

Members, Partners, & Friends,

When 2020 started, we were full of celebratory enthusiasm. This year marks 40 years of the Heritage Square Foundation as the caretaker & interpreter for this important historic site. This year is also the 125th birthday of the Rosson House and the 150th anniversary of the designation of the town site of Phoenix. While the opportunities for parties and celebrations have been waylaid, we have still found ways to celebrate this important year for Heritage Square and for Phoenix.

It's hard to believe we began fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019) about as normal as can be. We had our new Executive Director on board and settling in, we were beginning preparations for the best Gin & Jazz Preservation Party ever, and the staff was enthusiastically working on a variety of programs. New tours and events drew new visitors, and as we entered into the second half of the fiscal year (the first half of 2020), we kept the momentum going. We opened the exhibit, The Great Migration: Indiscernibles in Arizona, by curator Clottee Hammons, celebrated a day of Black music with multiple performers, and had our best ever Motoring Through Time festival in February.

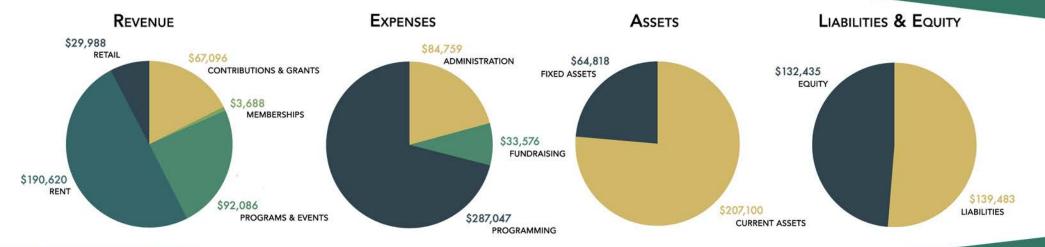
We all know what happened next, and the pandemic has been truly devastating for most businesses and nonprofits, including the Foundation and our tenants. Transitioning to remote work and virtual programs, the staff continued to work hard, writing grants, seeking relief funds, and trying to plan in very fluid circumstances.

The hard work paid off, and even though most of the staff had to endure a couple of furlough periods, we were able to get some relief funds, grants, donations, and access to temporary funding to help get us through this difficult time when our normal revenue sources are depleted. Despite the limited success, it's important to note that we are not out of the woods. We are determined to get through this stronger on the other side, but we will continue to need your help and support.

Now, we are well into fiscal year 2021, freshly reopened with reduced tour sizes and safety measures in place. The staff and board are meeting the future with optimism. We can't foresee exactly how the future will play out, but we are moving ahead with an updated mission and vision, determined to make Heritage Square a leader in serving our community and preserving and interpreting Phoenix history. Thank you for helping to keep the Foundation the pinnacle of historic preservation in Phoenix.

JERRY COOK, BOARD PRESIDENT OCTOBER 15, 2020

FY20 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

















1- JAGUAR SKIN RUG ON LOAN FROM PIONEER LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM FOR OUR SEASONAL EXHIBIT, VICTORIAN ODDITIES & CURIOSITIES, NOW ON DISPLAY; 2- CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS AT ROSSON HOUSE; 3- GIN & JAZZ ON New Year's Eve; 4- Exhibit image from The Great Migration: Indiscernibles in Arizona, now on display; 5- Dressing up for Motoring

THROUGH TIME; 6- ROSSON HOUSE IN THE BACKGROUND AS HISTORY IS MADE THIS SUMMER; 7- MAKING THE MUSEUM SAFE, ONE ANTI-TANK MINE AT TIME; 8- #MASKUPAZ, BECAUSE IF THE QUEEN CAN DO IT, SO CAN YOU!

FY20 VOLUNTEER NUMBERS VOLUNTEERS: 66 VOLUNTEER HOURS: 1456

Monetary Value: \$39,603

Absolute Value: Priceless







A Special Honor FOR A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER

VICKI BEAVER BEGAN HER 40+ YEAR HERITAGE SQUARE JOURNEY WITH THE JUNIOR LEAGUE AND WAS PART OF THE ORIGINAL RESTORATION AND RESEARCH CREW FOR THE Rosson House in the 1970s. Vicki SPECIALIZED IN RESEARCHING EARLY PHOENIX AND WORKED ON FAMILY INTERVIEWS, INCLUDING ONE WITH GEORGIA GAMMEL VALLIERE. SHE IS CREDITED WITH COLLECTING MUCH OF THE HISTORIC INFORMATION USED BY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AND HAS ACTED AS A DOCENT FOR THE ROSSON HOUSE MUSEUM FOR 40 YEARS, BEGINNING WITH OPENING DAY IN 1980. SHE HAS SERVED AS BOARD PRESIDENT AND IS A LONGTIME MEMBER AND RECURRING DONOR. HERITAGE SQUARE FOUNDATION IS HONORED TO HAVE SUCH A DEVOTED FRIEND.

THANK YOU, VICKI!





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WE WERE PROUD TO OPEN THE GREAT MIGRATION: INDISCERNIBLES IN ARIZONA THIS JANUARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EMANCIPATION ARTS, LLC, AND TO BROADEN AND DIVERSIFY THE STORIES WE TELL ABOUT ARIZONA HISTORY. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE ALSO PRESENTED A LECTURE FEATURING THE EXHIBIT CURATOR, CLOTTEE HAMMONS, AND HOSTED A CELEBRATION OF BLACK MUSIC AND THE 24TH Annual Emancipation Marathon readings. Now, with help from an Arizona Humanities GRANT, WE WILL BE WORKING WITH EMANCIPATION ARTS ON A PROJECT WITH FIVE MIGRATION RELATED ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO COLLECT, PRESERVE, AND SHARE THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN ARIZONA, CULMINATING IN A PROGRAM DURING KWANZAA CALLED AN UMOJA (THE SWAHILI WORD FOR UNITY) ON DECEMBER 26TH IN THE HERITAGE Square Lath Pavilion. Mark your calendars & STAY TUNED FOR MORE!

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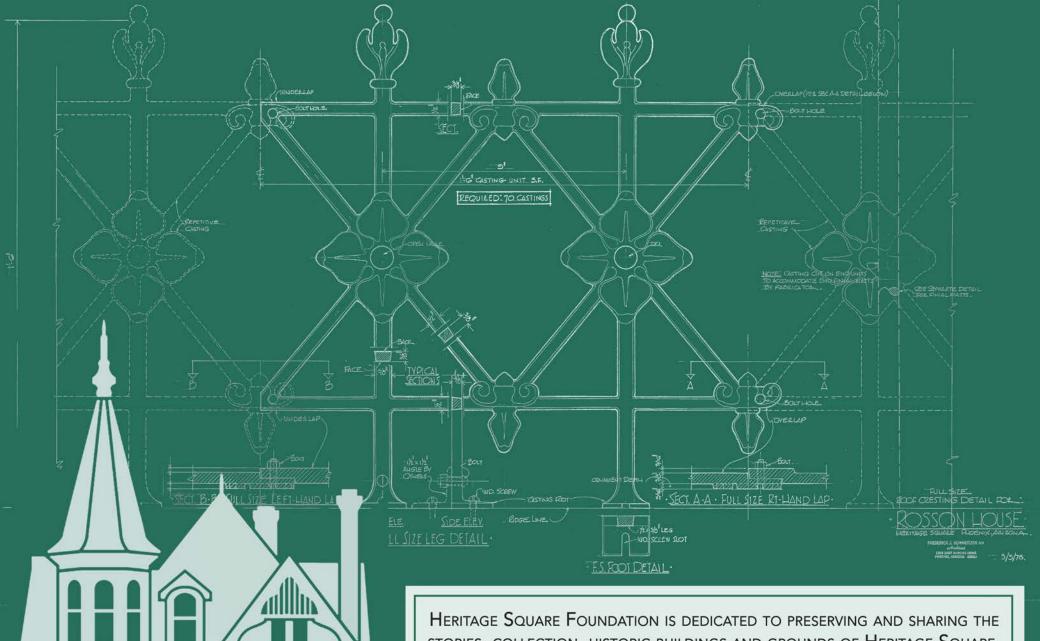








The Phoenix Historical Society has invited the public to a Sunday tour of the Rosson House, Sixth Street and Monroe, at it's "mid-restoration" point. The event will serve as "Architect's Sunday" for the Central Arizona Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.



ROSSON HOUSE

1895 - 2020

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- Our Mission Statement, as adopted by the Heritage Square Board of Directors in July 2020