



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

**Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm**

Attendance is free & the public is welcome.



**Ancient Egypt's 25th Dynasty & The Pyramid Field/Royal Cemetery at Nuri, Sudan  
by Pearce Paul Creasman, Ph.D., University of Arizona**

Excavation of the stairwell leading to the burial chamber of king Nastasen, now submerged. Excavation notes indicate the stairwell reaches a maximum of 8 m below surface.



Photo from atop the pyramid of Nastasen, showing the early stages of excavation of the stairwell leading to the burial chambers and the proposed site of the underwater excavation.

After ancient Egypt's New Kingdom collapsed, kings from Nubia unified the lands and led the empire out of the doldrums to its last flourish of pharaonic greatness. The Nubian kings seem to have originated from the little-known site of Napata in modern Sudan, today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With some 20 existing pyramids, Nuri is the largest royal Napatan cemetery; it served as the resting place for at least 60 kings and queens. The first royal buried was the biblical pharaoh Taharqa, savior of Jerusalem (2 Kings 19:9), and his descendants used the site for four more centuries. Although Nuri was partly excavated in the 1910s, it remains poorly published and largely unexplored. As a result of climate change and the construction of dams along the Nile, rising groundwater has submerged many of its tombs, likely including all of the subterranean pyramid chambers of the kings. At least four kings' burial chambers remain unexcavated. This lecture tells the tale of the pharaohs of ancient Egypt's 25<sup>th</sup> Dynasty, and the current effort by the University of Arizona to better understand them via underwater archaeological excavations in the pyramid field of Nuri.

Dr. Creasman is an Associate Professor of Egyptian Archaeology and Dendrochronology at the University of Arizona as well as the Curator of the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research and the Director of the University of Arizona Egyptian Expedition. His research interests include the study human and environment interactions, maritime archaeology, dendroarchaeology, and Egyptian archaeology. He received his B.A. in Anthropology and Philosophy from the University of Maine in 2003, his M.A. in Anthropology from Texas A&M University in 2005 and his Ph.D. in Anthropology & Nautical Archaeology from Texas A&M University in 2010.

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

Southeast of the 44th & Washington Street Light Rail Stop

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.