2019 Annual Report

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Bringing people together.

Connecting people through the power of Arizona’s history.
A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Connecting people through the power of Arizona’s history. Filling this bold mission requires a new strategic plan and a commitment of staff, board members, volunteers, and support groups. The Arizona Historical Society has identified five strategic goals to guide new and expanded initiatives to achieve our mission.

- **GOAL 1:** Create a unified identity for the organization
- **GOAL 2:** Enhance financial resources to advance our mission and ensure long-term sustainability and growth
- **GOAL 3:** Become the most trusted authority on Arizona history
- **GOAL 4:** Improve our ability to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate Arizona’s history
- **GOAL 5:** Attract audiences by creating transformative experiences through history

As the only statewide historical organization, we collect and share Arizona’s diverse history in unique ways, and engage people, and communities. By striving towards these goals in the coming years, the Arizona Historical Society is poised to harness the power of history in telling relevant and contemporary stories to maximize its statewide impact and expand our reach. With your generous support, we can make it happen.

**OUR SITES**

The Arizona Historical Society is a family of museums located in distinct geographic regions across the state. [azhs.org](http://azhs.org)

**TUCSON**
- Arizona History Museum
- Downtown History Museum
- Fort Lowell Museum

**TEMPE**
- Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park

**YUMA**
- Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens

**FLAGSTAFF**
- Pioneer Museum
- Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, operated in partnership with AZ State Parks

**OUR HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

**TUCSON**
- Mexican-American Heritage and History Museum at the Sosa-Carillo House
- Charles O. Brown House

**DOUGLAS**
- Douglas-Williams House

**STRAWBERRY**
- Strawberry Schoolhouse

**Volunteers**

Volunteers are invaluable to our mission—they greet visitors at the museums, work behind the scenes in Collections, and inspire school kids visiting on field trips. Thank you!

403 volunteers contributed 21,045 hours

45,000 visitors, students, and program attendees
EXHIBITIONS

PIioneer Museum, Flagstaff
Todos Unidos: The Hispanic Experience in Flagstaff
A Camera and a Canyon: The Photography of the Kolb Brothers

Arizona Heritage Center, Tempe
Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief’s Tribute to America’s Warriors, a special exhibit from the George W. Bush Institute (October 19 through December 29, 2018)
In partnership with George W. Bush Institute and the Sandra Day O’Connor Institute
A Place for All People
In partnership with the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and the AHS Community Voices Group

Arizona History Museum, Tucson
Stories of Resilience: Overcoming Adversity in Arizona History
Supported by Tucson’s January 8th Foundation and The Marshall Foundation
This powerful exhibit shared three distinct resilience perspectives: Community Resilience, Faces of Resilience, and Resilience Arizonans.

Sanguinetti House Museum & Gardens, Yuma
CLUES: History and Mysteries of Yuma
To find a museum or for more about these and other exhibitions, go to azhs.org.

PUBLICATIONS

The Girl in the Iron Box: How an Arizona Kidnapping Stumped Hoover’s FBI by Paul Cool
Author Paul Cool recreates in absorbing detail the search for six-year-old June Robles who disappeared from the streets of Tucson on April 25, 1934.
Named a Top Pick in Pima County Public Library’s 43rd annual Southwest Books of the Year!

For 60 years, the Journal of Arizona History has published the leading scholarship on Arizona history. Each issue features original research articles and a book review section that focuses on new works on Arizona, the American West, and the border region.
2018 Sonnichsen Award for Most Outstanding Article – Mary Melcher

Library & Archives
At the AHS library reading rooms in Tempe and Tucson, researchers and students can explore manuscripts, photographs, diaries, oral histories, and more related to Arizona’s economic, political, social, and cultural heritage.

4,084 research requests fulfilled for 807 library and archive patrons
A sample of the Cele Peterson collection.
**AL MERITO AWARDS**

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The Certified Historical Institution (CHI) Program (formerly the Certified Museum Program) supports historical museums and organizations across the state in their efforts to collect, preserve, and share Arizona’s rich history. This program is open to brick-and-mortar facilities, as well as to historical organizations that fulfill certain requirements. In 2019, there were 64 CHI members across the state.

In 2019, 22 CHIs were awarded $35,027 in grant funds to invest in Arizona history projects such as exhibits, collections, and more.

Grantors
- Arizona Community Foundation
- Arizona Humanities Council
- Flagstaff Art & Science Fund/Flagstaff Arts Council
- Go Daddy
- Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation
- Rio Salado Architecture Foundation
- Salt River Project

History Partners
History Partners volunteer, raise funds, and support the programs and activities of the Arizona Historical Society. We appreciate their generous support! More information about each group is at azhs.org.

- Friends of Arizona Historical Society, Inc.
- Arizona History Convention
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- Historical League, Inc.
- Los Amigos
- Northern Arizona Pioneers’ Historical Society (NAPHS) and Riordan Action Network (RAN)
- Pathfinders (Arizona Pathfinders, Inc.)
- Yuma County Historical Society

Local Chapter Boards
- Central Arizona Chapter Board
- Eastern Arizona Chapter Board
- Northern Arizona Chapter Board
- Rio Colorado Chapter Board
- Southern Arizona Chapter Board

Financial Overview

FY 2018-19 Revenue
- Grants and Donations: $303,738
- Earned Revenue (Operations): $841,386
- Membership and Publications: $148,957
- Appropriations: $3,195,000
- Miscellaneous: $35,931

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