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# Seeds of Survival: Desert Archaic Lifeways of the Great Basin and Colorado Plateau

With  
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LaPalm



Explore the ingenuity of early Indigenous lifeways on the Colorado Plateau in this fascinating lecture. Nicholas LaPalm delves into the Desert Archaic tradition, highlighting the shift from big-game hunting to plant-based subsistence and the development of innovative food-processing techniques. Drawing on archaeology and ethnobotany, this presentation reveals how people adapted to arid environments and cultivated deep, lasting relationships with native plants—knowledge that continues to shape the region today.



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