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## New Exhibits on the Horizon at Heritage Square

From archaeological artifacts and antique Victorian china, to a Victorian painting that predates the Rosson House itself, there is much to explore this year at Heritage Square!

**PHOENIX** – Through October 28th, 2018, the Rosson House Museum has a new exhibit on display – *Plate Expectations: Victorian Dining,* <u>Decorum & Dishes</u>, featuring an up-close look at beautiful Victorian pieces from the Museum collection, and artifacts from both turn-of-thecentury Phoenix and ancient Native American settlements that were found in and around Heritage Square during its restoration in the 1970s, and archaeological digs in the 1990s. Museum visitors also get to learn where turnof-the-century Phoenicians got their food (hint – not at Fry's or Basha's!), and what eating a meal may have been like in this upper class home.

As if a new exhibit was not enough, we also have a new painting for our visitors to see in the Rosson House! Coming in at a whopping 7'x4', and over 300 lbs., this Victorian work of art is a stunning display of light and movement





by Thomas Brooks, called *The Return: Saved From the Wreck* (1859). The painting, originally displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts in London in 1862, was generously donated by Phoenix resident and self-described history geek, Sherry Rampy, to the Heritage Square Foundation. It will be on display in the Rosson House through the summer.

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More Information:

Exhibition Title: <u>Plate Expectations: Victorian Dining, Decorum & Dishes</u>
Location: Rosson House Museum at Heritage Square
Hours: This exhibit is open during the Rosson House Museum's regular hours (find those at heritagesquarephx.org)
Dates: The exhibition is currently on display through October 28, 2018.
Admission: Free with admission to the Rosson House
Information: heritagesquarePHX.org
Telephone: (602) 262-5070 (Museum Visitors Center & Ticket Office)
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## About Rosson House Museum

The Rosson House Museum is a fully restored 1895 Queen Anne Victorian house museum, interpreting the history of Phoenix and Territorial Arizona. Tours of the house include all living areas and offer visitors a glimpse into the lifestyles of early Phoenix families. Admission to the Rosson House Museum is by guided tour only. All tours last approximately 60 minutes. The maximum number of people per tour is 12. Groups of 8 or more require reservations.

## About Heritage Square

Heritage Square is a striking reminder of the city's vibrant Victorian past. Located on Block 14 of the original townsite of Phoenix, the Square dates back to the late 1800s, and the restored Rosson House Museum is its crowning jewel. Heritage Square is operated in conjunction by the Heritage Square Foundation (a 501c-3 non-profit organization) and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and is owned by the City of Phoenix.

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