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## 2007 Winter Lecture Series

### **Mission of the Museum**

*The mission of the museum is to present the story of the cultural crossroads of the New World. With a unique confluence of natural history, science, people and environments, the South Texas area has served as a stage for the ongoing discovery of the Americas. Through innovative programs in history, culture, and science, the Museum is committed to enlarging a shared understanding of our history and heritage as well as the impact and importance of science to our lives. By telling this story, the Museum will inspire a thirst for knowledge, context, and understanding.*

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Join us each Tuesday morning during January, February, and March for stimulating lectures of special interest on South Texas. The morning begins with coffee and doughnuts at 10:00, followed by the lecture at 10:30.

The lectures are free with paid admission to the Museum. Members of the Museum are admitted at no charge.

## FEBRUARY

**13th Dr. Roy Lehman**, Texas A & M University—Corpus Christi. *“Saline Tolerant Plants in the Coastal Bend.”*

Plants that are adapted to life in saline conditions are often overlooked and underappreciated. The talk will focus on identification of common plants that survive in these harsh environments, take a look at their adaptations, and compare physical similarities and differences.

**20th Pam Wheat**, *“LaSalle and LaBelle: Teaching Teachers.”*

Who was Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle and how successful was his colonization of Fort St. Louis in Texas? The talk will also discuss the archaeological techniques in recovering artifacts from *La Belle*, and how the story of the La Salle Odyssey is being told in South Texas museums

**27th Jim Moloney**, *“Camp Scurry.”*

Camp Scurry was a national guard era military camp during the Texas-Mexico border incidents of 1916-1917. This presentation shows rare photographs of the 3500 troop encampment which was located south of the city in today's Del Mar neighborhood.

## MARCH

**6th Mary Jo O’Rear**, *“Politics and the Building of the Port.”*

Corpus Christi's battle for ocean-going access was nearly scuttled by progressive politics, poll taxes, and personal feuds. Only the shock and devastation of an unexpected hurricane was able to re-unite the city and secured funding to build the Port of Corpus Christi in 1926. These events were connected with four major Presidents, three Hollywood movies, two national activists, and one Florida scientist.

**13th Dr. Alan Lesoff**, Illinois State University. *“Corpus Christi's Stagnation and Revival, 1970-2005”*

This talk looks at what fueled population growth and the economic revival of Corpus Christi in the last 35 years. During the phase of rapid urbanization in the 1970s-80s known as the "Sunbelt" era, civic and political leaders in Corpus Christi were anxious rather than optimistic about their city's prospects.

**20th Dr. Gregory Buck**, Texas A & M University—Corpus Christi. *“Vibrio Bacteria in the Gulf of Mexico.”*

**27th Dr. Wes Tunnell**, Texas A & M University—Corpus Christi. *“Shells of the Coastal Bend.”*

Texas has over 1,000 species of seashells reported associated with a variety of environments from shallow-water to deep-water in the Gulf of Mexico.