

the Historical House Museum



The house, located at the corner of North Lea and West Second Street in Roswell, New Mexico, is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. This house, now a historical museum and home to the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico, has many additional uses. Besides offering glimpses of a gracious lifestyle from many decades gone by, it contains a gift shop stocked with Victorian-era items.

Construction of this home was completed in 1912, the same year New Mexico became a state. The architecture or style of the home is called "Prairie" or "Schooner," a design developed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the early 1900's. That style reflected in this house includes gentle sloping and overhanging roofs, various roof levels and large porches. The roof, originally pressed tin, was changed to red tiles in the early 1920's. The exterior walls are yellow brick brought from Fort Worth, Texas.

This antique-filled home is also available for special events - such as Weddings, receptions, meetings and photo opportunities.

the Historical Museum Archive Building



The adjacent building to the north houses the archives of the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico, Inc., providing an abundance of invaluable rare books, over 14,000 photos, thousands of historical books, city directories dating back to 1904, newspapers, hundreds of manuscripts, collections, maps, audio tapes, obituaries, business and family records. The 25,000 plus documents provide valuable insights into the early 20th century. The Archives and archivists are available to individuals as well as scholars of local history M-W-F from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, and by appointment.

The Historical Museum Archive Building contains a large Community Room which can be rented for banquets, dinners, receptions, meetings, workshops, and etc. The room capacity is 85 banquet style and 150 theater style. Included in the Historical Museum Archive Building is a full modern warming kitchen with stove, dishwasher, microwave, refrigerator, some small appliances and handicap accessible restrooms.

Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico Museum Roswell, New Mexico



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Parlor



Upstairs Landing



Vintage School Room



Historic Gun Collection



Western Room



Kitchen/Dining



Historical Artifacts



Sunday Funday's



Community Room in the Archive Building (available for rent)

The stately home of Mr. and Mrs. James Phelps White, a Roswell landmark since its completion in 1912, now stands amidst towering trees as the Historical Center for Southeast New Mexico's Museum and Archives, a reminder of turn-of-the-century life in Chaves County, New Mexico.

To step inside this outstanding museum is to step back in time to catch a glimpse of time when things were much simpler. While the first floor is an exact replica of parlors and kitchens unique to a slower moving time, the second floor features a gallery of ever-changing exhibits including fashions, toys, cultures, and military commemoratives. The home is filled with an incredible array of antiques and artifacts. Throughout is memorabilia relating to the areas early period.

The building next door houses the archives of the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico.

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School Tours



Weddings, Receptions and Business Meetings



Entryway

These images are just a sampling of our displays. Please visit the museum to see all the history we have to offer!



1920's-1930's



Christmas in the Parlor



1956 Little League World Series Champs



Community Participation