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HAIL AND GREETINGS

Hello All! I hope you all had wonderful holidays and a Happy New Year. I'm back at work and am looking forward to reconnecting with everyone. Thanks so much for all your great work while I was out of town. If you have any questions, comments, issues, or suggestions, please feel free to email me, call me or drop by my office. Am looking forward to a fantastic 2016 with you all and Space Odyssey!

KUDOS: HOLIDAY HELP

Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered over the holidays!

NEXT SCFD FREE DAY: JANUARY 25

SPACE ODYSSEY AUDIT UPDATE

After months of work, a survey tool was created by our internal Audience Insights team that is being used to evaluate Space Odyssey and all of its shows and exhibit components. Staff and volunteers are completing these surveys as I type. They will be compiled over the next several weeks. Thanks to everyone for supporting all the work around the audit process. I'll be giving you further updates on the audit as they arise.

FIRST ROBOTICS KICKOFF EVENT JANUARY 9 AT DMNS

Since we will be having the Robotics exhibit at the museum this spring, Phil Gold, Wed. PM volunteer, thought he'd send out a note that several hundred excited high school students will be at the museum this Saturday, Jan. 9 in the IMAX & Ricketson

(overflow) theaters to participate in the 2016 FIRST Robotics FRC kickoff. The time of the kickoff (a worldwide video presentation) is 8:30 am, but the event in IMAX will start earlier (8:20). The students will find out at that time what the robot they have six weeks to build must do, which usually is some kind of competitive sport-like event.

If you want to view the presentation at home, the website for the presentation is scheduled to be at

<http://corporate.comcast.com/news-information/news-feed/2016-first-robotics-competition-kickoff>

Most teams (around 40) participating in the Colorado Regional Competition (end of March at DU) will be there along with their individual team sponsors and mentors (Phil is one himself) and the Colorado coordinator.

DID YOU KNOW?

"The north and south building and atrium additions [to DMNS] in 1987 introduced a new era. The expansive spaces accommodated the enormous temporary exhibition Ramses II: The Great Pharaoh and His Time. The exhibition attracted 900,000 guests. This success brought about another unexpected outcome. Although volunteers had always been central to the Museum's day-to-day operations, more than 1,000 new ones were recruited to work in Ramses. To this day, the Museum continues to have one of the largest museum volunteer corps in the country."--From the DMNS Volunteer Handbook

MARS ROVER EXHIBIT MONITORS

The monitors that were at the Planetarium stage both had problems. We ordered new ones, but one arrived with a cracked screen. We are waiting for a replacement. Both should be up and running within a few days after the replacement arrives.

RECENTLY ADDED SCIENCE ON A SPHERE DATASETS

Our system is updated by NOAA with the latest, greatest datasets on a continuous basis. You can also search the NOAA site directly by [clicking here](#).

NASA CLIMATE UPDATE

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

SCFD COMMUNITY FREE DAY CALENDAR

The Museum is offering 12 Community Free Days in 2016, 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 these Free Days throughout the year to allow those who can't afford admission the privilege to visit DMNS. To see the dates for all the Free Days and to learn more about SCFD, [click here](#).

trainings and meetings

MISSION: SUPERCHILL TRAINING

We will be offering a Mission: Superchill Training in the coming month, please keep your eyes peeled for the date and time.

space science lectures & events

60 MINUTES IN SPACE

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 Member entrance on the north side of the Museum.

The next 60 Minutes in space will be on February 24.

Location:
Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:
Wednesday, January 27, 7 p.m.

Tickets:
FREE

DIGITAL EARTH: ISLAND GETAWAY

Leave the winter blues behind and virtually travel with geologist Bob Raynolds and space scientist Ka Chun Yu to special islands around the world.

Using immersive satellite imagery, wander the path of Thor Heyerdahl's voyage on the Kon-Tiki, explore Charles Darwin's concept of atolls, and sense the geopolitical importance of the Spratly Islands. Consider island genesis (some by fire, some by ice), the pleasures of archipelagos, and the issues of sustainability experienced today by dwellers of these island worlds, and Madagascar.

Location:
Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:
Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m.

Tickets:
\$8 member, \$10 nonmember

[Buy Now](#)

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. Please call Guest Services at 303.370.6000 to make a reservation.

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

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!

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ESCALATOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE 2

From James Calder, DMNS Building Services Manager:

After successful installation of our south escalators, we're ready to resume the project and begin construction on the north side.

Construction started January 5, and will be completed the first week of April.

There will be impacts during this phase that we didn't experience before: notably, the "authorized personnel" gate designated for staff and volunteers will not be accessible during construction. ***Please use the Ticket Taker desk when entering and ensure that your badge and nametag are clearly visible. Please DO NOT enter through the exit gate. Any guests should be checked in via Security Subpost or have a ticket and must also enter through the Ticket Taker desk.***

The south escalators will be fully operational and move in the UP direction during construction on the north side. Attached is an FAQ sheet with additional information.

We are committed to minimizing disruption and executing this second phase safely and on-time. Your support for our guests is deeply appreciated and crucial to overall success of the project. As with phase I, project success will be a team accomplishment.

Thank you for your flexibility, patience, and support.

MUSEUM LECTURE AND PROGRAMMING 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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