

University of Michigan Detroit Observatory



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Creation of the University's Museums: Ornithologist J.B. Steere's 1870 Worldwide Expedition



Thomas E. Moore

Professor Emeritus of Biology
and Curator of Zoology

**3 p.m. Tuesday
December 10**

in the Observatory Library
(limit 40 people)

Dr. Moore traces the evolution of museums on the UM campus, and chronicles J.B. Steere's expeditions to the Amazon and around the world. On his adventurous journeys, Steere tested Darwin's then new evolutionary theories, as no one before or after has done. The more than 20,000 biological, geological, and cultural specimens collected in 1870-1875 made Michigan internationally prominent. His collections, shipped to Ann Arbor, formed the basis for the University's (and U.S. public universities') first natural history museum, constructed in 1881.

Lecture Series

The Detroit Observatory's monthly Lecture Series features faculty and other professionals speaking on topics that heighten our understanding of 19th-century science, technology and culture. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Open for Tours

The newly restored 1854 Detroit Observatory and its museum will be open from 2-5 p.m. on December 4th and 11th. A \$5.00 donation is suggested for admission; UM students free.

For further information

For details please call 763-2230, or visit www.DetroitObservatory.umich.edu.

Upcoming Winter 2003 Lectures

■ **Jana Nidiffer**
Assistant Professor of Education
3 p.m. Tuesday, January 21

Pioneering Deans of Women: More Than Wise and Pious Matrons

■ **Marsha Ackermann**
Lecturer in History,
Eastern Michigan University
7 p.m. Tuesday, February 18

Michigan's Weather Man: The Triumphs and Tragedy of Mark Walrod Harrington

Fall 2002 Lecture Series