

# Manfred Olson News



#### September 2016

### **Upcoming Show**

#### Nightmares in the Sky

Fridays, September 9-October 14, 2016 7-7:55pm for family show, 8:15-9:10 for 16+ show | \$4

The fall sky gives us a chance to tell the dark and wondrous stories about the infamous creatures of Greek mythology and the heroes that defeated them. Hosted by Director Jean Creighton, enjoy a night filled with the stories of Medusa, Perseus and more along with their places in the sky. This show will run every Friday night from September 9 through October 14, 2016. Times will be 7-7:55pm for a family friendly show and a much scarier show from 8:15-9:10 for ages 16+ exclusively.

#### Goodbye, Adam

This month we will be saying farewell to one of the longest serving employees to ever work at the Planetarium. Adam always lent a hand to get our events listed in local newspapers and helped immensely with publicity for the Planetarium. Without his help, many of our events would not have had the success they did. We want to wish him all the best as he takes the next step in his life.



Thank you for everything, Adam.

#### **Jean's Corner**

A Note From The Director



Dear UWM Planetarium friends:

I am very proud of the UWM Planetarium programs and how we enable everyone to enjoy the stars. We offer many free and inexpensive programs such as AstroBreaks, stargazing, and school programs. In the last two days, I have gotten requests from a school that has 100% students qualifying for free lunch and a group of women who would love to bring their children to see stars but can't afford to.

Can you please contribute to enable us to continue offering affordable programs?

Our fundraising so far this year has been great. We have raised \$10,838 thanks to generous donations; this sum represents 60% of the goal of \$18,000 to pay for the Uniview system that allows to virtually fly through space.

If you have donated to the UWM Planetarium, thank you. If you have not donated recently or ever even, please consider sending a check to made to UWM Foundation to

**UWM Planetarium** 

Physics Dept

P.O. Box 413

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or an online donation http://uwm.edu/ planetarium/give/. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Hope to see you soon under the stars,

Jean

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#### **Late Fall Show**

#### **Northern Lights**

Fridays, November 4-December 16, 2016 7-7:55pm | \$4

Enjoy the radiance of the night sky in Northern Lights, the UWM Planetarium's newest show. See colorful displays of dancing lights as Director Jean Creighton gives an in depth scientific look on how the aurora borealis happens. The journey will unfold Fridays, November 4 through December 16, 2016.

#### Where is our Rocket now?

Due to the strong, constant support from the community we are continuing to close in on our fundraising goal of \$18,000. We can make this goal THIS YEAR with your help! Any amount big or small will help us inch closer to our goal.

Please donate online at http://uwm.edu/ planetarium/give/ or mail a check made to UWM Foundation (#2712 Manfred Olson Planetarium) to UWM Physics/Planetarium, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413. Thank you!



# ASTRODICAL

Select Wednesdays | FREE 12:15-12:45 p.m.

September 7

**Exploring Our Solar System** 

Speaker: Dr. Sarah Vigeland, Postdoctoral

Research

> Learn about the probes and rovers that have been used to explore our solar system including Voyager 1 and 2, Juno, and the Mars rovers.

September 14

Fingerprints in the Stars

Speaker: Dr. Angela Van Sistine, Postdoctoral Researcher

> How do we know what stars are made of? How do we use light to determine the composition of stars, including the Sun?

September 21

Chinese Moon Festival

Speaker: Dr. Li-va Mar

> The speaker will introduce the origins, myths and ways of celebration of the Moon Festival from a Chinese perspective.

September 28

Astronomical Influences on Japanese

Speakers: Dr Aragorn Quinn (Assistant Professor of Japanese at UWM) and Dr. Hilary Snow (Instructor, UWM Honors College)

> The cosmos has been an inspiration in Japanese culture in many ways: from poetry to cosmology.

## ST\*\RGAZING

Join us on the observing deck as we peer through telescopes at the stars, planets, and moons Visit our website for directions to the observing deck.