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# Rosson House Museum will be reopening on Friday, September 4th!

"Our staff is excited to once again share the stories of the Rosson House, Heritage Square, and Phoenix history," said Executive Director of Heritage Square, Kari Carlisle. "Nothing compares to experiencing the grandeur of the Rosson House in person, and being able to hear the stories, ask questions, and feel a tangible sense of the place and time. While we haven't been

able to properly celebrate the 125th birthday of the Rosson House or the 150th anniversary of the founding of Phoenix, this is our community's chance to help us mark this important year in a positive way."

Beginning Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rosson House Museum will be open to the public for timed, guided tours at 10am, 12pm, 2pm, and 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, until further notice. The Visitor Center will be



open on a limited basis, and The Bungalow museum store and Heritage Gallery exhibit (The Great Migration: Indiscernibles in Arizona) will be open to *Museum patrons only*. Please check Heritage Square's <u>website</u>, as well as our social media platforms, for the Museum's most up-to-date hours and information.

The health and wellbeing of our visitors, staff, and of our community is our highest priority. To ensure the safest and most enjoyable tour experience for everyone, these new health and safety measures have been implemented at Heritage Square:

- All staff and visitors over the age of five are required to wear a mask or face covering in all Heritage Square buildings. Disposable masks will be available.
- Social distancing between individuals, family groups, and our staff will be enforced.
- Limited tour sizes and timed tickets will be implemented to help with social distancing. Tours are restricted to one staff member plus four visitors. If you have a larger family group that would like to visit the Museum, please contact us <a href="here">here</a>.
- Tour tickets will be available online only. Tickets for the month of September will be made available by August 14, 2020, on our website.
- Meticulous cleaning and disinfecting measures have been put in place, with all frequently touched surfaces cleaned and sanitized throughout the day, and after each tour.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available at each Heritage Square building.

For those who still wish to experience the Museum from home, we will continue to share educational activities and information on our <u>History at Home</u> webpage, as well as on our social media platforms. The Bungalow's <u>online store</u> remains open, offering unique items made by local artists.

## More Reopening Information

Location: Heritage Square's Rosson House Museum, Visitor Center, The Bungalow museum store, and the Heritage Gallery

Hours: Museum Tours are available at 10am, 12pm, 2pm, and 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. The Visitor Center will be open for a limited time and with a limited capacity prior to each tour. The Bungalow museum store and the Heritage Gallery will be open to Museum patrons only.

Dates: Beginning Friday, September 4, 2020, until further notice.

General Admission: Admission rates are available online at

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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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