The Civic Center Branch, Scottsdale’s main library, doubled in size during 1993-94. The library’s Scottsdale Room houses a large reference collection of works related to the history, literature, art and culture of Scottsdale, Arizona, and the Southwest. The Civic Center Branch also is home to one of Scottsdale’s most popular public art installations, “Imagination Gives Us Wings” by Larry Kirkland. Guided tours of the library are available by appointment. Call 480-312-2474 for more information. Walk north on the path to the Scottsdale City Hall.

In the center of the building is the “Kiva,” a Pueblo Indian word for a room that is built below ground for council meetings or ceremonies. The City Council meetings, board and commission meetings and other activities are held in the Kiva. The stained glass ceiling above signifies the Kiva’s opening to the sky.

Site of the Original Scottsdale High School
Indian School Road at Drinkwater Boulevard
The school opened in 1923 and closed in 1983. In its heyday, it was home to the Scottsdale “Beavers.”

Statue of Winfield Scott
North of the intersection of Brown and Indian School roads, in the courtyard between the financial centers. This statue marks the site of the original homestead Winfield Scott shared with his wife, Helen, and their trusty mule, Maude.

Titus House*
1150 N. Hayden Road
This is Scottsdale’s oldest residence, built in 1892. Today, the house is a private residence.

Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin West
16271 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard
This masterpiece was built by the legendary Frank Lloyd Wright in 1937 as an architectural school and winter home. Taliesin West is open to the public. Call 480-890-1422 for program info.

Scottsdale Airport
15000 N. Airport Drive
This facility served as the Thunderbird II Primary Training Facility and was used for training World War II pilots from 1942-45. Today, Scottsdale Airport is one of the busiest single-runway facilities in the nation, with more than 168,000 operations (take-offs and landings) each year.

Huhugam Ki Museum
10005 E. Osborn Road (on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community)
This museum displays art, crafts and artifacts from the Pima and Maricopa people. Call 480-362-6320 for more information.

*Indicates sites where a Scottsdale Historical Plaque is installed.

Interested in learning more about Scottsdale history?
Check out these resources:
- Scottsdale – Jewel in the Desert by Patricia Meyers
- Historic Scottsdale: A Life from the Land by Joan Fudala
- Winfield Scott: A Biography of Scottsdale’s Founder by Richard Lynch
- In Old Arizona by Marshall Trimble
- Scottsdale Historical Society scottsdalemuseum.com
**THE “LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE”**

Your walking tour begins at the Little Red Schoolhouse, now the home of the Scottsdale Historical Museum. The schoolhouse is located on Scottsdale Civic Center Park, a pedestrian mall that lies in the center of the original Scottsdale townsite.

The Little Red Schoolhouse was built in 1909 at a cost of $4,500. It had two classrooms for grades one through eight, as well as a lower level which was used as a church and for town meetings. From the 1920s until the 1940s, the area south and east of the schoolhouse housed Mexican laborers and their families who arrived from southern Arizona to work in the cotton fields surrounding Scottsdale. The Little Red Schoolhouse served as a community center for the Mexican settlement and also as a school for the Mexican children. In later years, the schoolhouse became the Scottsdale City Hall and Justice Court, the Scottsdale Public Library and then the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce.

The Scottsdale Historical Society, a non-profit organization, opened the Historical Museum in the Little Red Schoolhouse in November 1991. In 1994, the historic structure was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Items displayed in the museum include furniture belonging to Scottsdale’s founding fathers, as well as a replication of a 1910 school room. Photographs and other items depicting Scottsdale’s early days also can be seen. The museum also houses the Scottsdale History Hall of Fame plaque, which honors those individuals and organizations that have helped to create Scottsdale. This program was initiated by the Past Presidents Council of the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce.

**Walk west to Brown Avenue. Standing on the northeast corner of Brown Avenue and Main Street, you will be able to view the next several points of interest.**

**MEXICAN IMPORTS SHOP**

On the northeast corner of Brown Avenue and Main Street, the Mexican Imports Shop occupies a building originally built in 1923 as Johnny Rose’s Pool Hall, which also doubled as a silent movie theater on Saturday nights – admission was five cents. The Sugar Bowl is still owned by the Huntress family today and continues to serve family style food and tasty ice cream treats.

**BISCHOFF’S SHADES OF THE WEST**

For many years, the intersection of Brown Avenue and Main Street encompassed the entirety of downtown Scottsdale. Bischoff’s stands on the site of Scottsdale’s first general store and post office, built by J.L. Davis in 1897. In 1904 Sarah Thomas, originally from Wisconsin, purchased the store and asked her brother-in-law, E.O. Brown, to run the establishment. In 1920, the same year electricity came to Scottsdale, Brown added an ice plant that was run with a gasoline generator. In the 1940s, the old store and ice plant became the first arts and crafts center in the Valley, called the Arizona Craftsmen.

**PORTER’S OF SCOTTSDALE**

By 1928 Scottsdale was big enough to have a regular post office instead of just a corner in Brown’s general store. The first post office was this two-story building on Brown Avenue. The little annex on the right was not a part of the original building. On the second floor were two rental apartments. The mail came out from Phoenix twice a day and everyone gathered around the post office at mail time, chatting and visiting while the mail was sorted.

**SUGAR BOWL**

Located on the southeast corner of First Avenue and Scottsdale Road, the Sugar Bowl is a long-time favorite among both local residents and tourists. The building first served as a general store that offered both retail and automotive services. In 1958, Jack Huntress, a former Chrysler executive, converted the building into the Sugar Bowl Ice Cream Parlor in response to the growing tourist trade and the need for a family oriented restaurant in downtown. The Sugar Bowl is still owned by the Huntress family today and continues to serve family style food and tasty ice cream treats.

**RUSTY SPUR SALOON**

On the south side of Main Street, the Farmer’s State Bank of Scottsdale opened in 1921 where the Rusty Spur Saloon is today. The bank closed during the Depression and the building housed several businesses, including the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce, before reopening as the Rusty Spur in 1951. Today, the old bank vault holds liquor instead of money, and the Rusty Spur continues to thrive as Scottsdale’s oldest and longest-running saloon.

**CAVALLIERE’S BLACKSMITH SHOP**

George Cavalliere, a blacksmith, brought his family to Scottsdale after ice plant became the first arts Main Street, but the town fathers told him he would have to put it “out on the edge of town.” The original building was tin, and it was replaced by this adobe structure in 1920. The Cavallieres still own and operate the blacksmith shop, and now make ornamental wrought iron items as well.

**BISCHOFF’S SHADES OF THE WEST**

For many years, the intersection of Brown Avenue and Main Street encompassed the entirety of downtown Scottsdale. Bischoff’s stands on the site of Scottsdale’s first general store and post office, built by J.L. Davis in 1897. In 1904 Sarah Thomas, originally from Wisconsin, purchased the store and asked her brother-in-law, E.O. Brown, to run the establishment. In 1920, the same year electricity came to Scottsdale, Brown added an ice plant that was run with a gasoline generator. In the 1940s, the old store and ice plant became the first arts and crafts center in the Valley, called the Arizona Craftsmen.

**PORTER’S OF SCOTTSDALE**

By 1928 Scottsdale was big enough to have a regular post office instead of just a corner in Brown’s general store. The first post office was this two-story building on Brown Avenue. The little annex on the right was not a part of the original building. On the second floor were two rental apartments. The mail came out from Phoenix twice a day and everyone gathered around the post office at mail time, chatting and visiting while the mail was sorted.

**SUGAR BOWL**

Located on the southeast corner of First Avenue and Scottsdale Road, the Sugar Bowl is a long-time favorite among both local residents and tourists. The building first served as a general store that offered both retail and automotive services. In 1958, Jack Huntress, a former Chrysler executive, converted the building into the Sugar Bowl Ice Cream Parlor in response to the growing tourist trade and the need for a family oriented restaurant in downtown. The Sugar Bowl is still owned by the Huntress family today and continues to serve family style food and tasty ice cream treats.

**RUSTY SPUR SALOON**

On the south side of Main Street, the Farmer’s State Bank of Scottsdale opened in 1921 where the Rusty Spur Saloon is today. The bank closed during the Depression and the building housed several businesses, including the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce, before reopening as the Rusty Spur in 1951. Today, the old bank vault holds liquor instead of money, and the Rusty Spur continues to thrive as Scottsdale’s oldest and longest-running saloon.

**CAVALLIERE’S BLACKSMITH SHOP**

George Cavalliere, a blacksmith, brought his family to Scottsdale after ice plant became the first arts Main Street, but the town fathers told him he would have to put it “out on the edge of town.” The original building was tin, and it was replaced by this adobe structure in 1920. The Cavallieres still own and operate the blacksmith shop, and now make ornamental wrought iron items as well.

**OLD ADOBE MISSION**

This little white building, located on the southeast corner of First Street and Brown Avenue, was built with volunteer labor and donated materials in 1933 by the residents of the Mexican settlement. Jesus Corral, a leader in the Mexican community, took charge of the construction. The building’s 14,000 adobe blocks, each weighing 50 pounds, were made right on the site. Barsego, Herrera, a tinsmith, made the stained glass windows. For many years this little church was the only Catholic church in Scottsdale.

**LOS OLIVOS MEXICAN PATIO**

Los Olivos restaurant was established by the Corral family more than 70 years ago and was named for the old olive trees along Second Street. This building was first a pool hall, then housed church meetings before becoming Los Olivos Mexican Patio. The Corral family has been in Scottsdale since 1917 and still runs the restaurant today, serving up authentic Mexican cuisine for lunch and dinner, seven days a week.

**OLD OLIVE TREES**

Down the center of Second Street and on Drinkwater Boulevard approaching Osborn Road, you will see several large olive trees. They were planted in 1896 by Chaplain Winfield Scott, the founder of Scottsdale, to enclose a 40-acre orange grove. On April 29, 2011, one of these historic trees on Second Street was dedicated as Arizona’s first Centennial Witness Tree, meaning it was providing shade on Statehood day, Feb. 14, 1912. Today these olive trees serve as a reminder of Scottsdale’s agricultural beginnings.

**SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART**

The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) was designed by award-winning architect Will Bruder, who combined new architecture with an ingenious renovation of an old movie theater. The movie theater, built in the early 1970s, showed one-dollar movies until it closed in the mid-1990s. Instead of destroying the old theater to pave the way for SMoCA, Bruder incorporated the old building into his architectural plan for the new museum, which today houses five galleries for showcasing changing exhibitions and works from the museum’s growing permanent collection. Visit smoca.org or call 480-874-4666 for more information.

Turn north and walk along the east side of the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art toward Scottsdale Civic Center Park. The Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts is on your right, directly across from SMoCA.