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Museum Workdays & Noon Seminar Topics
2026 Schedule*

DATE	Speaker-Topic
January 10 Seminar:	Museum Workday
February 7 Seminar:	Paul Castrovillo, PhD — <i>“We Know Insects Are Important-How Can We Convince Everyone Else?”</i>
March 7 Seminar:	Nate Carpenter — <i>“Biotic Changes in Late Miocene Western Snake River Plain and Vicinity: Associated flora and fauna during the Homerian-Clamgulchian transition</i>
April 4 Seminar:	Luc Leblanc with Armando Falcon — <i>“Big state small budget: Documenting Idaho insect diversity at the Barr Entomological Museum.”</i>
May 2 Seminar:	Carolyn Bridges — <i>“Changing U.S. vaccine recommendations. Influenza vaccine example of differences in evaluating the strength of evidence.”</i>
June 6 Seminar:	Michael Mancuso — <i>“Made in Idaho - Plant Species Found in Idaho and Nowhere Else in the World.”</i>
July 11 Seminar:	Paul Castrovillo, PhD — <i>“Paul’s Idaho Butterfly Update—followed by Butterfly ID workshop.”</i>
August 1 Seminar:	Stephanie Galla — <i>“Using genomics to characterize avian adaptive capacity and manage resilience in changing world.”</i> We would cover how genetic tools can be used to inform conservation and management.”
September 12 Seminar:	Barbara Ertter, PhD — <i>“A Botanical Web of Idaho Women Scientists.”</i>
October 3 Seminar:	L.J. Krumenacker, PhD — TBD -- <i>“Fossils from the east side of the state.”</i>
November 7 Seminar:	Eric Yensen, PhD — <i>“The Ecology of Disturbance.”</i>
December 5 Seminar:	TBD

***Held in Boone 103 at noon, bring your lunch**

One day each month, we hold a Museum Workday when we are open to the public. Members of the public are invited to visit the Museum and are welcome to work with our staff on a variety of projects. There's something to interest everyone! Workdays are normally the first Saturday of each month but are moved to the second Saturday if the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend. We break from noon until ~1 :30PM for a lunch-time seminar which is also open to the public. Bring your lunch and enjoy the seminar!