

FALL 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, Sept 10

Exploring the Southwest Through Photography

By Robert Gallucci

Join professional photographer Rob Gallucci for a visual journey through the breathtaking landscapes, dramatic skies, and unique wildlife of the American Southwest. In this one-hour brown-bag lecture, Robert shares the personal stories behind his images, bringing you closer to the beauty of the deep Southwest. From monsoon storms and desert sunsets to the wild hummingbirds and historic remnants of the Wild West, he will offer insight into the techniques, tools, and timing that bring these scenes to life. Whether you are a photography enthusiast or love the beauty of the Southwest, this talk will inspire you to see the region through a creative lens.



Robert Gallucci Photography

Wednesday, Sept 17

Ted DeGrazia: A World-Class Artist in Bisbee

By Mike Anderson, Historian

Renowned southwestern artist Ettore "Ted" DeGrazia spent the formative part of his career as a full-time theater manager and part-time artist in Bisbee, AZ. Historian Mike Anderson tells the fascinating story of DeGrazia's humble beginnings in the mining town of Morenci, his evolution as an artist in Bisbee and Mexico City during the 1930s and 40s, and his emergence in the 1950s and 60s as a beloved and highly successful artist.

Wednesday, Sept 24

What To Do and Where To Go When You Have Pain

By Dr. Nick Rainey, Physical Therapist

Got pain? Most people go straight to the doctor, but what happens next? In this lecture, we will explore the different paths you can take through the healthcare system when you are dealing with pain. We will uncover how incentives can affect your care and discuss various management options, including medications, injections, surgeries, and physical therapies. Dr. Rainey will highlight the unique role physical therapists play in helping people in pain and it's not just about toughing it out or exercising more!

Wednesday, Oct 1

Stay Safe: Recognizing and Avoiding Common Scams

By Officer Scott Borgstadt, Sierra Vista Police Department

Join us for an informative session on common scams reported to the Sierra Vista Police Department. We will explore real-world examples of fraud affecting individuals in our community, from phone and online scams to financial and identity theft schemes. Learn practical tips and techniques to protect yourself and your loved ones from becoming victims. This presentation will equip you with the knowledge to recognize red flags, respond effectively, and stay one step ahead of scammers.

Wednesday, Oct 8

Vietnam Visions

By Becky Orozco

Now described as a nation reborn, Vietnam still evokes memories of a defining feature of the sixties and of the history classes she taught, so Becky Orozco decided to explore this enigmatic land. Travel with her as she starts in the northern hill country, visits the capitals both old and new and ends at the ancient city of Angkor Wat.





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Wednesday, Oct 15

Studying in the Borderlands

By Abe Villarreal, Cochise College Douglas Campus Dean
Students living and learning in the borderlands navigate the unique experience of life between two cultures. We will explore both the opportunities and challenges that come with that journey. Join Abe Villarreal, Cochise College Douglas Campus Dean, as he discusses the initiatives that support student success for borderland students, showcases how student work is exhibited internationally, and shares ways students are empowered to embrace and celebrate their cultural identities on both sides of the border.

Wednesday, Oct 22

A Soldier's Tribute: Uncovering the Garfield Monument Story

By Sharon Kennedy, Researcher and Author
Join Sharon Kennedy as she discusses the story of two troops of the Tenth Cavalry, an all-Black regiment, that arrived in Bonita Canyon in the Chiricahua Mountains to defend the use of the waterhole by Geronimo and his people, should they return from the mountains in Mexico in the fall of 1885. During that time, the soldiers undertook a striking and little-known act, they built a ten-foot stone monument honoring the recently assassinated President James A. Garfield.

Wednesday, Oct 29

Unveiling the Supernatural Secrets of Tombstone: A Haunting Journey into the Unknown

By George Self

Join us for a captivating one-hour lecture as we unravel the haunted history of Tombstone, Arizona. Explore eerie tales, gripping descriptions, and compelling photographs that capture the mysterious energy of this legendary Wild West town. Prepare for a spine-tingling ghost story that will send shivers down your spine. Dare to uncover the unexplained in this immersive experience that challenges your perceptions and ignites your curiosity. Don't miss this unique opportunity to unravel the mysteries of the supernatural in Tombstone.



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Wednesday, Nov 5

Christmas at Fort Bowie: 1885

By Glenn Minuth

Fort Bowie lies between the Dos Cabezas and Chiricahua Mountains, sited in a strategic pass. Over a century has passed since the U.S. Army served on America's western frontier. We will explore the observance and practices by the "military Christmas in the Old Army at Fort Bowie (now a National Historic Site) while thinking about its celebration in more current times. As you might suspect, it is decidedly much different today. Even then, soldiers deployed in the field never forgot Christmas Day. To be sure, it was celebrated as much as possible with extra rations and lightened duty, but how? Troops in garrison celebrated in a much more elaborate fashion with sanctioned relief from the monotony of duty in isolated and remote forts spread across the western frontier like Fort Bowie.