

# Temple Grandin to speak at Phoenix Zoo

Temple Grandin will be speaking at the Phoenix Zoo on June 1, 2006 from 7pm to 9 pm, as part of their Explorer's Club series.

Tickets are \$20 for non-members, and \$18 for members. Tickets are available at [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org), or by calling: 602-914-4333

Title: "Autism, Animals and Reforming the Beef Industry."

The Phoenix Zoo proudly presents the Explorer's Club Lecture Series, an event featuring amazing travel, awe-inspiring archeology, nature's rage, remote civilizations and many more true-life explorations! Our scientists will share their captivating stories of their wildlife adventures with you!

Please join us on June 1, 2006 for our next Explorer's Club Lecture Series featuring, Dr. Temple Grandin. Her lecture, "Autism, Animals and Reforming the Beef Industry" will take place at the Stone House Pavilion at 7 pm.

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is inarguably the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. She has been featured on major television programs, such as "ABC's Primetime Live", the "Today Show", and "48 Hours" and written up in national publications, such as Time magazine, People magazine, and the New York Times. Among numerous other recognitions by media, Bravo Cable did a half-hour show on her life, and she was one of the "challenged" people featured in the best-selling book, Anthropologist from Mars.

A towering figure for our times, Dr. Grandin has devoted the last 30 years to studying animals and making their lives better. She is a sought-after speaker on autism and animal rights, and is considered one of the world's leading academic theoreticians in her field.

Dr. Grandin didn't talk until she was three and a half years old, communicating her frustration instead by screaming, peeping and humming. In 1950, she was labeled "autistic," and her parents were told she should be institutionalized. She tells her story of "groping her way from the far side of darkness" in her book Emergence: Labeled Autistic, a book which stunned the world because, until its publication, most professionals and parents assumed being diagnosed "autistic" was virtually a death sentence to achievement or productivity in life.

Dr. Grandin found a mentor, who recognized her interests and abilities, which she later expanded into becoming a successful livestock handling equipment designer, one of very few in the world. She has designed the facilities in which half the cattle are handled in the United States, consulting for firms such as Burger King, McDonald's, Swift and others.

She presently works as an Associate Professor at Colorado State University but also speaks around the world on both autism and cattle handling.

Dr. Grandin's current best seller is Animals in Translation. She also authored the best seller - Thinking in Pictures and Other Reports From My Life With Autism and produced videos - "Visual Thinking," "Sensory," "Careers" and "Medications" VHS; and Dr. Temple Grandin (DVD), which can be obtained from Future Horizons. At every Future Horizons' conference on autism, the audience rates her presentation as 10++; her books have drawn equally-superlative reviews. Dr. Grandin has redefined society's perception of what is possible for autistics.