

## Phoenix Chapter

April Meeting: The speaker for our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Ethan Ortega, Instructional Coordinator and Supervisory Archaeologist for the Northern Region of New Mexico Historic Sites (Coronado, Jemez, and Los Luceros), who will present his Pecos Conference prize-winning talk on *False Truths, Restored Ruins, and New Artifacts: Looking Beyond the Oxymoronic Past of the Coronado Historic Site through Field Work*. 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 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).

March Meeting: The speaker for our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was Todd Bostwick, Ph.D., who gave us a quick tour of *15,000 Years of Archaeology on Sicily: Cultural Crossroads of the Mediterranean*. Sicily boasts some of the best preserved examples of Greek architecture in the world, including temples and a theater - even better than in Greece itself - as well as Roman ruins which include the famous villa of Piazza Armerina, where hundreds of remarkable mosaic floors were preserved. The rich archaeological heritage of Sicily dates back to the Upper Pleistocene, when Sicily was connected to the mainland; numerous caves contain Upper Paleolithic cave art including the Grotta San Teodoro in Messina. There are also numerous museums; three of the best are the excellent regional museums at Palermo, Syracuse and Agrigento.

April Book Sale: Each year we conduct several fund-raising events to benefit the Pueblo Grande Museum. We will have a book sale at our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to help members dispose of the numerous books, journals and magazines they have acquired through the years or to pick up the volumes missing from their collection. So bring all your unwanted bounty of books to the April meeting!

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Field trip to Tumamoc Hill. The trip costs \$300 and is limited to 20 people, so the cost would be \$15 a person if we have 20 people. We have to pay in advance so checks should be made out to the chapter and given or sent to Phyllis prior to April 22. AAS members only. Details will be forthcoming. To sign up send Phyllis an email at 76desert@gmail.com.

### Upcoming Events:

May 1, 5:30 pm, Archaeology Cafe: Archaeologists Glen Rice and Jeffery Clark will join us for lively discussion and debate about *The Salado in Phoenix: Point/Counterpoint*. At Changing Hands Bookstore, Central & 3rd Ave., Phoenix.

May 3, 7 pm, Quarterly SWAT meeting, Arizona Museum of Natural History Theater, Mesa.

June 6-8, *2018 Arizona Historic Preservation Conference*, Valley Ho Resort, Scottsdale, azpreservation.com.

### Spring Meeting Schedule:

May 8 Don Liponi, Photographer and Author, *La Rumorosa: Rock Art Along the Border* (with book signing)  
See [www.larumorosarockart.com](http://www.larumorosarockart.com).

The Phoenix Chapter meets at 7 pm on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month in the Community Room at the Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix. We will take the speaker to dinner at 5:30 pm at the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant on 44th Street and Washington just northwest of the museum. If you are interested in having dinner with the speaker, please call or email Marie (480-827-8070 or [mbrit@cox.net](mailto:mbrit@cox.net)) so that she can reserve a large enough table.

--Ellie Large