



SMITHSONIAN'S MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET



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Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program is a one-of-a-kind cultural partnership between the Smithsonian Institution, state humanities councils, and rural museums across America. Smithsonian designers have developed an exhibition format tailored to small museums. Rural museums are able to take advantage of the name recognition of the Smithsonian Institution as well as the programming expertise of the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC), which facilitates a local exhibit development and program.

Through a competitive process, AHC selects six rural sites in Arizona to host a **MoMS** exhibit. AHC also provides additional Opportunity Grants of up to \$1,000 to host sites, along with project planning support, and programming expertise by humanities scholars and museum professionals to assist sites in developing their own local exhibits and accompanying programs.

Beginning June 2013 through April 2014, the Arizona Humanities Council is hosting *Journey Stories*. Journey stories-tales of how we and our ancestors came to America-are a central element of our personal heritage. Our history is filled with stories of people leaving behind everything-families and possessions -to reach a new life in another state, across the continent, or even across an ocean. Our transportation history is more than boats, buses, cars, wagons, and trucks. The development of transportation technology was largely inspired by the human drive for freedom. The Museum on Main Street exhibition *Journey Stories* will examine the intersection between modes of travel and Americans' desire to feel free to move.



AHC'S HISTORY WITH THE MOMS PROGRAM

AHC has hosted four Smithsonian Museum on Main Street tours in Arizona prior to *Journey Stories*:

- 2010-2011: *Key Ingredients: America By Food*, about America's food traditions
- 2007-2008: *Between Fences*, about land use, boundaries, and place in America
- 2003-2005: *Yesterday's Tomorrows*, about past visions of America's future
- 1996-1997: *Produce for Victory*, about the WW II home front experience

If you would like more information on how to apply to host *Journey Stories* at your institution, visit www.azhumanities.org or contact Celina Chiarello at 602/257-0335 x23 or cchiarello@azhumanities.org.

Applications are due on February 29, 2012.