Mini-Lecture Topics

1. Ancient Peoples of our area (e.g., Hohokam, etc.)
2. Ancient animals of our area (e.g., Pleistocene Megafauna such as the Giant Sloth, etc.)
3. Geological stories (e.g., Grand Canyon, Chiricahuas, Death Valley, etc.)
4. Using tree rings to learn about our past
5. Using packrat middens to learn about our past
6. Birth of the Sonoran Desert
7. Biotic “Life Zone” Communities of the local Mountains
8. Sky Island Importance
9. Riparian Habitat importance
10. Threats to our area (e.g., global warming, groundwater mining, etc.)
11. Endangered Species in our area
12. Introduced Species in the area
13. Protecting our resources: Arizona Game and Fish Department, National Park Service, etc.
14. Captive Breeding and Reintroductions
15. Greatest natural areas to visit for natural history (National Parks, National Monuments, Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, Nature Conservancy Preserves, etc.) -- geology, plants, and animals.
16. Greatest attractions to visit for natural history (Botanical Gardens, Museums, etc)
17. Current Native Peoples of our area
18. Greatest natural historians of our area
19. The story of our native fish
20. Bats of our area
21. Edible plants of our area
22. Pollinators of our area
23. Extreme adaptation examples
24. Why isn’t the javelina a pig? And other natural history gee whiz topics
25. How to survive lightening, flash floods, heat stress, water stress?
26. A quick tour of the best southwest natural history books
27. A quick tour of the best southwest natural history websites
28. How to take perfect natural history pictures
29. Other