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# El Paso Museum of Archaeology Begins 2023 Lecture Series

## Máshgálíí and the Origins of the Mescalero People

**EL PASO, Texas**— The El Paso Museum of Archaeology invites the community to the first lecture of the 2023 Lecture Series, Máshgálíí and the Origins of the Mescalero People, at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 18.

Máshgálíí and the Origins of the Mescalero People will be presented by Tribe Elder Joey Padilla, traditional medicine man and Director of the Mescalero Museum and Cultural Center. This first lecture of 2023 gives visitors the opportunity to hear stories first-hand from the elder himself.

Padilla will explain the Origin and Creation Stories of the Mescalero Apache, their later contact with European and Mexican people and survival and subsistence practices. He will share some of their beliefs and religious practices and sense of place in relation to their traditional homelands.

Other activities during the lecture include a tasting of roasted Gushkáné (Mescal Hearts), a traditional food staple for the Mescalero Apache people and the museum will showcase some Apache Baskets during the presentation that are part of the current exhibit *Weaved Treasures, Baskets from the Museum Collection*.

For more information on the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, visit [www.epmarch.org](http://www.epmarch.org).

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