

June 11:

THROUGH THE EYES OF AN ANTHROPOLOGIST

Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor

Have you ever wondered why Hindus worship cows or why some religions refuse to eat pork? Did you know that the Hagahai of New Guinea skin their dead or that the Yanomamo of Brazil are in a constant state of warfare? Take an armchair tour around the world with Lynne Richardson as she shares fun and fascinating facts about other cultures and some of the theories for why people do what they do. She will also discuss some of the practices that cross all cultures, which lie at the heart of what it means to be human.



June 25

The Secretive Lives of Scorpions

William Hayes (or his research associate)
from Loma Linda University

Loathed by many and loved by a few, scorpions are best known for their capacity to deliver a very painful, and sometimes deadly, sting. Southern California hosts a number of scorpion species that are highly adapted to survive in a hostile desert environment. Among the many adaptations that contribute to their success, recent studies suggest that they are capable of making some pretty impressive decisions.



This lecture is in conjunction with the museum's "SCORPIONS!" exhibit.

July 9

Geology of Joshua Tree National Park

D.D. Trent, Professor Emeritus, Department of Geology, Citrus College

This lecture explores the geology and evolution of the Joshua Tree National Park landscape. D.D. Trent will talk about plate tectonics, regional geology, and seismic activity that continues to shape this remarkable desert setting.



JULY 23

DESERT THUNDERSTORMS
RAY YEAGER

THIS LECTURE WILL EXPLORE BASIC FACTS ABOUT OUR LOCAL CLIMATE, HOW CLOUDS AND RAIN ARE FORMED AND THE CAUSE AND EFFECT OF SUMMER WEATHER THAT INCLUDES THE FORMATION OF THUNDERSTORMS IN OUR LOCAL DESERTS AND MOUNTAINS.



August 13

Roommates

Stefanie Ritter, Museum Biologist

Are you still under the impression that you know everybody who lives in your house? Stefanie Ritter will introduce you to your unknown roommates. Besides Fido the dog, there are several families of four, six, and eight legged creatures as well as an endless variety of adorable microscopic residents that appreciate your hospitality without sharing the rent.



AUGUST 27

STONES FROM THE SKY
MICHAEL COLLIER

Arizona physician Michael Collier spends every other week combining geology, photography and aeronautics, in a three-decade quest to tell the earth's "stories" with aerial images.

Collier's work is recognized for both artistic and scientific values.



This lecture is in conjunction with the museum's "Stones from the Sky" exhibit.