



Mission Statement: "Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history."

Vision Statement: "To be the driving force strengthening Arizona's communities by promoting history through leadership, partnership and scholarship."

Guideline Statement: "Create transformative experiences through history."

To provide the optimal learning experience to visitors of all ages and backgrounds, we are committed to:

1. interpretation that is accurate, balanced, fully documented, and that can withstand independent scholarly review.
2. educating and including stakeholders in our development approach to avoid assumptions about their interests and needs by using both formal and informal visitor assessment.
3. ensuring that all materials are historically accurate, demonstrate thoughtful analysis and interpretation, places the big idea/topic into a broader historical context, shows broad research, utilizes primary and secondary sources, and presents a balanced viewpoint based on research.
4. accommodating a variety of learning styles including; kinetic, linguistic, logical, spatial, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal and naturalistic.
5. accepting that museum visitors are voluntary learners relying on self-motivation. This implies we must present exhibitions, which create personal connections, capture their imagination, and motivate their curiosity.
6. historical research methods which produce a story that is relevant to a diverse audience and reflects the most current historiographical thinking.
7. maintaining the highest standards of the museum profession in the care and handling of artifacts and archival materials.
8. providing experiences that make learning enjoyable.
9. using technology, media and exhibition design and fabrication techniques appropriate to learning outcomes.
10. a team development process which embraces a variety of perspectives with viewpoints from both staff and outside resources.