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“First Tuesday” Lecture Series Brings Noted Speakers to Museum

Jackson, Miss. – The next Mississippi Museum of Natural Science monthly lecture brings Timothy J. Schauwecker, Ph. D. to Jackson. The series continues with experts in bats and snakes.

- **“Historical Ecology of Forest and Grasslands in Mississippi”** (April 1, Noon - 1:00 PM): Join Timothy J. Schauwecker, Ph. D., Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Mississippi State University for a discussion of how 19th century land surveys, conducted following land treaty settlements with indigenous tribes in Mississippi, help us to identify forest and grassland characteristics and use contemporary reference sites to understand landscape variation over the last 200 years.
- **“BATS: a Fly by Night Affair”** (May 6, Noon - 1:00 PM): Join Chester Martin, Research Emeritus, Environmental Laboratory, U.S. Army Engineer Research & Development Center, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, for an overview of the biology, life history, ecology, and management of bats, emphasizing species native to Mississippi.
- **“Snake Day: Mississippi Style”** (June 3, Lectures at 10am - 11am and Noon - 1pm): Join Terry Majure, Aquarium Coordinator, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science from 10am - 11am and Noon - 1pm for two lectures. **Live Mississippi snakes will be on exhibit from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.** and experts will be available to answer questions

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about Mississippi snakes. Biologist Terry Majure will provide accurate natural history information on native snakes and their valuable place in the ecosystem. Learn to identify venomous and non-venomous snakes.

- Museum members admitted free; otherwise regular Museum admission fees apply.
- Complete your visit by exploring the Museum's permanent collections, temporary exhibit, aquariums, nature trails and picnic areas.
- The museum is located at 2148 Riverside Drive within LeFleur's Bluff State Park. Call 601.354.7303 or visit ww.msnaturalscience.org for details.



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