

LECTURE TOURS IN JUNE, DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Tours of exhibits, under the guidance of staff lecturers, are conducted every afternoon at 2 o'clock, except Sundays and certain holidays. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, general tours are given covering all departments. Special subjects are offered on Wednesdays and Fridays. A schedule of these follows:

Fri., June 1—Strange Sea Animals. Illustrated introduction in Meeting Room (Lorain Farmer).

Wed., June 6—Lands of Perpetual Summer: The Tropics (Anne Stromquist).

Fri., June 8—Toys: Playthings from Aleut to Zuni. Illustrated introduction in Meeting Room (Harriet Smith).

Wed., June 13—Strange Ancient Customs (June Buchwald).

Fri., June 15—The World's Gardens: Domesticated Plants. Illustrated introduction in Meeting Room (Miriam Wood).

Wed., June 20—What to Wear: Unusual Materials Used in Clothing (Marie Svoboda).

Fri., June 22—Other Worlds: The Solar System. Illustrated introduction in Meeting Room (Anne Stromquist).

Wed., June 27—Fragrant Plants: Perfumes, Spices, Incense (Miriam Wood).

Fri., June 29—Wisdom of the Wild: Special Habits of Animals. Illustrated introduction in Meeting Room (Jane Sharpe).

STAFF NOTES

Dr. B. E. Dahlgren, Curator Emeritus of Botany, has returned to the Museum after a four-month expedition to Cuba, where he collected palms and other plants. . . . Dr. Theodor Just, Chief Curator of Botany, will leave in June on a field trip to collect fossil plants in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, other parts of the Southwest, and California. Toward the end of the month he will join Karl P. Schmidt, Chief Curator of Zoology, at the meetings of the Society for the Study of Evolution to be held in Berkeley, California. Before leaving on this trip, Dr. Just attended the annual meeting of the Division of Geology and Geography of the National Research Council in Washington, D.C. . . . Dr. Sharat K. Roy, Chief Curator of Geology, currently a member of the Museum's project in El Salvador, has been granted permission by the Salvadorean government to conduct research in areas recently ravaged by an earthquake. . . . Dr. Rainer Zangerl, Curator of Fossil Reptiles, will accompany Professor Bernhard Peyer, Director of the Zoological Museum, University of Zurich,

Switzerland, on a trip to a number of famous vertebrate fossil localities in South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada. Dr. Zangerl will spend a few days at the paleontological laboratories of the University of California at Berkeley.

LAYMAN LECTURER TOPS PAST SUCCESSES

Returning to the Museum after an absence of two years to present his eleventh season of Sunday afternoon layman lectures, Paul G. Dallwig scored his greatest success as the Layman Lecturer during the 1950-51 season. During the five months in which he lectured, with a different subject each month, requests for reservations ranged from 1,500 to 2,200 a month. The type of lecture he presents, part of which involves inspecting exhibits in the Museum's public halls, made it necessary to limit attendance to between 150 and 200 persons. Thus, unfortunately, many who requested reservations could not be accommodated but were placed on the waiting lists, some of which will carry over into the new season beginning next autumn. Those attending the twenty-one regularly scheduled lectures of the season, plus two special ones that took care of some of the overflow requests, numbered 3,466.

As in his past seasons, Mr. Dallwig's Layman Lectures continued to be one of the most popular features ever offered by the Museum, and public response has been most gratifying. Both the Office of the Director and Mr. Dallwig himself have been flooded with letters of appreciation by those who attended these Sunday afternoon events. Many requests are already coming in for reservations for the 1951-52 season.

Mr. Dallwig's subjects during the season just concluded were: "Life—What Is It," "The Caveman Knew His Way Around," "Living Races and Their Way of Life," "Behind the Scenes in Our Museums," and "The Romantic Story of the Diamond."

New Members

The following persons became Museum Members between April 17 and May 15:

Associate Members

LeRoy B. Herbst, Leonard O. Krez

Annual Members

Mrs. Henry Warren Austin, O. H. Banker, A. M. Brown, Mrs. Stanley M. Burrell, Dr. Thadd F. Bush, Richard L. Droege, Conrad R. Emanuelson, Rogers Follansbee, J. T. Georgeson, Prof. John W. E. Glattfeld, J. S. Grasty, Jr., Joseph E. Henry, P. Sveinbjorn Johnson, Marvin B. Joyce, John Juley, Harry F. Keller, W. A. Mayfield, L. A. Miller, H. K. Nickell, Henry C. Nygren, Dr. Leo Oppenheimer, Mrs. Paul Rowan, Leon D. Sayers, Mrs. Charles W. Schonne, Robert T. Sherman, E. H. Teichen, George Von Gehr, Mrs. William Ernest Walker, Edward N. Wentworth.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AT THE MUSEUM

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From the *Annual Report of the Director* for the year 1901:

"*Photography, Illustration, and Printing.*—Each of these divisions reports unusual progress, both as regards equipment and work accomplished. The addition of more floor space to the printing office has made it possible to increase the staff, which was recently done. The employment of an artist in the division of illustration must be noted with satisfaction, being an acquisition which had been much needed."

U. OF C. PRESENTS FOSSILS

Chicago Natural History Museum has recently received the paleobotanical collections of the Walker Museum of the University of Chicago as a gift from that institution. These extensive collections have been assembled during a period of nearly fifty years by expeditions, purchase, and donations from many individuals. They include fossil plants from various geological ages and from many countries. Coal-measure plants, from the Pennsylvanian period, constitute the largest single part of the collections. These will supplement collections of this type already possessed by the Museum. Specimens from other Paleozoic periods, and from the Mesozoic and Cenozoic as well, provide records from ages not heretofore represented in the paleobotanical collections. This gift will permit expanded activity both in exhibition and research in the field of paleobotany.

EVERETT C. OLSON

Research Associate, Fossil Vertebrates

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Following is a list of the principal gifts received during the past month:

Department of Botany:

From: Herbarium, Department of Botany, University of California, Berkeley—140 algae, eastern China; William A. Daily, Indianapolis, Ind.—50 algae, Indiana; R. L. Dunkeson, Willow Springs, Mo.—26 phanerogams, Missouri.

Department of Zoology:

From: Mrs. C. A. Birdsall, Chicago—2 bird-of-paradise skins; Laura Brodie, Chicago—8 sunfishes and 30 top minnows, South Carolina; Harry Hoogstraal, Cairo, Egypt—257 frogs, 447 lizards, 22 snakes, 348 mammals, and 25 fishes, Yemen, Southwest Arabia; Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, Toronto, Canada—2 bird skins, Canada; John G. Shedd Aquarium, Chicago—11 fishes, miscellaneous.



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