Bring your lunch and join us for the free Fall 2019 Lecture Series
Downtown Center, 2600 E Wilcox Drive, Room G106
Wednesday from 12:10 – 1 p.m.

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Green Ribbon in the Arid West: A History of Wildlife, Livestock, and Human Settlement on the San Pedro River
Diana Hadley

December 4
Exploring the Holy Land
Jeanne Robichaud
Traveling The World – One Photograph at a Time, with Robert Galluci
International award-winning photographer Robert Galluci will walk you through his photographic journey of discovery of the beauty in the world. Using images and descriptive narratives, he will revisit each location and discuss the artistic and technical aspects of each shot. The lecture will conclude with a focus on the particular beauty of the southern Arizona high desert. Robert plans to bring those interested on future photography expeditions.

Mariachi Rhythm (Armonía) Instruments, with Gabriel Galindo
What better way to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month than with Mariachi music. Rhythm instruments make Mariachi music unique. From the guitarrón to the vihuela to the guitarra de golpe and the guitar, the mariachi “armonía” instruments provide the foundation and essence of what is truly Mariachi. The style of Mariachi evolved from the Mexican state of Jalisco and represents Mexico in the musical world. Mariachi is an emotional genre loved by people worldwide. It encompasses instruments, dress, vocals, dance, rhythms, and the cultural influences of Mexico.

Women of the West – Fashion of the 1800s, with Barbara Blankenship
Let your imagination flow and be part of a live fashion demonstration presented by Barbara Blankenship. Barbara will be in character to help you experience what it was like in the early to late 1800s for the women who ventured from the east to the west coast searching for opportunities and fortune.

Hot Air Ballooning, with Robert Wilson
You can learn about hot air ballooning from a veteran pilot. Robert will highlight information concerning the different types of balloons, pilot’s licenses, how to fly balloons, weather conditions for normal flight, how to crew for balloons, and more. Hear first-hand about the variety of balloons, the vast array of colors and designs, the cost of flying them, and the details involved in owning and operating these colorful giants of the sky. Photos will include conventional balloons, special shapes, and locations.

Neanderthals, with John Barthelme Ph.D
Who were the Neanderthals? When and where did they live? Where did the image of cavemen and cavewomen come from? What was their evolutionary relationship, in terms of anatomy, behavior, and genetics, to modern humanity? Dr. Barthelme, has a doctorate in anthropology and has done archeological research in Eastern Africa for nearly 40 years. He will discuss these questions, demonstrate the replicating of Neanderthal stone tools, and provide an overview of the recent genetic evidence of Neanderthal – modern human intermixing.

Coronado Nat’l Monument, with Chris Bentley, Supervisory Park Ranger
There are three National Park Service sites in Cochise County. One is only a short drive from Sierra Vista. Park Ranger Christopher Bentley will share about Coronado National Memorial and the National Park Service sites in southeast Arizona. Her all about the history, the natural features these parks help preserve, and what you can do to get involved!

The Amazing Drone, with Christopher Ritter, Cochise College Professor
Drones are flying unmanned robots; some are as small as a bird while others can reach the size of a large plane. These technologically advanced and intelligent machines are used in search and rescue, bridge and building inspections, real estate, agriculture, law enforcement, marketing, military, scientific research, and entertainment. Ritter will give you an overview of the development of the drone and introduce you to a few of these astounding machines. He will also discuss how to buy a copter for specific user needs and the basics of the laws governing drone ownership and operation in the US airspace. You can also learn what it takes to build your own drone.

South Africa: Cape Town – Kruger Nat’l Park, with Robert and Liza Weissler
Encounter South Africa through this lecture and video. Robert and Liza will share their exploration of their travels from Cape Town to Kruger National Park. Highlights include hiking in Table Mountain NP, a boat trip out to Robben Island, visiting Kirstenbosch National Botanic Garden, the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, the Apartheid Museum, the Military Museum in Johannesburg, a tour of Sterkfontein Cave, the wildlife of Kruger National Park, and a visit to the southernmost tip of Africa.

Baltic Sea Adventure, with Rebecca Orozco and Sheila Devoe Heidman
This past June, Sheila Devoe Heidman and Becky Orozco set out to sail the Baltic Sea. They stopped off in Sweden, Finland, Russia, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, and Denmark as they circumnavigated the northern waters. Share their journey to medieval villages, ancient castles, and enchanting cities.

Oaxacan Master Weaver, with Alex Martinez
Alex, a Master Zapotec weaver, returns from his home in Teotitlán del Valle, Oaxaca. Martinez and his family have been producing high quality rugs and tapestries for a century using ancient methods of natural vegetable dyes to infuse a wide array of colors and tones. Martinez will use a small loom to give a live demonstration showing how to start and finish a rug. Weavings will be available for viewing and purchase. This lecture only may be 30 minutes longer than other lectures.

Honor Flight Southern Arizona, with Mary E. Mueller, Guardian Coordinator
Honor Flight Southern Arizona provides WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans, living in southern Arizona, a free trip to Washington D.C. to visit the National WWII Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and other memorials. These men and women availed themselves in a national effort to keep America safe. It is Honor Flight’s responsibility to keep them from being forgotten, and to thank them for a job they did so long ago. Their trip allows each veteran the opportunity to feel the impact of their service and our nation’s gratitude. At each stop, people cheer, shake their hands, and thank them for their service. The Honor Flight Southern Arizona Sierra Vista Team will provide information on the history of honor flight, how veterans can sign up to go on a flight, and how one can participate as a guardian or volunteer.

History of Wildlife, Livestock, and Human Settlement on the San Pedro, with Diana Hadley
This illustrated talk is based on historic observations and recent research, using sources that date from the earliest Spanish explorers to recent studies by archaeologists, paleontologists, geologists, and water experts. Hear about how the San Pedro was important to the binational cattle industry during the Apache Wars, the Mexican Revolution, and to the continuing binational culture of the area. One of the last undammed rivers in the American Southwest, the San Pedro is a stunningly beautiful, ecologically important community resource that deserves the highest level of appreciation and protection.

Exploring the Holy Land, with Jeanne Robichaud
See the history and beauty of the Holy Land in a wonderful presentation that Jeanne will share with you. In this journey, you will travel throughout Israel from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee, to the desert of Masada and the Dead Sea, then journey northward to the green and lush areas of Mount Carmel, Megiddo/Armageddon, the Valley of Jezreel, the Golan Heights, and end up on the western coast of the Mediterranean in Herzlia, Caesarea and Tel Aviv.