



Museum of Television brings a slice of TV history to the Valley

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PHOENIX -- A slice of TV history will soon be making its home here in the valley. The Museum of Television will be a place folks can check out props, costumes and memorabilia from their favorite TV shows and pop culture.

The Museum of Television is the brainchild of former TV writer James Comisar.

“We have everything from the stuff from I Love Lucy, to Star Trek. You name it, we have it.”

As he showed 3TV's Scott Pasmore on Good Morning Arizona Wednesday, Comisar owns a vast collection of television keepsakes, costumes and souvenirs.

Most of the memorabilia comes directly from the celebrities. 90210 fans can visit the original set of the Peach Pit. Johnny Carson fans will enjoy an up-close look at the set of the Tonight show.

"We have the tonight show set from when Johnny Carson retired," says Comisar. "The desk, the chairs, everything. He gave them directly to us."

Remember the Love Boat? Don't miss your chance to see Captain Stubing's uniform.

And fans of All in the Family will love checking out Archie and Edith Bunker's chairs.

From Pam Anderson's iconic red swimsuit from Baywatch, to Tony Soprano's driver's license from the HBO hit "The Sopranos", the museum offers up a glimpse into the past 6 decades of our favorite shows.

"When I started collecting 20 years ago, the studios were literally throwing this stuff in the garbage," Comisar tells us. "So I just thought, I'll put this stuff in my closet, in my garage, and now we have 5,000 TV treasures."

The planned museum will measure about 50,000 square feet, and will cost an estimated \$35 million to build. Comisar expects hundreds of new jobs to be created in connection with the project.

Comisar plans to have the museum open within three years, and he's eyeing downtown Phoenix as a location.

But in the meantime, he's planning to open up a smaller museum preview center, to show what the full facility would look like. That's due to debut next year.

So get caught up on the re-runs of your favorite TV hits, and get ready to tune in to a little nostalgia.

For more information on the Museum of Television, visit their [website](#).