

Museum Exhibits, July 2008-September 2009

The Arizona Capitol Museum created nine new exhibits between July, 2008 and September, 2009, nearly doubled its normal output. This workload was maintained during Agency-wide furloughs and at a time when the museum created a format new to the agency, portable displays that travel throughout the state.

Exhibits and opening dates

August 2008-*Arizona Senate Campaign Ephemera*

December 2008- *Artwork from the Capitol Museum Collection*

December 2008-Smithsonian Travel Exhibition Services *Earth from Space* poster exhibit

February 2009-*Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial* exhibit

March 2009-*Chendu Earthquake Photos*. Exhibit opened in partnership with the City of Phoenix Sister Cities program

April 2009-*Civilizing the West: Fred Harvey and His Harvey Girls*

May 2009-*Gratitude Train* expansion

July 2009-*Arizona State Quarter* traveling exhibit

September 2009-*Arizona State Symbols* traveling exhibit

The Museum's first traveling exhibits are compact in design and easy to assemble. Each display consists of three panels that fit in convenient containers that can be carried by one person. The panels may be set up and taken down at the exhibit site by one person.

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. The Arizona Quarter Traveling Exhibit. Photo by Taylor Arrazola

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The purpose of this new exhibit format is to raise public awareness of the Capitol Museum's programming. The results have been impressive. Institutions within Arizona have demonstrated overwhelming interest in using no or low cost exhibits in their venues; with each venue the museum expands its outreach program; and the Museum has an opportunity to offer services that support our Agency's goals in legislative districts.