

## Winter Lecture Series in Elizabeth

Planetary Studies Foundation invites the public to a lecture series on alternate Saturdays in January to March 2010. Topics will range from history to meteorite science to avian ecology. Lectures will be held at 1 PM at the historic Banwarth House, 408 E. Sycamore St., Elizabeth, IL (Behind Law & Jones Funeral Home). Refreshments will be served. Speakers will include Diane and Paul Sipiera of Planetary Studies Foundation (PSF) and Dan Wenny of PSF and Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation. Come with questions!

Jan. 9 – History of the Banwarth House – Learn about the physical and historical preservation of this 1876 house. The Banwarths were prominent owners of a blacksmith shop, buggy/wagon shop, furniture/mercantile store and funeral home. (Diane Sipiera)



January 23 – Ecosystem Services by Birds – What do birds do in ecosystems and why are they important? Learn about the ecological roles birds fill, cultural significance of birds, and economics of bird conservation. (Dan Wenny)

February 13- How to Recognize a Meteorite from a “Meteorwrong”. Presentation on the scientific importance of meteorites. View meteorites and compare. If you think you may have a meteorite, bring it in. (Paul Sipiera)



February 27 – Spinning Wheel, Round and Round  
Preserving the past art form of spinning wool. Observe the instructor explain the steps in spinning and the process of getting the wool. (Jolene Foat)



March 13 - Hot Rock on Blue Ice  
(Paul Sipiera)



The search for meteorites in Antarctica. (Paul Sipiera)



March 27 – Bird Migration – Learn the who, how, where and why of avian migration. (Dan Wenny)

The Planetary Studies Foundation is a local non profit with headquarters in Elizabeth. The mission of PSF is to promote the study of planetary science and astronomy with emphasis on meteorites; and to sponsor, encourage, and assist in the physical, astronomical, earth and environmental sciences so as to broaden our knowledge of all phases of the universe. For more information and seating reservations, call 815.858.2014, or online at [www.planets.org](http://www.planets.org).

