



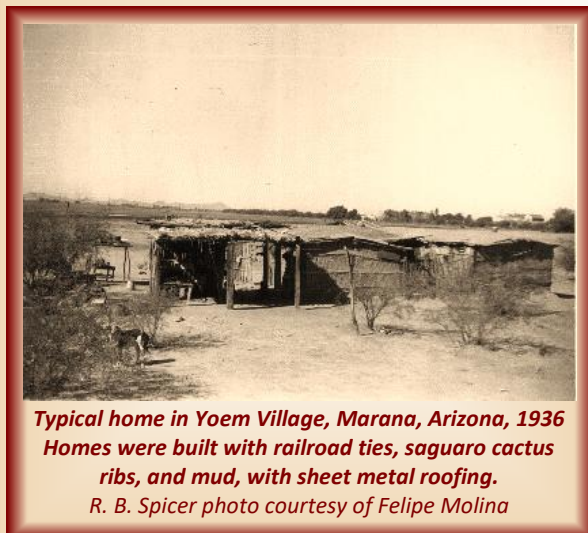
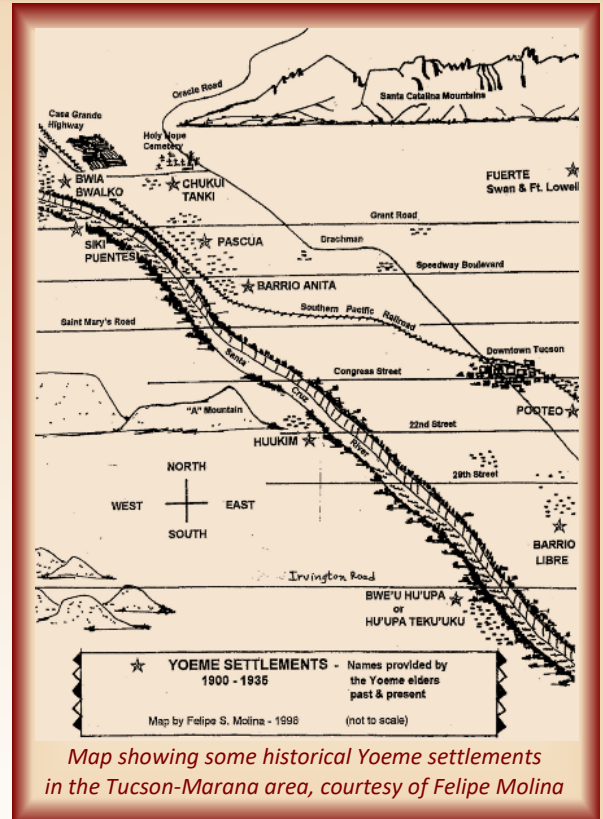
Tucson and Marana Yoeme (Yaqui Indian) Communities

**A Tour to Historic Cultural Sites
with Yoeme Historian Felipe S. Molina
Saturday January 30, 2027, 8 am to 1 pm**

THE YOEME (YAQUI INDIANS) have been present in southern Arizona at least since Father Kino began exploring in the 1690s, but they established several settlements in our state later to escape the Mexican government's 1890s-early 1900s war with the Yoeme in the state of Sonora.

From 1880 through the early 1900s, Mexico began deporting Yoeme from their Sonora homeland to other Mexican states, prompting a steady stream of Yoeme to migrate north into Arizona. By 1908 hundreds of Yoeme had fled to the US to settle permanently, and in the 1920s more came to seek political asylum and join existing Arizona Yoeme settlements. By 1940 there were about 3,000 Yoeme in Arizona, mostly living in the well-established villages of Libre (Barrio Libre) and Pascua in Tucson, Yoem Pueblo and Wiilo Kampo in Marana, and others near Eloy, Somerton, Phoenix, and Scottsdale.

In 1978 the US Government granted federal recognition to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and soon after established the Pascua Yaqui Indian Reservation at New Pascua.



THIS TOUR WILL VISIT TUCSON AND MARANA PLACES SETTLED HISTORICALLY BY YOEME WHO FLED MEXICO.

In Tucson we'll visit Bwe'u Hu'upa Village, San Martin Church and plaza in the 39th Community (Barrio Libre), Pascua, and possibly the San Ignacio Church and plaza. Then we will caravan to Marana to stop at Ili Hu'upa, Wiilo Kampo, and Yoem Pueblo's San Juan Church and plaza. Mr. Molina also will point out the Bwia Bwalko (Soft Earth) site east of the Santa Cruz River and Chukui Kawi west of Yoem Pueblo.

**Contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at 520-798-1201
or info@oldpueblo.org to register and
obtain meeting place directions.**

\$45 donation per person (\$36 for Old Pueblo Archaeology Center members)

supports Old Pueblo's and Mr. Molina's education programs about archaeology and traditional cultures.

Donations are due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 pm Wednesday January 27, whichever is earlier.

Cancellations made 30 days or more before departure will not be charged. Cancellations 8 to 30 days before departure will be refundable at 50% of the donation paid unless the cancelled space can be filled. Cancellations 0 to 7 days prior to departure date are not refundable.

See more information on next page.

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TOUR LEADER FELIPE S. MOLINA

Mr. Molina is a resident of Yoem Pueblo in Marana, Arizona. He was taught the Indigenous language, culture, and history of the Yoemem (Yaqui) by his maternal grandfather and grandmother, his grandmother's cousin, and several elders from Tucson's original Pascua Village. After retiring from teaching he completed manuals on these topics for the Pascua Yaqui Social Service Department and has helped document Yoeme family stories of Guadalupe Village for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Enrollment Department.

Mr. Molina has co-authored *The Yaqui, A People and Their Place: A History* with Octaviana Salazar and Herminia Valenzuela; *Yaqui Deer Songs: Maso Bwikam* and *Wo'i Bwikam: Coyote Songs from the Yaqui Bow Leaders' Society* with Larry Evers; *Old Men of the Fiesta: An Introduction to the Pascola Arts* with James "Big Jim" Griffith; *Plants and Animals in the Yoeme World: Ethnoecology of*



Felipe Molina
Photograph by Allen Dart



Pascua Yoeme community circa 1938
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the Yaquis of Sonora and Arizona with Richard Felger; and the Yoeme/English Dictionary, *Yoeme-English English-Yoeme: With a Comprehensive Grammar of Yoeme Language* with Herminia Valenzuela and David Shaul.

Mr. Molina still teaches traditional songs for the *maaso* (white-tailed deer) dance to Yoeme youth who will be the Arizona Yoeme communities' future Deer Dance singers.

Participants are responsible for their own transportation and are advised to wear sturdy shoes and bring drinking water and a snack.

This is a one-way trip that starts on W. Irvington Road southwest of downtown Tucson and ends about 28 miles away in Marana, Arizona.

Therefore, carpooling is not very practical except for those who already have arranged to ride with another attendee.

