



# RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM HERITAGE HOUSE



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## **Chinese Moon Festival at the Heritage House**

*Celebrating Chinese Culture underneath a Full Moon*

**RIVERSIDE, CA**—Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Heritage House will host its fifth annual Chinese Moon Festival on Monday, September 15, 2008 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This free community event will focus on Chinese culture through the celebration of this traditional harvest festival.

The event will feature Chinese Storytelling, calligraphy, tangram puzzles, chopstick training, lantern-making crafts, traditional songs by San Diego Huaxia Chinese School (Riverside Campus) and a special opportunity to view the full moon with high-powered telescopes set up by the Riverside Astronomical Society. New this year is a special cooking demonstration with authentic Chinese cuisine! On display, will be Riverside's Chinatown artifacts and photographs from the Museum's collections telling the story of what life was like as a Chinese immigrant during the city's earlier days.

Every year the Moon Festival is celebrated on the 15th lunar day of 8th Chinese lunar month. Traditionally, it is a family holiday, much like Thanksgiving and families gather to watch the full moon rise and enjoy pastries made specifically for the event called "moon cakes". These small cakes along with hot tea will be available for purchase during the festival.

Built in 1892, Heritage House is a restored Queen Anne Victorian home representing a typical orange grower's home at the time of Riverside's citrus history boom. The House also features a beautiful heirloom garden, carriage house, barn, and Victorian Gift Shop. Heritage House is located at 8193 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside, California. Admission is free. Guided tours are offered every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 –3:00 pm. from September through June.

For more information, please call (951) 826-5273 or visit [www.riversideca.gov/museum](http://www.riversideca.gov/museum).

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**Calendar Editors Please Note:**

**What:** Chinese Moon Festival

**Where:** Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Historic Heritage House

**When:** Monday, September 15, 2008, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Cost:** Free

**Public Information:**

Heritage House (City Landmark #5), 8193 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504, (951) 826-5273, [www.riversideca.gov/museum/rmm/hh.htm](http://www.riversideca.gov/museum/rmm/hh.htm), Free Parking, The house is open Friday 12:00 – 3:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday 12:00 – 3:30 pm, Closed July and August, School and Group Tours available upon request.

Riverside Metropolitan Museum, 3580 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501, (951) 826-5273, [www.riversideca.gov/museum](http://www.riversideca.gov/museum), Parking validation available at Parking Garage 1 (located on Orange Street between Mission Inn Ave. and University Ave.) The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am – 5 pm; Thursday 9 am – 9 pm; Saturday 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday 11 am – 5 pm; closed on Monday.