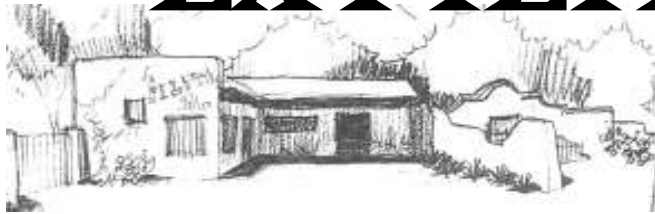


LA PILITA MUSEUM NEWSLETTER



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SPRING FUNDRAISER-GOURD 'N GARDEN

EXHIBIT: March 31 - April 19

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 - GOURD FIESTA!

Potted Plants and Wildflower Seeds
Gourd Demonstrations
Gourd Quilt
Decorated Gourds for Sale
Special Gourds for Auction
Gourd Painting Workshop
Gourd Music by "Home Grown Music"
from Patagonia



*Above left: 2007 gourd decorated with
toothpick tool by Jose Robles
Right: 2007 "Happy Gourd" for the
garden by Dante.*

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Gallery & Tiendita

Weekdays: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Call for Saturday hours/tours 882-7454

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

March 25 – April 19

EXHIBIT: Gourds 'n Garden

April 19th 10am - 2pm

LA PILITA GOURD FESTIVAL

Sale and Closed Bid Auction

Gourd Demonstrations

Gourd Music

April 21 – May 2

EXHIBIT: Archaeology

April 22nd, Parent Reception 3 pm

Fifth Grade students of Carrillo

School display their art and research.

May 3 – May 16

EXHIBIT: Volunteer Recognition

Helpers throughout the year!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, May 9th at 7:30 am

In recognition of all our volunteers
both young and old.

May 16th Last Day of Season

Have a Wonderful Summer!

BRING THE FAMILY - FUN FOR ONE AND ALL!

Special thank you to the Old Pueblo Gourd Patch Club for their donation of the wonderful gourd quilt. Thank you to Mike Labello of Pearce, Arizona for the donation of fifty gourds for our docents

GOURD PAINTING CLASS

Saturday April 19th 11:00 am

Artist, Roseanna Lievanos will facilitate a gourd class on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 am. Participants will paint a gourd and take a completed project home. Additional gourds may be purchased. The gallery will be full of gourds to give you ideas. Space is limited
Cost: \$15

Register by calling La Pilita at
882-7454

*Right: 2007 entry "Dia de los Muertos"
by Roseanna Lievanos*



SPECIAL WORKSHOPS/LECTURES !

LAST IN THE SERIES "SICK TO DEATH IN ARIZONA"

Thursday, April 10th – 6:30 pm - Allen Dart

Allen Dart is Executive Director of Old Pueblo Archaeology and a prominent lecturer. He will explore with us what archaeologists do when they expose human remains. This is an ethical, religious, and legal dilemma. Come to listen to the various viewpoints.

Please RSVP to reserve your seat. 882-7454

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La Pilita Museum Youth Docents Coming Up Taller

La Pilita Museum Youth Docent Program was nationally recognized as one of 18 recipients of the 2007 Coming Up Taller Awards. Coming Up Taller is an initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. The President's Committee partners with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities to administer the program, which was founded in 1998.

The award recognizes outstanding community arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of young people, and provide them with new learning opportunities and a chance to contribute to their communities. More than 350 nominations from all over the United States were received by the program. Two programs from Mexico and one from China were also recognized. Only fifteen were winners from the United States. We are very proud!

Thank You for helping us celebrate this great award

Rick Velasco, Walmart Store #141 for the refreshments

Denise Gomez for the special photo cake - Yum!

Ruby Begonia for Bromeliads

Representative to Raul Grijalva, Michelle Crow, for presenting the award and receiving tours from the docents

Clear Channel for donating beautiful billboards seen all over Tucson

Jain Ganz for obtaining the miniature billboard and photos

The Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild and their paintings of the barrio and presidio trail

Independent Business Networking Tucson

Docent Alumni - Mariachi Azteca del Sol

La Pilita Volunteers

THE STORY OF LA PILITA

Below is an excerpt from "A Walk Through Time, Place and Story" which is scheduled for publication for next season. The history of La Pilita is part of the guide funded by the AZ Humanities Grant and Walnut Foundation. It features the history and folklore of twelve sites. The contents were reviewed by local residents and historians. It features a map which was created especially for the guide by Godat Design.

LA PILITA MUSEUM 420 S. Main * 1945

The earliest recorded resident of La Pilita was E. E. Nelson. The building may have been constructed in 1945. It was then owned by G.G. Gonzales.

La Pilita Restaurant appears on the city records in 1965 owned by Salvador Guillen. However, the family history states, "it was established in 1962 from a home-based menudo sales business. The children would take orders from neighbors."



They told us, "On weekends, people would line up outside with pots in hand to buy menudo and rolls or tortillas to go." The east facing window was the sales window and a fountain was in the center of the yard, where the mesquite tree now stands. It was "founded by Dolores Maseeh Guillen, a mother of eight, at the time. Ernestina Romero, mother of Dolores, cared for the younger children while operating her own grocery store at 459 S. Convent - La Tiendita Romero. The restaurant closed after two arson fires, the first on July 3rd, 1965 and the second only three days before the re-opening.



By 1967 the city lists the building as vacant. In the early 1980's the building was claimed by the Tucson Barrio Association. It reopened as La Pilita Patio in 1986 and by 1991 served as the La Pilita Youth Center. The large mural was painted on the south side of the building by Martin Moreno and the neighborhood youth.

This photo, donated by the family, was taken when Ms Guillen returned to visit her restaurant (circa 1970). Note a child in fountain. Ms Guillen said she had wanted to name her restaurant "La Fuente" but since that name was taken, she settled on La Pilita, which means "a little water well".

COMING SEPTEMBER 2007

A Walk Through time, Place and Story in Barrio El Hoyo/El Jardin

This unique guide book will be available as a download on La Pilita web-site: lapilita.com. The museum gift shop will also have copies available.

MISSION STATEMENT: It is the mission of La Pilita Association to restore and maintain the historical integrity of La Pilita site and to develop it as a center for research and learning of regional history. It will serve as an extended classroom for students, the neighborhood, and the Tucson Community providing a deeper understanding of early Tucson.

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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS--YOUNG AND OLD

Eighth Annual Volunteer Breakfast * May 9th, 7:30 am



Above: 2007 Youth Docents Maribelle and Victoria present roses to the adult volunteers.

La Pilita invites all its volunteers for an end of the season get together. The museum will provide a continental breakfast on May 9th beginning at 7:30am.

Docents will perform a Reader's Theater and acknowledge the adult volunteers. In honor of the spring gardens in the park, Parks and Recreation Staff will present the service awards to the youth docents.

La Pilita is 99.9% volunteer run. The museum is grateful for all who make this place possible.

LA PILITA WILL BE CLOSED MAY 15 AND WILL REOPEN SEPTEMBER 1
HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!