



The Phoenix Chapter of the
Arizona Archaeological Society
invites you to join us in the
**Pueblo Grande Museum
Community Room**

Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm

Attendance is free & the public is welcome.



False Truths, Restored Ruins, and New Artifacts: Looking Beyond the Oxymoronic Past of the Coronado Historic Site through Field Work

by Ethan Ortega, Instructional Coordinator and Supervisory Archaeologist for the Northern Region of New Mexico Historic Sites (Coronado, Jemez, and Los Luceros)



After proclaiming itself the authority on Middle Rio Grande Pueblo culture and first European contact, the “facts” printed on monument panels are being rewritten. For the first time in over 100 years of archaeological research, the entire property of the Coronado Historic Site, including Kuaua Pueblo, has been extensively surveyed. In a joint effort with New Mexico Historic Sites, the New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies, and the Friends of Coronado Historic Site, several new sites have been identified. With the help of 75 volunteers over 7 weeks, dozens of test units were excavated showing that Kuaua Pueblo was larger than once thought and may have had an extensive turkey industry. This project has also revealed the best way to connect people to the past is to let them literally dig into it.

Ethan serves the people of New Mexico as the Instructional Coordinator and Supervisory Archaeologist for the Northern Region of New Mexico Historic Sites (Coronado, Jemez, and Los Luceros). He has a B.S. in Anthropology from Eastern New Mexico University and is currently working on his M.S. in Museum Studies at the University of New Mexico. His experience includes archaeological excavations and surveys in Spain and throughout the American Southwest. Ethan’s goal is to bridge the gap between the public and archaeology to increase understanding and stewardship of archaeological resources. Recent awards include the Edgar Lee Hewett Award for Service to the People of New Mexico (2017), the Bice Award for Archaeological Excellence (2017), and the Pecos Conference Cordell/Powers Prize for Young Archaeologists (2017).

The Pueblo Grande Museum is located at 4619 E. Washington Street, Phoenix

Please join us for light refreshments and a book sale before the meeting,
followed by an interesting talk and a short Q&A period.

Contact Ellie Large at 480-461-0563 or elarge@cox.net
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