



..... Through April 30, 2010

What’s happening at the Arizona Museum for Youth?

We are renovating the front lobby, ArtVille and ArtZone areas to better serve our members, friends and visitors! We apologize for our appearance and any inconvenience this may cause you and your family. We are striving to keep the impact to your visits at a minimum during this period. The improvements will increase our capacity and bring AMY to the next level as a community resource. If you would like further information about how you can support this project and truly contribute to our children’s future, please contact Sunnee Spencer at 480-644-2850 or Sunnee.Spencer@mesaaz.gov. –Or- check our website www.arizonamuseumforyouth.com Thank you!

Where are the funds coming from?

Funded through the City of Mesa Cultural Impact Fees \$153,000 the Timken Foundation of Canton \$20,000 and private donations of \$7,000 to date. The enhanced front entrance will incorporate an ADA accessible door, a new admission desk and Gallery Shop area, as well as create a more cohesive flow into the East and West areas of the museum as we reconfigure the Art Galleries to also incorporate the new *PlayBall: The Cactus League Experience* exhibition. The building and front entrance will receive a refreshing appearance as well-stay tuned! If you purchased a brick on our *Pathway to the Imagination*, thank you for your donation which will help us to complete our goals with this project. We are still seeking another \$20,000 to reach our goal of \$200,000.

What’s happening in

As a result of listening to our members and visitors, we'll move *Tot Square* to a more quiet area and replace it with a wonderful *Create-a-Cityscape* custom piece from SafeSpace Concepts of Houston. We'll also be adding more art for ages 0-4 years and a multi-purpose/classroom space adjacent to *ArtVille* for popular classes like “Tot Music” and “Messy Creations.” Activities for older siblings will be expanded. The Performing Arts Center will be transformed into a theater for programs like *Artful Tales* with more imaginative pieces. During construction, areas of ArtVille (the “Van Gogh Van” and the tree house slide) will be removed.

What’s happening in *ArtZone*?

ArtZone will be enhanced this spring, with plans to improve the gallery by February 2010. Opened as a response to the need for more opportunities for ages 5 and above to make art and relax, the space will incorporate different kinds of art with directed play activities relating to each piece. With the right level of funding, we will be able to include some cool, cutting-edge educational technologies to enliven the experience for all learners.

Will the Museum close?

AMY will largely remain open to the public during the renovations which will only last for 3 months. We may need to close a handful of business days to accommodate intensive construction. We will give you advance notice if this happens.

-Sneak Previews-



View from ArtVille towards Gallery

Create-a-Cityscape in ArtVille

