



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

Tuesday, Sept. 10th, at 7 pm

Attendance is free & the public is welcome.



**The Hohokam to Akimel O’Odham Continuum: The Transition from Prehistory to History
in the Phoenix Basin of Southern Arizona** by Chris Loendorf, Sr. Project Manager, GRIC



Akimel O’Odham Women Making Baskets, by Robert Ciaccio.

When Spanish missionaries first visited the Phoenix Basin in the 18th century, the middle Gila River was one of the few places in southern Arizona where sedentary irrigation farmers still lived. Since that time the relationship between the prehistoric populations (Hohokam) and the Historic people (Akimel O’odham or Pima) has been debated. Most research has focused on traditions that changed over time, while those that didn’t change have been largely ignored. In fact, extensive archaeological research provides compelling evidence for continuity in cultural practices over time. Furthermore, Akimel O’odham cultural knowledge regarding their past has been largely ignored or misunderstood, although this information provides considerable insight into the past. While many changes occurred between prehistory and history in southern Arizona, this is part of a much longer cycle of episodic variation in cultural traditions that is documented in the Akimel O’odham stories.

Chris Loendorf has been employed by the Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resource Management Program for the last 20 years. He earned his B.A. at the University of Montana and his M.A. and Ph.D. at ASU, and has worked on a wide variety of archaeological projects from the Southwest to the Northern Plains since 1981. He has studied Hohokam archaeology since coming to Arizona in 1989 to work on the Roosevelt Platform Mound Study. His research expertise includes projectile point design, rock art analysis, mortuary studies, and x-ray florescence analysis of archaeological remains.

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

Southeast of the 44th & Washington Street Light Rail Stop

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call the Pueblo Grande Museum at 602-495-0901 for more information.

Join us at 7 pm for Snacks & Refreshments. Talk will begin about 7:30 pm.