Brown Bag Lectures

Bring your lunch and join us for the free Spring 2020 Lecture Series
Downtown Center, 2600 E Wilcox Drive, Room G106
Wednesday from 12:10 – 1 p.m.

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Heart Health – Help Save a Life, with Kate Markland
What is CPR and why is it so important to know how to do it? Every year in the United States 475,000 people die from cardiac arrest. Bigger number. Bigger opportunity. Kate Markland, American Heart Association instructor and certified caregiver, will walk you through the steps of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) with slides and video, and demonstrate it on an adult CPR training mannequin.

Agrarian Revolt in the Sierra of Chihuahua, with Dr. Beth Henson
Agrarian Revolt is the story of ranchers and campesinos from the backlands of Chihuahua who united and fought against timber barons and their armed thugs who were trying to push them off their land. Students from the rural teacher’s colleges joined in a series of protests including land invasions, long distance marches, and the occupation of downtown plazas, with wide public support. The author will also discuss her current research on the Partido Liberal Mexicano, a revolutionary anarchist group led by Ricardo Flores Magón, and their activities in Douglas, Arizona.

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.

Ladies Who Launched a Community, with Judianne Lee
A collection of three readings from the Voices Past Series. Oral histories of people who created a community. Marguerite Naegle Jennings, one of ten children of a pioneering ranch family, reporter, newspaper owner, lawyer. Audrey Bingham, news reporter and keen observer of area history, and Judianne’s own oral history of her life of as a teen in the fifties in small town Arizona.

Ex Pat Living in Puerto Vallarta, with J.R. Wilson
Thinking about retiring or living part time abroad? J.R. and his wife spent several years living in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico after they retired. He will share their experiences, which include driving the 1,000 miles each way (from Nogales), immigration procedures and costs, medical care and costs, dealing with customs, shopping, the general cost of living, and the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of living as an ex Pat in Mexico.

Arizona State Parks with Roger Naylor
See Arizona in a whole new light when you explore its award-winning collection of state parks. In his latest book, Arizona State Parks: A Guide to Amazing Places in the Grand Canyon State, author and travel writer Roger Naylor reveals the scenic wonders, rich history, and recreational opportunities contained within the extensive park system. Here you’ll find some of the best hiking, camping, fishing, boating, stargazing, and wildlife watching in Arizona—all accessible as easy day trips and weekend getaways. Roger will share photos and stories from all 32 of Arizona’s state parks and books will be for sale after the presentation.

Mariachi Music and the Female Voice
with Gabriel Galindo, Professional Mariachi Player/Singer
Music is widely considered to be the universal language and what better way to celebrate culture and community than with Mariachi music. Continue the exploration of Mariachi music with Gabriel Galindo as he discusses the instruments, voices, and groups of this beautiful genre, placing special emphasis on the impact female singers and musicians have had throughout the 120+ years of Mariachi music.

The Story of the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad with Mike Anderson
The discovery of vast deposits of copper in the Mule Mountains sparked the founding of Bisbee, but its lasting economic growth and prosperity depended on the building of a railroad connecting it to the rest of the country. Borderlands historian Mike Anderson traces the birth and expansion of the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad (AKA the “Bisbee Road”) and its powerful impact — both positive and negative — on the Warren Mining District and the rest of the American Southwest during the early years of the 20th Century.

Reptiles and Amphibians of Southern Arizona with Tomas Missione, Huachuca Herpetological Association
Tomas’ presentation highlights the beauty and diversity of the snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, and toads found in our state. He will also provide information about their natural history and habitats, as well as an overview of snake bites. This lecture gives you the opportunity to get to know some of our local snakes up close and personal.

Miracle Valley Shootout, with David Santor, Sierra Vista Historian
This is a story of how an all-black religious cult known as the Christ Miracle Healing Center and Church relocated to Miracle Valley in Cochise County, Arizona. What followed was a tumultuous period (1979–1982). The cult and law enforcement experienced many explosive encounters culminating in the infamous Miracle Valley Shootout on October 23, 1982 where two members of the cult and one Cochise County Sheriff’s Deputy were killed. The shootout was the subject of local, state, and national news, and it remains to this day one of the most woeful chapters in the history of Cochise County, its Sheriff’s Department, and the Sierra Vista Police Department.

Recent History of Borderlands Jaguars with Mark Hart – Arizona Game and Fish Department
Southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico are the only locations in the United States where jaguars have been sighted in the past twenty years. In late 2016, one jaguar was in the Huachuc Mountains and the other in the Dos Cabezas. Earlier that year a video surfaced of a third jaguar in the Santa Rita Mountains. The video caused an international sensation, but that jaguar hasn’t been seen since. Although the Huachucas’ jaguar came to a bad end in Mexico, its return there was biologically significant. Meantime, the Dos Cabezas jaguar has persisted south of Willcox. This presentation will examine how the presence of these endangered species in the region pose unique challenges for wildlife and land managers, and how they are even more popular among the general public trail camera technology.

Hidden Skies – Beauty of the Deep Sky Revealed, with Alan Biehl
Who hasn’t looked up into the night sky and wondered what lies out there among the stars? You’ll witness the amazing colors and fantastic shapes of the objects in the deep sky. You’ll learn how these objects formed and why they glow in colorful shades of red, green and blue. Together we’ll explore how light that has traveled millions of years to get to Earth is visualized and processed, revealing the hidden beauty in the wonderful Arizona night skies. Images taken at the Hidden Skies Observatory, right here in Sierra Vista, form the basis for this presentation and will be available for purchase after the lecture.

Congo, with David Tannenbaum
The setting for Conrad’s Heart of Darkness, a jungle pulsing with the flow of Africa’s greatest river. Once The Kongo Kingdom, then The Belgian Congo, Zaire and now The Democratic Republic of the Congo. This vast land of riches and diversity is better known for hardship: Colonialization, dictatorship, war, AIDS, Ebola. Yet its people display such great resilience, creativity and humor, such joie de vivre. And they make some of the best music and beer in Africa! A review of the country’s history and a firsthand account of its situation today.

In His Own Words: George Bird Grinnell, the Father of Glacier National Park with George Bird Grinnell
Experience the daily successes and disappointments of George Bird Grinnell as he and his small band of explorers rode through, waded in, and climbed the mountains, glaciers and rivers which he named and recorded in his daily journals while exploring a unique portion of the Rocky Mountains in northwest Montana. This history program is presented in costume and first-person using Bird Grinnell’s journals, published articles and correspondence between 1885 and 1898 by Hugh Grinnell, a distant cousin. Hugh is a published author who presents an overview of his book, In His Own Words: George Bird Grinnell, The Father of Glacier National Park. You are encouraged to wear hiking boots and parkas and join the members of the exploring parties in their daily activities. More than one hundred 19th Century photographs and a dozen different voices make this program a living history. Book-signing follows the presentation.

Participants who need special accommodations will need to contact the Disability Service Office at 520-515-5337 or 520-414-4023 at least 72 hours in advance of the lecture.