

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

natural histories



14 May - 29 September 2013

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Museum of Natural History.

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Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday 12.00-17.00

Saturday 10.00-17.00

Sunday 14.00-17.00

Closed on Mondays

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An exhibition of stunning specimens and curious creatures illuminating the ideas, people and practices that have shaped our understanding of the natural world.

EVENT PROGRAMME

PUBLIC LECTURES

Virtuoso Naturalist

Tuesday 25 June, 7pm

Dr Anna Marie Roos

(University of Lincoln) published her biography of Martin Lister in 2011 as *Web of Nature: Martin Lister (1639-1712), the First Arachnologist*. She will talk about Lister's life and science, and the recent discoveries that she has made about him in Oxford.

Robert Plot and County Natural History

Tuesday 6 August, 7pm

Robert Plot was Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum at its foundation in 1683 and an early exponent of county natural history. That tradition is the focus of the PhD which **David Beck** is currently completing at the University of Warwick.

Pressed for Time: Collecting and Understanding Plants

Tuesday 17 September, 7pm

Dr Stephen Harris discusses human understanding of plants over the past 400 years, through the history of herbaria and collecting. Stephen Harris is Druce Curator of the Oxford University Herbaria and author of *Planting Paradise: Cultivating the Garden, 1501-1900* (2011).

Half a Century and Counting: Population Studies of the Great Tit at Wytham Woods

Thursday 26 September, 7pm

Professor Ben Sheldon,

Director of the Edward Grey Institute, shares the new directions for the study of the great tit at Wytham in the 21st century: social behaviour, genetics, the ecology of disease, and responses to changing environments.

TABLE TALKS

William Smith and the First Geological Maps

Sunday 9 June, 2.30pm

Professor Paul Smith, Director of the Museum of Natural History, shows how Smith's early maps gave insights into the three-dimensional structure of the Earth.

Rogue Traders

Sunday 30 June, 2.30pm

Monica Price, Head of Earth Collections at the Museum of Natural History presents some of the fakes and forgeries from the University's collection of minerals.

The Art and Science of Taxidermy

Sunday 18 August, 2.30pm

Professional taxidermist **Derek Frampton** reveals the techniques, tools and artistry of preparing animal skins for display.

Flying Icons

Sunday 8 September

2.30pm

Kate Santry, Head of Archival collections at the Museum of Natural History, reveals the scientific importance of Jones' *Icones* – an unpublished collection of watercolour butterflies painted by William Jones (1745-1818).

GALLERY TOURS

Selected Saturdays 2pm

29 June /13 July

24 August /14 September

28 September

Curator-led tours of the Natural Histories exhibition.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Object Handling

Every Sunday throughout the exhibition, 2-4pm

Handle natural history objects, from ancient fossils to minerals and mammals. Run by expert volunteers from the Museum of Natural History. Suitable for all ages.

Origami Animals

Friday 2 & Friday 23 August 1-4pm

Make exciting origami animals inspired by the Natural Histories exhibition. Suitable for all aged 7+.

Mysteries of the Natural World

Thursday 29 - Saturday 31 August, 1-4pm

Snakestones or salamanders? Touch, feel and discover curious objects of natural history. Try our tricky quiz! Suitable for ages 6+.

EVENING EVENT

Summer Quiz

Wednesday 17 July, 7pm

Quizzical creatures and all things natural history are the starting point for this year's MHS quiz. As ever, this annual event will have something fun for everyone. Enter a team of three or four, or come along and join a scratch team on the night. Drinks and prizes.



For full information about all events, see www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/naturalhistories