

LA PILITA MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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EXHIBITS

Sept 2 – Oct 3

It Happened Here First

Oct 6 – Oct 10

SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

Museum auction pieces will be on display for your review

2 BLOCKS-2 AUCTIONS

Too Much Fun

October 10, 2008

LIVE BID AUCTION

Preview 4:30-5:30

Bidding begins at 5:30pm
**Cushing Street Bar and
Restaurant Patio**

SILENT AUCTION

**4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
La Pilita Museum**

OCTOBER

Oct 13 – Nov 7

Dia de los Muertos
Community Altar

SIDEWALK SALE

T-SHIRTS ✪ T-SHIRTS

October 25 – 10 AM to 3 PM

Featuring Nancy Lenches' tees and
the new Pilita design by Nancy

GALLERY /TIENDITA HOURS

Weekdays:

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Weekdays

2:30 PM – 4:15 PM

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

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*Photo credit: AZ Historical Society
Beautiful Rose Garden in Carrillo's Garden. This site featured the first
public park complete with gardens, ponds, and the first ice cream sale!*

IT HAPPENED HERE FIRST ...an exhibit celebrating Tucson's 233rd Birthday

La Pilita Museum is proud to be located on the site of many important first events in Tucson. The museum is located on the northern edge of the last Mexican-American barrio still existing in Arizona. And here the Old Pueblo experienced many of its important "firsts".

The first motion picture "The Great Train Robbery" was shown in Elysian Grove (5 minute silent movie) – cost, ten cents and the seating was outdoors. Carrillo Gardens was Tucson's first public park where the first ice cream was sold.

**Stop by the museum and view
"The Great Train Robbery"**

AUCTION WALK-2 BLOCKS-2 AUCTIONS

"TAKE A SEAT, PLEASE!"

OCTOBER 10, 2008

La Pilita's Annual 2008 Auction takes on a new twist. This year the museum combines an historic walk with an auction of art by local folk artists. An exciting live bid auction of antique and folk art chairs will be held at Cushing Street Bar at 5:30 pm. The second auction, a silent bid auction, from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm will be happening two blocks away at the museum.



STROLL IN HISTORIC BARRIO VIEJO **2 AUCTIONS WITHIN TWO BLOCKS**

2 FINE RESTAURANTS –stop in for a drink or dinner on your walk at El Minuto and Cushing Street Bar and Grill Restaurant

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM PREVIEW AT BOTH LOCATIONS

Cushing Street Bar and Restaurant Patio

5:30 pm – LIVE AUCTION

"Take a seat, please!"

Auctioneer: Henry Vega

Refreshments: Tapas and lemonade

Cash Bar - Dinner available in restaurant



Above: Hand painted dresser with Frida Kahlo decoupage

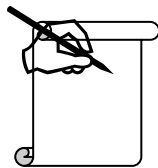
Left: three DeGrazia prints with original signatures appraised at \$300 each

...and much more

La Pilita Museum

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

SILENT AUCTION



Refreshments: Chips and salsa from El Minuto

Music: Mexican folksingers

**Dinner special at El Minuto.
\$ 1.00 off any dinner meal on
the evening of the auction.**

See more auction items lapilita.com

Parking: Cushing Street Bar and Grill- 198 Cushing Street and La Pilita Museum, 420 S. Main
Admission: None (we are in a recession!) , however seating is limited to 80 at Cushing Street Restaurant Patio.

GET INVOLVED!



*Docents complete bi-planes for the "Tucson Firsts" exhibit.
Docents contribute to exhibits as well as give tours.*

SCHOOL TAX CREDIT

Get a break on your taxes and support after-school activities at the museum.

Support the Award – Winning La Pilita Student Docent Corps

This nationally recognized program received the 2008 President's Coming Up Taller Award (one of 17 in the entire country). Elementary students learn the history of the site and become docents and caretakers of the museum. Your dollars support this very worthwhile program for children.

Donate by mail or on line

Call the museum and we will send you the form if you wish to mail your donation. Or you can donate directly on-line at www.tusd.k12.az.us. Click the "Tax Credit" tab on the "Quick Link" menu on the right of the screen. Singles may donate up to \$200 and married filing jointly may donate \$400. Designate your donation to **Carrillo School for La Pilita Field Trips**.

Docent shows her exhibit for Dia de los Muertos



NOTE: If you wish to donate to other schools so they may participate in school field trips to La Pilita, call the museum for details.

GARDENING VOLUNTEER - The Museum gardens need some TLC. The youth docents plant and tend marigolds and spring seeds. But the gardens need more. Do you have a green thumb and would like to monitor our gardens? This could be weekends.

TIENDA/GALLERY VOLUNTEERS - These folks sign up for a shift once a month or once a week to meet and greet visitors to the museum.

GOT ART? The museum tiendita is always eager to talk to local artists/crafts persons who wish to sell their items. All merchandise must be reflective of the southwest.

WANT TO DONATE? The museum needs a copier and is on the look out for heavy concrete benches and tables for the front patio.

FIELD TRIP ADULT DOCENTS: The museum schedules one or two school field trips a month. They are scheduled from 8:30 – 1pm. Adults work with small groups on specific hands-on activities.

Call 882-7454



**Saturday, Oct 25th
10 am – 3 pm**

Mark your calendars!

The annual sidewalk sale will be at La Pilita again this year. Wonderful bargains of Tee-shirts and denim work shirts designed by Nancy Lenches. Seconds and irregulars will be drastically cut in price. This is the opportunity to stock up for Christmas gifts!

La Pilita will be introducing its new La Pilita design by Nancy. The new shirts feature a lovely sunflower image in the "Lenches" genre.

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NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION * Sep 10th - 9:30 am

- Learn Tucson's history at this fascinating site. Work with community and tourists. Meet people from all over the world who stop at the museum as they walk the Presidio Trail. Opportunities include tienda sales, gallery hostess, education and arts. The museum will accommodate your schedule. Bring your talent and energy to a growing enterprise. Call 882-7454 if you are interested.



FOLK ART

Featured for the 2008
Silent Auction

One-of-a-kind folk art pieces will be featured in the gift shop and the live and silent auction.

All pieces are contributed by local and southwestern artists. This year's venue will be split between the museum and Cushing Street Bar and Grill.

Don't miss it!



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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