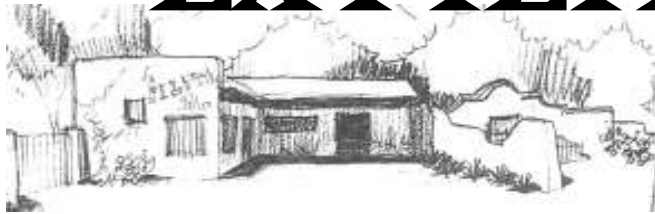


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Gallery & Tiendita Hours

Weekdays:

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Children's Programs

Weekdays

2:30 PM – 4:15 PM

School Field Trips

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August 13 – September 28

EXHIBIT:

"It Happened Here First"

September 23, Sunday

4:45 pm - MOVIE

"The Great Train Robbery"

5:00 pm – PERFORMANCE

Old Arizona Brass Band

October 1 – 12

EXHIBIT: Auction Preview

October 12

Friday, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

La Pilita Silent Auction

October 15 - 25

EXHIBIT: Descansos: A photo collection

October 25, 6:30 pm

LECTURE: AZ Humanities Council Lecture: Dr. Barbara Jaquay, Descansos "Marking Passages"

October 27

T-shirt Sidewalk Sale

October 29 – Nov 8

Dia de los Muertos

Community altar and exhibit.

IT HAPPENED HERE FIRST



Photo courtesy of AZ Historical Society/Tucson AHS 42101

"Charles K. Hamilton - 'Hamilton, the Bird Man,' as the local press dubbed him - astounded and delighted Tucsonans in February of 1910 by his two-day flying exposition at the Elysian Grove. It was the city's first air show." *Tucson Portrait of a Desert Pueblo*, John Bret Hart 1980

In honor of Tucson's 232nd Birthday, La Pilita Museum has created a very special exhibit. The exhibit pays tribute to the first Tucson events that happened right here in our neighborhood.

VISIT LA PILITA MUSEUM TO SEE OTHER "FIRSTS"

Sunday

Sept 23, 4:45 pm

Enjoy the **Old AZ Brass Band** for "turn-of-the-

century admission prices! View the first movie ever seen in Tucson – "The Great Train Robbery".

Ticket Prices

10¢ General Admission

10¢ Reserve Seating

5¢ Children under 10



IT HAPPENED HERE FIRST

Photos courtesy of the Arizona Historical Society/Tucson, AHS #11237 & AHS #2633



1885 - FIRST CURVE BALL

“Since, as a lad of 14, he (Emanuel Drachman, right photo) threw the first curve ball - as stories go - ever thrown in Arizona, his name was in the public eye.”

Tucson Citizen, December 29, 1933

1898 - FIRST BASEBALL GAME

“One of the earliest baseball games in Tucson was played the afternoon of February 22, 1898. Athletes from the University of Arizona challenged a team of businessmen from downtown. After several hours of hard play, the town team was the winner with a final score of 25-23.” *The Book of Tucson Firsts*, Larry Cox, 1998



VISIT US TO SEE OTHER "FIRSTS" – EXHIBIT RUNS THRU SEPTEMBER 28TH

STANDING TALL IN TUCSON



John Corrales (standing) and Tony Romero, Parks and Recreation staff install the beautiful historic marker commemorating the site of Carrillo Gardens.

La Pilita Youth Docent Corp is among 50 semi-finalists for the 2007 **Coming Up Taller Award**. This honor is awarded by the Presidents' Council on the Arts and Humanities, The National Endowment of the Arts, The National Endowment for the Humanities, and The Institute of Museum and Library Services.

A great “thank you” goes out to **Santa Rosa Foundation** who has contributed to La Pilita’s project: “Historic Waters”.

Coming soon: the walking guide funded by the **AZ Humanities Council**, “Stories and Places-A Learning Walk”.

Coming soon: air conditioning funded by Ward VI, Nina Trasoff, **Back to Basics Grant**. This will keep the collections from wilting--not to mention our volunteers!

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

COMMUNITY EXHIBIT: October 29 – November 8



La Pilita Youth Docent Corps studies southwestern cultural events. One of the most intriguing to them is "Dia de los Muertos". Their annual interpretation and community exhibit is a tribute to family members who have passed away. Mariposas, calacas, and papel picado grace the gallery and pay tribute to those passed. Carrillo School art classes contribute to the exhibit.

Marigolds, the traditional flower that leads the spirits to earth, will fill La Pilita gardens for this event.

SIDEWALK T-SHIRT SALE

**Nancy Lenches T-shirts drastically reduced
Saturday October 27th, 10 am – 3 pm**

Beautiful T-shirts designed by Nancy Lenches will be on sale at drastically reduced prices. Be here early to get the best selection. Seconds and overstocks in chambray work shirts, tank tops, T's, and long-sleeved shirts can be bought at 50-80% off the regular price.

The museum staff and volunteers get really excited about this event! Some of our best Christmas shopping is done early! Part of the sales benefits the museum. Thank you Nancy!

*Front yard of La Pilita Museum on T-shirt sale day.
Shop early for the best bargains!*



SEEKING PEOPLE FOR EXCITING SERVICE WORK

Do you like history, art, and cultural events? Want to meet interesting people? Want to work only one day a week? Have we got a job for you! The museum needs volunteers to host/hostess in the gallery and the tiendita on weekdays from 11am -2 pm. Like to work with kids? Like to make history interesting? Be an education volunteer.

Many visitors request that our hours be extended, and especially that we be open on Saturdays. As the gallery/tiendita volunteer cadre increases, we can make that possible!

Come Look Us Over – Volunteer Orientation

August 29, Wednesday, 11:30 am at the Museum

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SILENT AUCTION

Gallery preview October 1 through October 12



Owl Katchina donated for the 2007 auction.

FROM KATCHINAS TO THE KITCHEN SINK

Why do we love an auction? Is it the risk, is it the competition? Whatever it is, La Pilita's Silent Auction benefit is always a cut above the rest.

On the evening of **October 12 at 5:00 pm**, the entire museum will be filled with items of art, items of great monetary value and items of sentimental value. In addition to the accustomed fare of bountiful baskets, gift certificates and antiques, there will be an eclectic mix of items for the discernable bidder.

Wine, cheese and live music will entertain our auction guests. As the appointed hour approaches, the crowd will mill, guard, and pounce on their favorite items. Win or not, join us for a great cause and treat yourself to a wonderful evening.

Admission tickets \$7.00.