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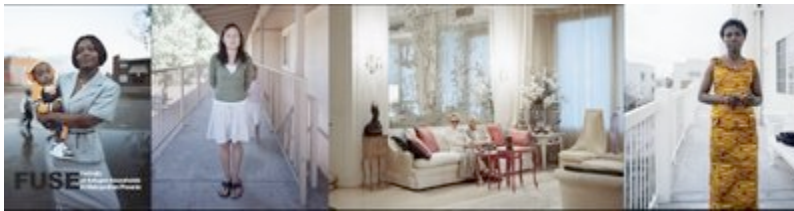
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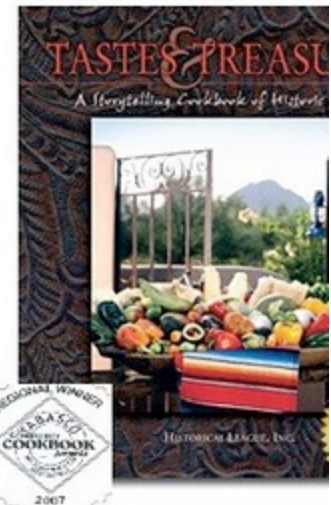
We had

our usual Historical League meeting today and Dr Welsh gave us a special sneak preview into this exhibit. Eliza Gregory has an amazing eye when it comes to photography - Great insight into the lives of refugees. Their background can be heard if you use your cell phone and dial the number. It's a great way to have "sight and sound".

Newswire/ -- FUSE: Portraits of Refugee Households in Metropolitan Phoenix opens at the Arizona Historical Society Museum on April 16. This "sight and sound" exhibit runs through June and features 30 large photographic portraits by Eliza Gregory of refugees from Liberia, Hungary, Bosnia, Burundi, Burma, Sudan, Congo and other countries. The photographs are accompanied by an audio "portrait" where refugees describe their lives and experiences. The audio portraits were produced by Rose Love Chou.

Metropolitan Phoenix is a major refugee resettlement area. Approximately 44,000 refugees have come to Phoenix since 1980 and the city's population grows by more than 2,000 new arrivals each year. "This is an important exhibition for us and for Arizona because it shows how the city has changed. Arizona has always been a place for people to come and start new lives. Today, people are coming from Africa, Southeast Asia, Central America and the Caribbean. At the Arizona Historical Society Museum, it is our purpose to discuss recent history that affects us all," said Peter Welsh, Director, Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park.

The exhibit is produced in association with COAR, Community Outreach and Advocacy for Refugees, a program that works with resettled refugees to help them rebuild their lives. The program was founded in 2002 by Susan Upton, a Cambodian refugee and an undergraduate at Arizona State University.



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