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*I hope you have been enjoying the holidays. Our first meeting for the New Year will be on Wednesday, 10 January at the Harn Museum. I*



**Jane Brockmann**

*the*  
**President's  
Message**

*hope you will be able to join us for what will be an outstanding talk by my colleague from the Florida Museum of Natural History, Dr. Pam Soltis, She will be talking about her research on plant biodiversity and the tree of life.*

*President-elect, David Sammons has arranged another great list of speakers for our weekly lectures this spring. The topics are diverse and certain to be very interesting.*

*A lot of people are involved in our weekly RFUF meetings and I want to thank them for their efforts: Richard Pettway, the Past President; David Sammons, the President-elect; Ken Gerhardt, the treasurer; and Ofelia Schutte, the secretary. Gene Dunnam, Kathy Ewel, Chuck Frazier, Satya Kalra, Jon Reiskind and Terry McCoy make up the Board of Directors. Robin Poynor is the membership chair; Roy Bolduc puts the Newsletters together and sends out the weekly announcements and John Foltz maintains our database sending out the dues notices. Glenda Eldred coordinates our Wednesday morning socials and Lou Schilling brings the snacks. Vicki Tyson, the Harn Museum and its IT staff host our meetings each week and make sure the presentations run smoothly. We also thank the Campus USA Credit Union for their very generous donation.*

*Our spring luncheon will be held at the Village Retirement Community (near Santa Fe College) on Wednesday, April 11 at 11 AM. We will send out invitations for this event in March. Meanwhile, please join us each Wednesday at 9:30 for coffee and snacks at the Harn Museum (first spring meeting is 10 January 2018).*



**RFUF PROGRAMS - SPRING SEMESTER 2018**  
 All programs at the Harn Museum of Art  
 Coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Talks begin at 10:00 a.m.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title of Talk</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>The Importance of Biodiversity for Life on Earth</b>	<b>Pamela Soltis</b> <i>Director, UF Biodiversity Institute</i>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Gender and Agriculture: Why Does It Matter?</b>	<b>Kathy Colverson</b> <i>IFAS – International Programs</i>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Challenges in Designing and Building Joseph Hernandez Hall: The New Chemistry/Chemical Biology Building</b>	<b>Lou Schilling</b> <i>Architect and retired Project Manager, UFPPD</i>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>Risks and Benefits of Genetic Engineering (GMOs)</b>	<b>Kevin Folta</b> <i>Chair, IFAS Horticulture</i>
<b>February 7</b>	<b>The Growing Demand and Critical Need for Animal Source Foods in the Developing World</b>	<b>Adegbola Adesogan</b> <i>Director, Livestock Systems Innovation Lab</i>
<b>February 14</b>	<b>The Challenges and Rewards of Policing on a University Campus</b>	<b>Sergeant Timothy Peck</b> <i>UF Police Department</i>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Alzheimer’s Disease: Scientific Progress and an Uncertain Future</b>	<b>Steven DeKosky</b> <i>Deputy Director, McKnight Brain Institute</i>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>Reaching the Health Needs of our Homeless and Poor Neighbors &amp; the Current State of Federal and Local Programs: The Helping Hands Medical Clinic</b>	<b>Brendan Shortley</b> <i>Director, Helping Hands Medical Clinic</i>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>No meeting – Spring Break</b>	
<b>March 14</b>	<b>The Importance of Archaeology in the Study of Chinese Art</b>	<b>Guolong Lai</b> <i>UF College of the Arts</i>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>The Harn: Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where are We Going?</b>	<b>Rebecca Nagy</b> <i>Director, The Harn Museum of Fine Arts</i>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>The Peace Corps: Then and Now</b>	<b>Breton Homewood</b> <i>UF International Center</i>
<b>April 4</b>	<b>Do You Hear What I Hear?</b>	<b>Alice Holmes</b> <i>UF Speech and Hearing Sc</i>

**April 11**

**“Demythologizing Immigration”**

**Richard MacMaster**