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Fort Pitt Museum to Temporarily Close in January for Updates

-The museum is set to reopen on Feb. 2 following exhibit and facility improvements-

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27, 2018 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will temporarily close beginning Monday, Jan. 1 for exhibition maintenance and updates. The museum will re-open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 2.

During the temporary closure, Fort Pitt Museum curators will clean the iconic 1760s diorama that provides a glimpse of 18th-century Pittsburgh in miniature. The diorama has been on display in the first-floor gallery since the museum opened 50 years ago in 1969.

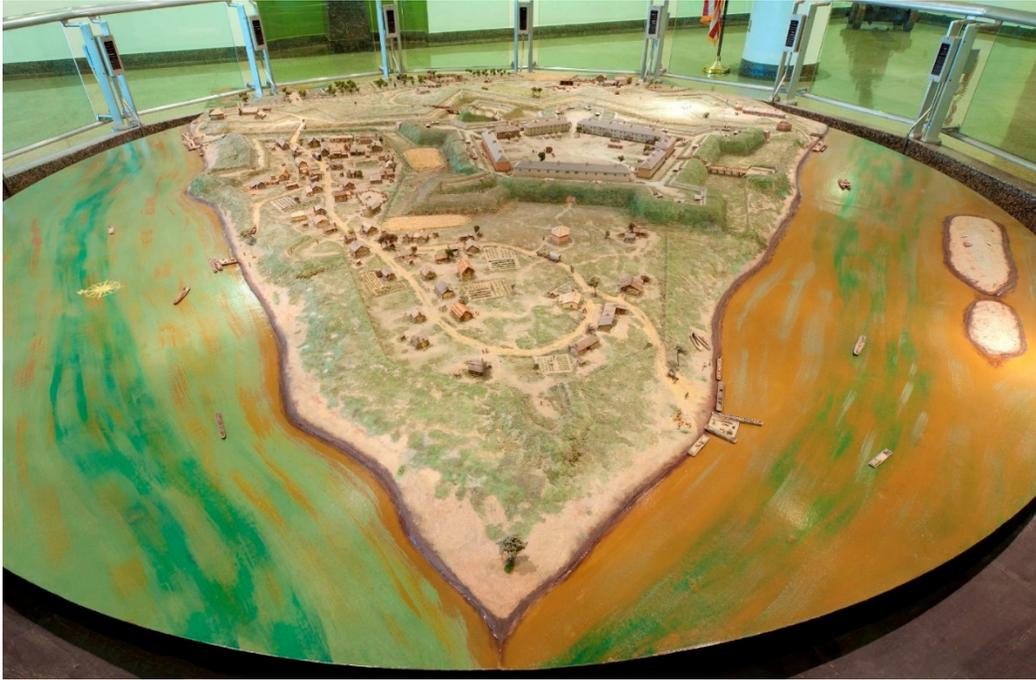
Newly acquired artifacts will be placed on display, including a whiskey still in the 18th-century Germanic style found near Lancaster, Pa. Now part of the museum's permanent collection, the still will be added to the second-floor gallery.

Museum staff will also prepare for a robust schedule of activities in 2019, including the museum's 50th anniversary, the unveiling of even more new artifacts, and living history programs in Point State Park.

One of the most affordable family-friendly cultural experiences in the region, the Fort Pitt Museum attracted more than 55,000 visitors last year.

Admission to the museum is just \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, \$2 off admission for retired and active military, and \$4.50 for students with a valid ID and children ages 6-17. Children under 5 and History Center members get in free.

The Fort Pitt Museum, built in a recreated bastion of the British fort originally constructed in 1759, focuses on the critical role that Western Pennsylvania played during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, and the founding of Pittsburgh. The Fort Pitt Museum is located in Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, operates the Fort Pitt Museum in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



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