TARRA LAZOS CREATIVE · ARIZONA HUMANITIES AZ SPEAKS

Living Landscapes

Food, Memory, and the Sonoran Desert

A one-hour talk and tasting with Jeffrey Lazos Ferns

Taste the desert you live in. Explore the Sonoran Desert's tree pantry, cactus pantry, and shrub apothecary, connecting plants, animals, water, and Indigenous knowledge to the places we call home.

What audiences experience

Stories of mesquite, palo verde, saguaro, prickly pear, cholla, agave, and the relationships that sustain the desert. Learn about water, rain, wildlife, Indigenous farms, seed keepers, and foodways today.

Every presentation includes a seasonal tasting of Sonoran Desert foods. Guests may sample mesquite, prickly pear, desert teas, nopalitos, and other traditional staples.

Bring it to your community

Available through AZ Speaks to Arizona libraries and community organizations, with priority for rural host sites. Programs are in person, last 60 minutes, and must be free and open to the public.

Apply at least six weeks ahead with two possible dates. Allow about two weeks for review. Approved hosts sign a program agreement and pay a $100 cost share to Arizona Humanities. Current cycle: through April 30, 2027.

AZ Speaks application information

Independent bookings

Private gatherings, conferences, garden clubs, and other hosts can inquire about an extended talk, plant display, fuller tasting, or guided Sonoran Desert plant hike.

Jeffrey Lazos Ferns
Indigenous foodways educator, chef, artist, cultural worker, and master gardener.

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