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Artwork of Yoeme Artist Louis David Valenzuela Featured at Old Tucson

(Tucson, AZ) Old Tucson is pleased to announce that traditional Native American art by Yoeme artist Louis David Valenzuela is available at the Last Outpost gift shop. The Last Outpost is open daily from 10:00 am to 2:00. Mr. Valenzuela is an enrolled member of the tribe who is actively involved in ceremonial life. He focuses on works that tell the story of the Pascua Yaqui people.

A graduate of Cholla High School, Mr. Valenzuela grew up in South Tucson's Barrio Libre. At age 10, he met Hispanic artist and mentor Arturo Montoya and learned to paint Yoeme themes on wood and canvas and to make polyform pascolas ("old men") and deer dancer figures. In 1984-85, Mr. Valenzuela attended the Chicago Art Institute. In the late 1980s, he began carving pascola masks.

Today, Mr. Valenzuela continues painting and drawing; but he is best known for his willow wood and cottonwood mask carvings. Using traditional tools, he creates masks used in Yaqui Easter ceremonies. Carved pascola masks are painted black and decorated with white, red and blue designs. Horsehair is used to fashion beards and eyebrows.

Mr. Valenzuela received a 2009 LUMIE Award from the Tucson Pima Arts Council for Individual Achievement as an Emerging Artist. Articles about him have appeared in *American Indian Art Magazine* and the *Tucson Guide*. His work has been featured in a one-man exhibit at the Arizona State Museum.

Old Tucson is proud to present Mr. Valenzuela's traditional Pascua Yaqui works of art to guests and collectors. More information on the artist and his works is at <http://www.yoemecarver.com/>.

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