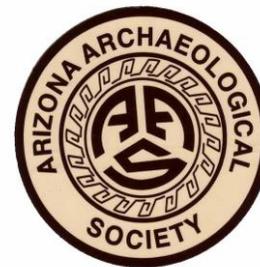


The Phoenix Chapter of the
Arizona Archaeological Society
invites you to come join us in the
**Pueblo Grande Museum
Community Room**



Tuesday, March 14th at 7 pm

Attendance is free & the public is welcome.

***The Megalithic Temples and Tombs of Malta: Early
Religion and Ritual in the Mediterranean, 3,600–2,500 BC***
by **Todd W. Bostwick, PhD, Verde Valley Archaeology Center**



Located in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea and south of Sicily, the islands of Malta and Gozo contain some of the oldest Megalithic temples and tombs in the world. As early as 5,000 BC prehistoric people were farming and raising livestock on the islands, and by 3,600 BC they built megalithic temples with astronomical features and carved chambered tombs out of solid bedrock. The presence of a variety of stone and clay figurines of plump females suggest they practiced an Earth Mother cult. The origins of these ancient people remain a mystery, as does their disappearance around 2,500 BC. This talk provides numerous photos of these temples, tombs, and figurines and offers current ideas about their religion and ritual practices.

Todd has conducted archaeological research in the Southwest for 37 years. He was the Phoenix City Archaeologist for 21 years at Pueblo Grande Museum and is now the Director of Archaeology at the Verde Valley Archaeology Center. He has an MA in Anthropology and a PhD in History from ASU, and taught classes at both ASU and NAU for seven years. He has published numerous books and articles on Southwest archaeology and history, and his projects have received awards from the National Park Service, the Arizona Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission, and the Arizona Archaeological Society.

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

Join us for light refreshments before the meeting
followed by an interesting talk and a short Q&A period
Contact Ellie Large at 480-461-0563 for more information.