

SPRING 2025

Brown Bag Lectures

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The Brown Bag Lecture Series is a FREE event open to the public. The lectures are held on Wednesdays during the spring and fall terms from 12 - 1 p.m. at the Downtown Center, Room G106, located at 2600 E. Wilcox Drive in Sierra Vista. Feel free to bring a lunch.

Wednesday, Feb 12

Cochise College 60th Anniversary

By Ashlee Gray, Robyn Martin and Dr. Jennifer Wantz

Join us for a special presentation celebrating the 60th anniversary of Cochise College! This event will highlight the college's rich history, achievements, and contributions to the community over the past six decades. We will showcase inspiring stories from alumni, faculty, and staff, as well as the innovative programs that have shaped the educational landscape. Come reflect on our past and envision a vibrant future together!

Wednesday, Feb 19

Birding in Burns: Meeting the Fire Birds!

By Glenn Minuth

How do birds handle wildfires? Birds reveal flexible comeback strategies to wildfire, contingent on burn severity and considering their ontological survival approach. Most often, beetle-foraging and cavity-nesting birds profit from high-severity fires that generate snags. In comparison, birds configured for insect foraging in foliage are likely to ramp down after a wildfire. The adverse impacts of wildfires on numerous bird populations seem to be temporally limited to the year of the burn. While researchers discovered that populations bounced back to pre-burn levels following the burn year; populations in a few cases substantially decreased the subsequent year. We will examine how snags of all sizes function as critical habitat factors for cavity-nesting birds among other wildlife that exploit tree cavities. Grasp how the "fire birds" survive a conflagration.

Wednesday, Feb 26

Electrical Safety: Keeping You and Others Safe

By Steven Garate, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc

Do you know how to keep yourself safe if you encounter energized equipment and powerlines? Join Steven Garate as he introduces you to essential safety concepts like "Look and Live" and "Call Before You Dig." You will gain valuable insights into what actions to take and avoid. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your awareness and knowledge of electrical safety!

Wednesday, Mar 5

Exploring Coronado National Forest: Your Guide to Adventure and Wildlife

By Rebecca Hodges

Come learn about the local Coronado National Forest! Discover the diverse recreation opportunities, abundant wildlife, charming cabins, and essential facilities within this expansive area of over a million acres in southeast Arizona. Learn about the latest updates in the forest and the best ways to explore its natural beauty. We will also cover the America the Beautiful Pass program and other valuable resources to enhance your outdoor adventures. Don't miss this chance to connect with your local wilderness!

Wednesday, Mar 12

Ireland by Train

By Mary Coyle

Join Mary Coyle for lively slide presentation of her recent train tour of Ireland! Discover spectacular scenic views, bustling cityscapes and revered sacred places across the Emerald Isle, including sites in the Republic and on the Aran Islands as well as across the border in Northern Ireland. Your guide on this adventure, Mary Coyle, is a Cochise College associate faculty member teaching Irish Literature and various Humanities classes online. Come and enjoy the sights—no tickets needed and no luggage to haul!

Wednesday, Mar 19

Renovation and Beyond: Henry F. Hauser Museum

By Melissa Miller, Curator

The Henry F. Hauser Museum has just completed an 11-month long renovation. This renovation was made possible through generous donations from the Sierra Vista Historical Society and the Tohono O'odham Nation. Join curator Melissa Miller as she discusses some of the challenges of the renovations, the inspiration behind the new exhibits and future plans for the museum.

Wednesday, Mar 26

Exploring the Wonders of Japan

By Dr. Wendy Ashby

From the bustling streets of Tokyo to the serene temples of Kyoto, this presentation will take you on a journey through Japan's rich culture, history, and modern marvels. Discover the country's unique blend of ancient traditions and cutting-edge technology, along with practical tips on travel, local customs, and must-see attractions. Whether you're planning a trip or just dreaming of one, this lecture will inspire your wanderlust and provide valuable insights into experiencing Japan like a seasoned traveler!

Wednesday, Apr 2

Drawing Nature: The Creative Process of an Artist, Illustrator, and Naturalist

By Linda M. Feltner

Linda M. Feltner is an award-winning nature artist and educator. She combines the creativity of artistic design with standards of scientific accuracy, into what has become her trademark. Join us as she explores the creative process used to create dynamic, meaningful images and how her observation and recording are sparks to her creativity. She will share images from her Princeton University-published book *Drawing Nature: The Creative Process of an Artist, Illustrator, and Naturalist*.