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GREATER ZION COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES MOVES INTO NEW YEAR

The boards of three local nonprofit organizations are pleased to announce the January Greater Zion Community Lecture. This month's lecture series will be held on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Dixie State University's Science Building, room 115.

Dr. Marius van der Merwe, a professor of Biological Sciences at Dixie State University, has become interested in the ecology of cliffs, and more specifically, the ecology of cliff-dwelling lichens. He will present on the following topic:

Lichens: The Power of Partnership

Since lichens are all about two unrelated organisms cooperating with one another, the presentation will start off by discussing the key role that symbiotic relationships have played in the origin and history of complex life. He will then describe lichens and their biology and use lichens as a prime example of organisms in a modern symbiotic relationship of mutualism.

All interested community members are invited to attend this free lecture.