The Phoenix Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society invites you to join us in the Pueblo Grande Museum Community Room Tuesday, Oct. 9th, at 7:00 pm Attendance is free & the public is welcome.

Teotihuacan: A World City in Ancient Mexico  
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Teotihuacan stood out in Classic-period Mesoamerica for its size, complexity, and influence in distant areas. Teotihuacan traded and interacted with all corners of Mesoamerica, and the city held great prestige for the distant Maya kings. This talk will explore the art and archaeology of this ancient “world city” and will focus on recent archaeological research that is transforming our views of the city. This talk is intended to provide background for the current exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum, Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire, a major traveling exhibition which will be on display in the Steele Gallery from Oct. 6 to Jan. 27, 2019.

Teotihuacan was the first, largest, and most influential metropolis on the American continent. In its heyday between 100 BCE and 650 CE, the city encompassed an area of 15 square kilometers with a population of around 140,000. Who inhabited Teotihuacan, its original name, and why it was abandoned are still unknowns. When the Aztecs came into the Valley of Mexico from the north in the first half of the 14th century, they discovered its ruins, named it Teotihuacan, the place where the gods were born, and used it as the setting for their own creation myth.

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The Pueblo Grande Museum is located at  
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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.