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IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I write to you today to let you know that our dear friend Jack Elliott has passed away. Jack was a Guide Captain on the Friday PM shift in Space Odyssey and started when the exhibit opened in 2003 though he stopped volunteering in the last few years due to his health.

Jack was an amazing fellow in so many ways and will be dearly missed. He started volunteering here almost thirty years ago at the Museum working on the landmark Ramses exhibit among others.

His wife Betty is still with us and I spoke with his son Kevin today and will be giving him Jack's Space Odyssey uniform. I will not be able to make it to Jack's service as I'll be out of town, but for those who would like to attend, please see below for details. Please feel free to share this information with others who might have known him.

If you'd like to sign a card for Betty and the family, I've left several on my desk and will mail them when I return to work on June 22.

Jack's Memorial Service Information:

Tuesday June 16th with a gathering and visitation from Noon until 1:00 with the Memorial Service starting at 1:00pm. Location is Eisenhower Chapel at 293 Roslyn St., Denver, CO.

MY SCHEDULE

I'll be on vacation next week, June 15 thru June 21. There will be several Volunteer Services staff available to support you while I'm out:

Monday: Karla Zelvis

Tuesday: Karla Zelvis

Wednesday: Lindsey Young

Thursday: Wes Jones

Friday: Wes Jones

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2015 Space Odyssey Volunteer Recognition Event this past Monday! It was a real pleasure to host you all and show you our appreciation for everything you do for DMNS, Space Odyssey and our guests. For those who couldn't make it, I hope you can join us next year, and thanks to you too for everything you do!

MORE KUDOS

Thanks so much to everyone who came and helped out for the Member Open House Thursday night! And thanks to everyone who's coming in this weekend to help in SO!

GRAVITY WELL CLICKER MISSING

The small, black remote that is used to change slides for the Gravity Well is missing. If you have it, please let me know and return it from whence it came. And please do check your pockets when leaving the exhibit to ensure you're not taking "a piece" of the exhibit home with you. Thank you!

GRAVITY WELL FIXED

The Gravity Well demo incurred some damage when someone forcibly stowed it

JUNE 13-14 WEEKEND VOLUNTEERING INFO

If you are planning on coming in to volunteer this weekend, please read the important information below:

1. This weekend, June 13 and 14, the Museum will host the [Denver Mini Maker Faire](#), a multigenerational festival to make, create, learn, invent, craft, hack, recycle, build, think, play, and be inspired. It will no doubt bring many extra guests to the Museum, as will the rainy weather they are calling for. Please do check it out if you are so inclined.
2. Parking onsite could be very challenging, so we are providing a parking shuttle especially for you all this weekend. If you want to ride it, park at the [main East High parking lot](#) and take the shuttle to the Museum. The shuttle departs from the parking

lot, located off 16th Street just East of Josephine, starting at 6:30am with departures at :00 and :30 each hour. It departs from the Museum, marked by a sign near the [North loading dock](#), at :15 and :45 each hour until 5:45pm. The driver takes a break from 11:30-12:00 and from 3:00-3:30.

- Also due to the Mini Maker Faire taking place, the planetarium will not be running any of the normal shows the entire weekend.

Thanks much for helping out all!

I realize that events like this are a double-edged sword in that it brings crowds, as well as something new and interesting but also creates logistical challenges. I really appreciate your patience and support. If you have any comments or questions, please do let me know.

SUMMER SHOW SCHEDULE CHANGE IN SPACE ODYSSEY

To better serve our summertime guests, including summer camps, we are changing the regular schedule in SO for the summer. The main thing to note is the astronaut times will now be at 11:15am and 3:00p 7 days a week, except for special requests from summer camp, see the schedule below for more information.

Please let Samantha, Naomi or myself know if you have any questions. Thanks!

The updated SO regular schedule for the summer is:

	Person 1	Person 2
9:30	MP meeting	MP meeting
9:45	Admin	Admin
10:00	Check in with volunteers	Check in with volunteers
10:15		
10:30	Show or Facilitation	Show or Facilitation
10:45	break	break
11:00	prep for AOS	prep for AOS
11:15		
11:30	AOS	AOS
11:45	breakdown AOS	breakdown AOS
12:00		
12:15	lunch 1	Show or Facilitation

12:30		
12:45	Cosmic Cruisin	Cosmic Cruisin
1:00	Check in with volunteers	
1:15		lunch 2
1:30	Show or Facilitation	
1:45	break	Show or Facilitation
2:00		
2:15	Show or Facilitation	Show or Facilitation
2:30	Show or Facilitation	break
2:45	prep for AOS	prep for AOS
3:00		
3:15	AOS	AOS
3:30	breakdown AOS	breakdown AOS
3:45		
4:00	Show or Facilitation	Show or Facilitation
4:15	Admin	Admin

Special staff shows for summer camps:

Day of Week	Date	Shows	(yellow indicates requested by camp)		
Monday	6/8	11:00 AOS	12:30p Cruisin	1:30p AOS	
Tuesday	6/9	10:00 Galileo	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 AOS
Wednesday	6/10	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	3:00 AOS	
Thursday	6/11	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	2:00 Art Station	3:00 AOS
Monday	6/15	10:00 Galileo	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	3:00 AOS
Thursday	6/18	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 Superchill	3:00 AOS
Friday	6/19	10:30 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 AOS	
Monday	7/6	11:00 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 Galileo	3:00 AOS
Tuesday	7/7	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 AOS	

Wednesday	7/8	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	3:00 AOS	
Thursday	7/9	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	2:00 Art Station	3:00 AOS
Friday	7/10	10:15 Vacuum	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	3:00 AOS
Monday	7/13	10:00 Galileo	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	3:00 AOS
Thursday	7/16	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 Superchill	3:00 AOS
Friday	7/17	10:00 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 AOS	
Monday	7/27	11:00 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 Galileo	2:30 AOS
Tuesday	7/28	10:00 Galileo	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	1:30 AOS
Wednesday	7/29	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	3:00 AOS	
Thursday	7/30	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	2:00 Art Station	3:00 AOS
Monday	8/3	10:00 Galileo	11:15 AOS	12:30 Cruisin	3:00 AOS
FRIDAY	8/7	10:30 AOS	11:30 Vacuum	12:30 Cruisin	1:45 AOS

SUMMER PARKING SHUTTLE BEGINS RUNNING ON JUNE 8

- We have reserved the parking lot at East High School beginning Monday, June 8th.
- We will operate a shuttle to and from East High, Monday through Friday from June 8th through Aug 23rd. The shuttle will pick-up at the East High lot on the hour (:00) and half hour (:30) starting at 6:30am. It will leave from the Museum on the (:15) and (:45) with the last shuttle leaving the Museum at 5:45pm. The shuttle driver stakes a break from 11:30am-12:00pm and from 3:00pm-3:30pm.
- Museum drop-off/pick-up location is on the road just to the East of the loading dock (there will be signs) North of the Museum.
- If you don't want to take the shuttle, it is about a 25 minute walk from the lot to the Museum.
- The only designated off-site lot for the summer is East High. Please don't park in the neighborhoods.

SPACE ODYSSEY AND SCIENCE ON A SPHERE FEATURED ON CBS

The Museum will be featured in a CBS4 special on Climate Change on Saturday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m. Please set your recording devices and/or watch it if you can!

All five members of the CBS4 weather team, two photographers and a producer were here this morning to film segments for the show in Space Odyssey, Discovery Zone and along the Ancient Denvers hallway outside of Prehistoric Journey.

ORBITS TABLE

...is back in action, thanks to Greg Mancari!

SOS SLIDESHOW

Kim Evans is working on getting the slide show up and running. With 500+ slides, it may take a bit.

RECENTLY ADDED SCIENCE ON A SPHERE DATASETS

<http://sos.noaa.gov/Datasets/list.php?category=All&type=&sort=DateAdded&order=DESC>

Our system is updated by NOAA with the latest, greatest stuff every Monday for your viewing pleasure, though occasionally, the latest datasets aren't available right away. If you encounter an issue, let me know.

PLUTO TIME PICS

Larry Stearns took his "Pluto time" pic here at DMNS, see below. If you have one, send it in to share if you like. Want to experience "Pluto time?" [Click here.](#)



NASA CLIMATE UPDATE

<http://climate.nasa.gov/news/>

PLUTO NEWS

<http://pluto.jhuapl.edu/>

THIS WEEK'S COOL STUFF ON THE WEB:

Here's a good program about New Horizons mission...

[Click here](#)

The book "The Martian" debuts in theaters this Fall...

[Click here](#)

Watch an interview with "The Martian" author Adam Savage...

[Click here](#)

SCFD COMMUNITY FREE DAY CALENDAR

The Museum is offering 12 Community Free Days in 2015, made possible by the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. As part of the Museum's agreement to receive funds from SCFD, which account for a significant portion of the Museum's operating budget, the Museum offers "community free days" throughout the year to allow those who can't afford admission the privilege to visit DMNS. Below are the dates for the 2015 free days. To learn more about SCFD, [click here](#).

- Monday, June 29
- Sunday, July 26
- Monday, August 17
- Sunday, September 27
- Monday, October 19
- Monday, November 9

trainings and meetings

MISCONCEPTIONS IN ASTRONOMY TRAINING

Monday July 20

6:30 PM to 8 PM

Food and drink provided

RSVP to Dave Blumenstock

As you may know, our guests and the public at large, may have misconceptions about the workings of celestial mechanics such as the changing seasons. Dr. Ka Chun Yu, Curator of Space Science DMNS, will be presenting this evening. For many years, he has been researching how people learn and conceive of astronomical concepts and we hope this training will help you understand where our guests are coming from as well as some common misconceptions held by the public.

space science lectures & events

SUMMER SCI-FI FILM SERIES

[Click here to learn more and buy tickets.](#)

60 MINUTES IN SPACE

Wednesday June 24

7 PM

FREE

Go "behind the stories" in space science using the best images and animation available to help understand new developments. Seating is limited to first come, first served. Please use the Evening entrance on the west side of the Museum.

The next 60 Minutes in Space will be July 29.

RESERVATION INFO

Volunteers have the opportunity to attend most After Hours programs priced at the \$8 member/ \$10 nonmember rate for free on a space-available basis! Volunteers always receive the member rate for all other Adult Programs. As of May 12, please call Guest Services at 303.370.6000 to make a reservation.

Guest Services is open daily, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Admission to 60 Minutes in Space is free and is on a first come, first seated basis.

On the evening of the program, please enter through the same entrance as our guests and pick up your ticket from the will-call cashier. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for Adult Programs!

museum news and events

LEGO EXHIBIT JUNE 15 TO JUNE 20

Similar to last year, there will be a display of LEGO art located in the space under the Annual Donor sign in the NE Atrium (to the right of the coffee cart). The 2015 LEGO "Building Community Block by Block" will be **on display from Monday, June 15 through Saturday morning, June 20.**

A quick overview of this project (for your own information, and in the event your staff/volunteers get guest questions) :

This display is a project hosted by Voices on Canvas, a not-for-profit group that brings people together through the medium of art as they explore social equity/ justice and community identity. This particular project had youth reflect on what makes a great community, resulting in the planning of a virtual city over four weeks. They then

collaboratively assemble the blocks into this LEGO exhibit. The 2015 theme is "Tiny House Zoning Updates and Transportation" and has an intense focus on creativity with visualization.

GARAGE WORK NEXT WEEK

We will be working on the Parking Garage ramp based on the following schedule (weather permitting):

Friday, June 19th at 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM

Saturday, June 20th at 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM

Sunday, June 21st at 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM (if necessary)

During this timeframe, the lower levels of the Parking Garage **will not** be accessible by vehicle. If you need to be here for an after-hours event, please park or move your vehicle to the surface for the evenings of these three days.

DENVER MINI MAKER FAIRE AT DMNS JUNE 13-14

[Click here for more information.](#)

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[Click here for Gates Planetarium Daily Show Schedule](#)

[Click here for Museum IMAX information](#)

volunteer enrichment committee

Click here for more information about VEC events:

<http://volunteers.dmns.org/events/>

Or see the bulletin board in the Volunteer Lounge for more info.

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