



Chichilticale in 1539: The Long-Sought Coronado Expedition Site in Arizona A Zoom Presentation by Archaeologist Deni J. Seymour, PhD

Chichilticale

has been the most sought-after site of the 16th-century Francisco Vázquez de Coronado Expedition in Arizona. One reason for this is because it was a named place that was expected to be in Arizona. It also was an important way station along the route, a place stopped at more than once and for several days, before moving through the final wilderness.

Importantly, and less known, the expedition's Senior Captain Melchior Diaz stayed at Chichilticale for two months during the winter of 1539-1540.



*Metal crossbow points found at Chichilticale, 2024
(Photos on this page courtesy of Deni J. Seymour)*



Aerial view of the "red house" remnants at Chichilticale

Chichilticale now has been identified. Archaeological observations show that it represents a substantial campsite containing hundreds of metal Coronado expedition artifacts including diagnostic nails, crossbow bolt heads, copper bells, lace aglets, and more.

In this presentation, archaeologist Dr. Deni Seymour will discuss how she and her team have surveyed southern Arizona for Coronado-era archaeological sites in recent years and have identified several of them – including the elusive Chichilticale.

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Archaeologist Deni Seymour displaying the barrel of bronze wall gun that she discovered while excavating another southern Arizona Coronado site (Photo courtesy of Tamara Jager Stewart)

Our Third Thursday presenter this month is **Dr. Deni J. Seymour, PhD**, a professional archaeologist and award-winning author who has published seven books and over 120 professional journal articles, eight of which are on the Coronado expedition. She is recognized for her ability to interweave data from multiple sources to find and investigate locations of historical interest relating to places, people, and events mentioned in historical documents.

Among these places she has found are the site where Apache Chief Juh ambushed U.S. Army Lieutenant Howard B. Cushing in 1871; the original Sobaípurí O'odham settlements of Chukshon (the namesake of Tucson); Anza Trail encampments; dozens of Sobaípurí O'odham settlements visited by Father Kino including San Pablo de Quíburi, San Cayetano del Tumacácori, and Los Santos Ángeles de Guevavi; and now twelve archaeological sites of the Coronado expedition in five of Arizona's river valleys.

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