

# River of Time Museum

## Tips and Tidbits

### STORY OF THE HOHOKAM

Approx 2000 years ago the Hohokam moved into the Valley from the South

- ◆ They knew how to use water, develop canals and grow crops
- ◆ The houses became villages, which became cities and canal systems
- ◆ The people were migratory and followed the animals and the water.
- ◆ There was a ceremonial platform where the post office now stands
- ◆ There was a ball court where the fountain is now
- ◆ They had the largest pre-historic irrigation project in North America
- ◆ The people made pottery, textiles and jewelry
- ◆ Then, in approx 1450 there was no rain for 3 years in a row; during the 4<sup>th</sup> year it rained so hard that the canal system was destroyed. The Hohokam were forced to move south to live with the Pima
- ◆ The Spanish then came looking for gold