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MY NEW TRAJECTORY

For those who haven't yet read Jacqueline's letter about this ([click here to read it](#)), my cohort Karla Zelvis and I are trading roles.

Starting on July 1, 2016, Karla will be running the space science volunteer program and I'll be running the Earth science volunteer program. We will keep our current offices and Karla and I are working together to make sure this transition is as smooth as possible. The idea behind this change is to give each of us a chance to discover new and interesting challenges. Many of you might know Karla already in her role running the Earth sciences

volunteer program, which includes Prehistoric Journey, and she has some familiarity with Space Odyssey as she worked with you all while I was gone on my Semester at Sea trip last Fall. In short, she rocks! So I know you all will be in good hands.

I am looking forward to this new challenge, but I will miss working with all of you. It has indeed been a wonderful privilege and a pleasure to support you in your work teaching space science to the public and supporting those who work behind the scenes in space sciences and the planetarium. I've learned so much from you all over the nine years that I've been your coordinator and I want to thank you for enriching my life here at the Museum--and beyond for that matter. I've also really enjoyed the occasional tour we've taken over the years to see amazing space science things up close and personal both in our backyard and further afield at Cape Canaveral. You all have been one of the finest teams of people I've ever had the pleasure to work with. Cheers to you all, thanks for all your great work over the years, and I'm sure I'll see you around DMNS!

If you have questions about this transition, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dave Blumenstock

KUDOS

Thanks to Terry, Jon, Grant, Rich and Tom for helping out at the Science Lounge last night! And thanks to Paul, Grant and Dick for helping out at the Mini Maker Faire last weekend!

HELP NEEDED: JUNE 21 MEMBER NIGHT

If you're available, we need help in Space Odyssey for this Member Night event. We could use a few more helpers in the exhibit. Most of the Museum will be open this night and we are looking at having about 2000 member guests in attendance. The schedule is as follows: 5 PM: Meet for dinner and briefing in the Upper Trex Cafe; 6 PM event begins; 9 PM event ends. Please let me know if you'd like to help. These events are a lot of fun if you haven't done one before, so I highly recommend it. Thanks!

NEED TRAINING..?

Is there something in the exhibit you'd like to get trained on? Please let me know or ask one of the floor staff.

HELP WANTED: SPECIALIZED GEOLOGY VOLUNTEER POSITION AT DMNS

[Click here](#) to learn more about this position and to apply. If you have questions, email Dr. Dimitri Klebe at Dimitri.Klebe@dmns.org.

ON THE WEB

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INTERESTING SCIENCE OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Marc Straub, a colleague of Dimitri Klebe's, runs Cool Science, a small volunteer nonprofit. This organization is always looking for more volunteers to help with their hands-on science outreach programs throughout eastern Colorado. They do a wide variety of demonstration shows, workshops and other fun activities in schools, libraries, scouts, museums, fairs, festivals and other public venues year round. They also do a lot of summer camp sessions, after-school programs and science nights. They're based in Colorado Springs, but now do about 40% of their 400 or so programs each year beyond the Pikes Peak Region, most of those around the Denver metro area--they do a lot of programs in Denver Public Library branches. You can learn more about them from the Teacher's section on their website:

<http://www.coolspace.org/CoolScience/Teachers/AboutPrograms.htm>

If any of you have some extra time and would like to try something a little different, please check this organization out. They already have a busy schedule this summer around Denver, so there are plenty of immediate opportunities--and Marc's crew will show you everything you need to know. Click below to see their activity calendar:

<http://www.coolspace.org/CoolScience/Teachers/eventcalendar.htm>

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](#).

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR CART CLEAN

When storing objects on a cart once you're done with them, please don't stack them on top of one another. Piling things up increases wear and tear on the objects and makes it harder on the next person to remove said objects. If you want a refresher on handling museum objects, [you can watch this short video](#). If you have an issue with storing things in this

manner, let me know. Thanks for your help!

SCIENCE ON A SPHERE UPDATE

We're still having issues with the system crash that is shown by the "missing dataset" message. If you see this message when you tap a dataset, please write a note on the whiteboard letting us know which dataset you selected when you saw that message. This is a cascading error, so to speak, in that once you see that error, it won't go away until the system is restarted. In which case, please contact Helpdesk ASAP either via phone or 2-way radio in the storage room so they can get the system back on track. We need to know which dataset caused the error so we can try to fix the problem. Thanks in advance for the help and let me know if you have any questions. If you want to research datasets and/or learn how to use the SOS app from the comfort of your own home, [click here to go to the SOS page on the Portal](#)

ORBITS TABLE UPDATE

The mouse has been replaced which seems to have cured the issue with the left mouse button not working.

MOON PHASES UPDATE

Dave Lewis left an allen wrench on the Moon Phases cart for battery replacement purposes. Thanks Dave!

MARS DIORAMA SCREEN

We're still having issues with this screen and it is working intermittently. Tech is aware of the problem.

S.O. MARS DIORAMA ROVER UPDATE

Tech is still working away on the rover trying to get it ready for primetime, still no date announced about its debut with visitors.

SPACE ODYSSEY COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW UPDATE

The first report from the Here Better Initiative Team conducting the evaluation of Space Odyssey was completed on May 11, 2016. Thanks a ton to all the volunteers who took part in the surveys that contributed to the report's findings. The results contained in this report are still being evaluated and it will take more time to decide what action needs to take place with regard to updating components in the exhibit. We'll work to keep you updated on the progress of this evaluation.

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 evening entrance on the west side of the Museum.

Location:

Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:

Wednesday, June 29 , 7 p.m.

Tickets:

FREE

Digital Earth: Machu Picchu

From the comfort of your planetarium seat, travel to the ancient Inca site of Machu Picchu, nestled on a ridge in the Peruvian Andes. Despite its precarious mountaintop location, the city's running water and drainage systems have amazingly survived for 500 years. Take a tour with Ken Wright, founder of Wright Water Engineers and the Wright Paleohydrological Institute. Wright has been studying the massive stone construction and its hydraulic engineering for many years; he is the author of Machu Picchu: A Civil Engineering Marvel.

Location:

Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:

Thursday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Tickets:

\$8 member, \$10 nonmember

[Buy Now](#)

Peer Revue: Stand Up for Science

Cheer on local scientists turned comedians as they attempt standup for the first time and wax hilarious about the unique nuances of their work. This one-of-a-kind comedy night for science fans will get you laughing with (and at!) some of the biggest brains in town. Learn more about Peer Revue at www.peer-revue.com. A cash bar will be available.

Date/Time:

Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m.

Ages:
18+

Tickets:
\$12 member, \$15 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.

To save time the night of the program, we recommend picking up your tickets anytime during regular Museum hours at the north ticket desk. You can also pick up your ticket from the will-call cashier on your way into the program on the night of the program. You will always need a ticket to attend programs.

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!

did you know...

...that you can now get 2-D glasses in IMAX for those that can't watch 3-D movies...?

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LEGOS IN THE "LOBBY" JUNE 13 TO 18

Similar to the last two years, Voices On Canvas is asking us to allow them to display a table of LEGO built art, titled "Building Community Block by Block." This display, as many of you have seen, is to the right of the Annual Donor sign in the NE Atrium, next to the brick wall.

The LEGO display will be up **from Monday, June 13 through Saturday morning, June 18.**

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.

MUSEUM LECTURE AND PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

[Click here for Evening Lectures](#)

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volunteer enrichment committee

The Volunteer Enrichment Committee plans a variety of events, many of which are free, for DMNS volunteers to participate, some are onsite at DMNS, others travel to spots nearby. Check the bulletin board in the Staff and Volunteer Lounge for more info.

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