

MICROZOOKEEPING: CONFESSIONS OF A FRASS SCOOPER

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Insect Zoos represent one of the major nexuses between the technical work of entomologists and the popular attitudes of the general public. Live insect exhibits have the potential to positively affect the attitudes of a great many people. However, operating a public, year-round insect exhibit involves many challenges. Appropriate species must be chosen and acquired. Rearing protocols must be developed. Stimulating displays must be designed and maintained. This paper will examine some of the day-to-day challenges, opportunities and foibles that have been encountered at the San Francisco Insect Zoo.