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Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome you to the 38th Annual FQ Story Home Tour and Holiday Street Fair. This Phoenix tradition provides both residents and visitors a fun and festive way to explore some of our city's unique history. There is no better way to experience one of Phoenix's original districts. FQ Story celebrates the diversity in architecture, revitalization, and preservation unique in our central corridor. Combined with the friendliness of neighbors, you are certain to enjoy the time exploring the beauty and significance of these century-old homes.

Please enjoy your time as neighbors share the joy of our community, including the stories and hidden gems that preserve our city's history in FQ Story.

Kate Gallego
Sincerely,

Kate Gallego
Mayor of Phoenix



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the 38th Annual FQ Story Home Tour and Holiday Street Fair Marketplace! As the representative of the FQ Story Historic District on the Phoenix City Council, I am honored to join you in celebrating another wonderful year of our beloved neighborhood's rich history and vibrant community spirit. The FQ Story Historic District continues to shine as a testament to Phoenix's unique cultural heritage, and it is with great joy that we showcase the remarkable homes, gardens, and stories that make our district so special.

This year, we are excited to highlight the beauty of our neighborhood's gardens as part of the Home Tour. These green spaces add to the charm and character of our historic homes and serve as a reminder of our responsibility to care for the environment. Through these gardens, we hope to inspire all of us to become better environmental stewards, nurturing the land we share for future generations.

This annual event is a true highlight of the season, offering us the opportunity to come together neighbors, visitors, and supporters alike - to celebrate the beauty of our past while looking forward to a bright future. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the FQ Story Home Tour Committee, this year's dedicated organizing team, and to all the residents who generously open their homes and gardens to share the history and character of our neighborhood.

I also want to thank everyone who participates in this event - those who tour the homes and gardens, explore the Marketplace, and celebrate the spirit of the season. Your presence supports the preservation of our historic homes and helps maintain the charm and character that make FQ Story a unique and cherished part of Phoenix.

Enjoy the tour, explore the Marketplace, and most importantly, cherish the time spent with one another.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a wonderful new year ahead.
Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Laura Pastor

Laura Pastor,
PHOENIX CITY COUNCILMEMBER
DISTRICT 4

Francis Quarles Story



IN 1887, Francis Quarles Story, a Boston wool merchant whose ill health had taken him to California a decade before, purchased the area that is today the F.Q. Story Historic District. He had settled in Los Angeles County, studied the cultivation of citrus, planted orange groves, and is credited with founding the national advertising campaign that made the Sunkist Orange famous. Active in many educational and conservation endeavors, F.Q. Story was a Chamber of Commerce and a tireless booster of commercial and industrial enterprises in California and Arizona. His vision for a community of varying home styles jut outside downtown Phoenix gave birth to the vibrant community that still today, bears his name.

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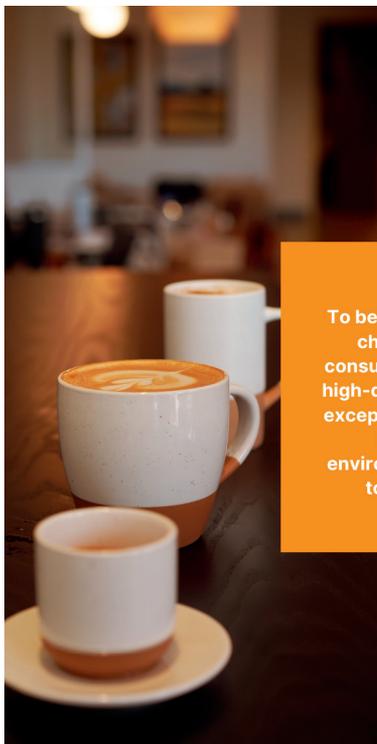
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707 West Willetta Street

Built in 1923, this classic two-story, three-bedroom home is a fine example of bungalow style. Characteristic of the style are the low-pitched gabled roof, deep front porch, and extensive woodwork with exposed rafters. More specifically, it's considered an "Airplane Bungalow," thanks to the large, window-wrapped sleeping room on the second floor, which gives the impression of sitting in the cockpit of an airplane.

This wonderful example of a 1920s style bungalow has an impressive semi-wrap-around porch and a welcoming aura. With a rare upstairs bedroom and private bath, the spacious home highlights an eclectic mix of items new and old. Long ago monkeys and other tropical animals lived here, eliciting the moniker of "Monkey House." After needed freshening up, the house is free of the creatures, save the wallpaper now adorning one room.

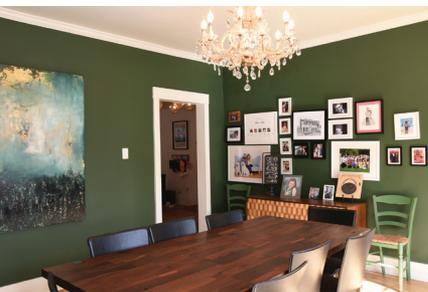




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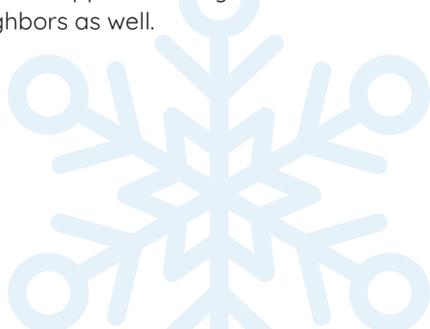
This charming brick bungalow, built in 1932, is a showpiece of feminine antiques and floral décor. The homeowner has many prints of Godey ladies, beautiful mid- to late 1800s women, wearing the fashions of the time. She also has Franciscan dishes and other lovely collectibles, particularly hummingbirds. The kitchen features a vintage stove. Most of the original features of the house have been carefully maintained, including the darling lavender and black bathroom with a floral trim tile around the wall. Taking center stage in the backyard are flowering plants, a deck, fire pit and a unique mural.





714 West Willetta Street

This Neoclassical Revival home looks like a two story plantation. It sits on a large lot complete with circular drive, with handsome landscaping and impressive Corinthian columns. And yes, this home is historic, built in 1923. In the 60s or 70s, many changes were made by a somewhat eccentric owner, but then it set empty for a while. Finally, a well known historic renovator freshened the house up, and the present family purchased it, adding their own touches. This certainly is one of the most interesting homes in Phoenix, which doesn't boast many southern-style mansions. It finally received its Cinderella makeover and is appreciated by its owners and the neighbors as well.

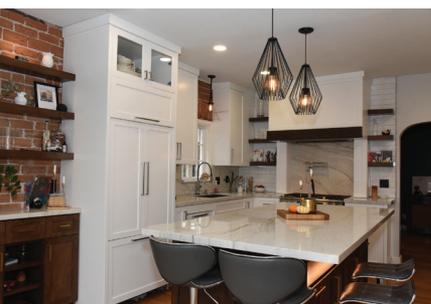




725 West Willetta Street

This large 1946 brick ranch home is like no other. A spacious mid-century modern environment greets you as you enter, perfect for entertaining. A contemporary pool awaits in the back. The homeowners also relish crazy big Halloween and Christmas decorating events which rival the best in the city. You are welcome to go down to the finished basement too and see an unexpected surprise....don't miss it!





906 West Willetta Street

This Tudor Revival, built in 1929, has a small eyebrow window with a shingled overhang under the steeply-pitched roof on the left side of the front facade. The living room's fireplace is flanked by built-ins. The interior's coved and arched ceilings lend themselves to blending old and new decor. In the bathroom are a claw-foot tub and dual sinks. An updated kitchen is also highlighted here.

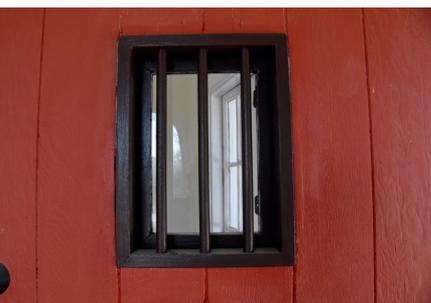




933 West Willetta Street

For decades, an elderly couple lived here and enjoyed their home in FQ story - he was a well-known cowboy singer in Arizona at one time. Sadly, the house had some deferred maintenance issues and needed a lot of work. The talented couple who now reside here have livened things up with new landscaping, decorating and a handsome dark blue exterior paint job. The home is bigger than it looks, great for company. An updated kitchen adds something every lucky homeowner desires.





1122 West Willetta Street

This beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival home, with a striking Moorish living room window, was newly restored in the nick of time for the Story Tour. You, dear tour-goers, are some of the first people to walk through and enjoy it. Although it is small, this little abode, with charming historic appeal, is on many would-be residents' list.





1141 West Willetta Street

A front covered porch, with the original scalloped wood trim, welcomes you to this brick home, built in 1938. Desert landscaping with a Spanish flair leads to this Transitional Ranch's front door. Inside, the living room's fireplace is highlighted with windows on either side, and the white walls, furniture and large globe light lend elegance and spaciousness. A great place to make meals to be served in the separate dining room, the updated kitchen has a large double sink and dark wood cabinets.





738 West Lynwood Street

Built in 1926, this lovely stucco English Cottage Revival has been the home of a long-time Story resident, who makes sure that everything in and out is always well-kept and decorated. Recently the kitchen was updated, but it retains the historic feel. The main parts of the home are on tour, as is the large Phoenix Home and Garden- eligible backyard. This perfectly kept area, including two ramadas, a gazebo, and hundreds of unique plants and trees, is stunning!





926 West Lynwood Street

Built in 1930, this home is one of the neighborhood's best examples of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, complete with faux bell tower and tile roof. Modern furnishings and vintage touches live together in harmony. The grassy area and the desert landscaping enhance each other as well. Although the kitchen has been remodeled, it also reflects the historic character of an F.Q. Story home.





These longtime Story residents take pride in their 1935 Spanish Colonial Revival-style home, lovingly refined over decades. The home reflects the creativity of its artist and landscape architect owners in artistic touches, and lush desert landscaping. Highlights include a raised roof with clerestory windows in the kitchen, an oasis backyard with a “cowboy cocktail pool,” and an artist’s studio in the vintage garage.

The landscape celebrates the Sonoran Desert by fostering harmony with the environment. A raised planter serves as both a teaching tool for growing food and a way to reduce the concrete footprint. The design creates a welcoming communal space, connecting family and neighbors to food, health, and nature.





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We are proud to feature this structure, now used for generating trained young people as police and firefighters. Built in 1926 by Phoenix Elementary School district, this building has historic elements such as porthole gables, ventilators, cast stone tablets and keystones at the top of arches. Wings were added in 1935 and '36. In need of updated repair but nodding to its historic roots, Phoenix Union High School district bought the property in 2004 and restored it to its current condition. Since Benjamin Franklin established the first fire department in this country in 1736, this school aptly reflects its historic name.



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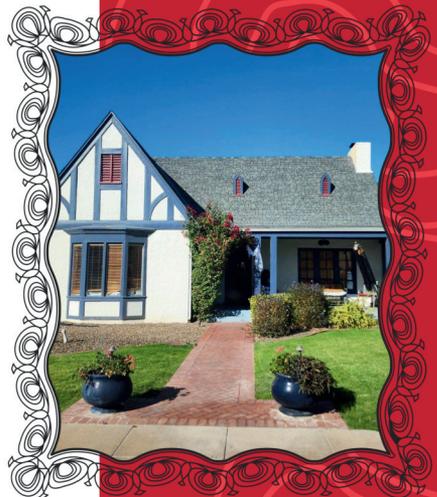
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710 West Willetta Street

The distinctive V-shaped cedar garden beds in front of this 1925 craftsman bungalow make it one of the most recognizable gardens in F.Q. Story. Built by the current homeowner, these garden beds typically provide a bountiful supply of homegrown vegetables throughout the cooler months, including chard, arugula, kale, squash, and tomatoes.

In the spirit of sustainability, the surrounding zero-scaped yard significantly reduces unnecessary water usage. By using a small hydroponic system for year-round greens and sprouting seedlings, they have successfully cut down on costs and plastic waste. As the summers get warmer and longer, planting times are pushed farther down the calendar. Many of the vegetables in this year's crop were planted in November!





910 West Willetta Street

I'm excited to introduce you to our low desert pollinator garden! This garden is specifically designed to support a variety of pollinators, including bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other beneficial insects. Our goal is to inspire and empower individuals to create their own pollinator-friendly spaces, even on a small scale. Every yard, no matter the size, can contribute to a healthier ecosystem. By planting just a few food source plants, you can make a significant difference in supporting pollinator populations.

We wanted to align with <https://millionpollinatorgardens.org> and the Maricopa County Pollinator Pathway

Find more information see www.phoenixkitchengardens.com for low desert pollinator garden, including plant lists, gardening tips, and opportunities to get involved. Together, we can make a difference!





1106 West Willetta Street

In 2001, this Story Resident transformed her home's landscaping with a xeriscape design. Her front and back yards needed a complete overhaul, and she was also interested in updating her house paint colors.

To achieve this vision, this neighbor enrolled in a class taught by award-winning local landscape designer Carrie Nimmer. Inspired by their expertise, Nimmer was hired to design a stunning front yard that would incorporate the house and wall colors, creating a private, native plant garden. This garden continues to provide a beautiful, sustainable, private desert botanical garden for all to enjoy.



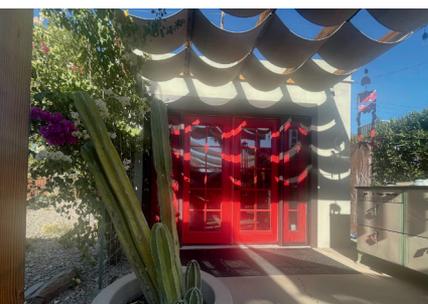


738 West Lynwood Street

I'm thrilled to share the results of our new garden design and installation. This beautiful, shaded garden is filled with vibrant flowering native plants. These gardens will burst with a variety of colors and textures, creating a truly graceful and relaxing atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

I look forward to year-round color, using waterwise plants and shade structures that add a touch of whimsy. Please enjoy this welcoming place that's perfect for a gathering or a cup of coffee.





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