



The Phoenix Chapter of the
Arizona Archaeological Society
invites you to join us for
a Zoom meeting on
Tuesday, March 9th at 7:30 pm*



Megalithic Tombs and Temples of Ireland: Sacred Architecture and Art on the Emerald Isle, circa 4000-2000BC by Todd W. Bostwick, PhD



About 6,000 years ago, the Neolithic inhabitants of Ireland began successfully farming wheat and barley while also raising cattle and sheep. They also built large stone structures, some truly megalithic in size, that apparently served various social and ritual purposes. Some of the megalithic structures are covered, both inside and out, with elaborate geometric petroglyphs that have been interpreted as astronomical markers related to lunar cycles, trance imagery, or other meanings. Some structures are part of large-scale site complexes, such as New Grange, and are scattered across sacred landscapes. In this talk Dr. Bostwick will summarize the development of megalithic structures in Ireland, including passage tombs, court tombs, portal tombs, wedge tombs, and stone circles. Although originally identified as tombs, many of the megalithic structures are now thought to be better understood as temples where only a few individuals were buried.

Dr. Bostwick has been a professional archaeologist for more than 40 years. He has an MA in Anthropology and a PhD in History from Arizona State University (ASU). He was the Phoenix City Archaeologist for 21 years at Pueblo Grande Museum and the Director of Archaeology at the Verde Valley Archaeology Center in Camp Verde for 9 years. He also taught classes for seven years at both ASU and Northern Arizona University. Dr. Bostwick has published numerous books and articles on archaeology and history and has received awards from the National Park Service, the Arizona Governor's Office, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Arizona Archaeological Society, and the City of Phoenix.

- I will send out a Zoom Invitation the week before the meeting. The waiting room will open at 7 pm for those who want to enter early. There will be time for Q&A after the talk.