



Come learn, share, and enjoy the planetarium profession at Bays Mountain Planetarium in Kingsport, TN.

June 8-12, 2010

Bays Mountain Planetarium welcomes you to an incredible event for fellow planetarians. A plethora of activities have been planned to focus on one of the many Southern Appalachian trademarks - storytelling.

Be a part of the ETSU Storytelling Institute and learn some great skills by attending the storytelling workshop.

Visit Bays Mountain and learn about our wolves, be entertained by noted singer/songwriter Chuck Brodsky, and

be captivated by a Native American sky lore session by Lynn Moroney.

Visit what is possibly the largest Miocene site in the world at the Gray Fossil Site. Relive 18th century life at the Rocky Mount Living History Museum. Enjoy Heather Forest's storytelling style.

Be fascinated by the internationallyknown author and our keynote speaker, Dava Sobel, as she recounts "Galileo as a Working Scientist."

Let's not forget the incredible and most generous vendors who will be demonstrating their wares and who help support this event. We'll also be amazed by cool planetarium shows and presentations and workshops by you.

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Bays Mountain Park is a 3,550 acre nature preserve that is owned and operated by the City of Kingsport, TN. There is a state-of-the-art planetarium theater, an observatory, over 25 miles of trails that range from easy to strenuous, a 44 acre lake, numerous animal habitats, and much more. The region is filled with cultural and natural beauty. The weather is quite pleasant with highs in the 80's and lows in the 60's.

The region is served by the Tri-Cities Airport (TRI) and is minutes away from the major interstate intersection of I-26 & I-81.

Learn More About The SEPA 2010 Conference

This year's SEPA conference theme is "The Art of Storytelling." Storytelling is not only a vital part of Appalachian life but it is also what we do in the planetarium. Two different goals, but the same conveyance. This event will merge the two as we become steeped in both the rich traditions of this region and applying those same skills to educate about astronomy and space science. I feel that you will not only learn a lot about both endeavors, but also have a fun, relaxing time.

Full registration has been set to \$200 per person. Due to the generous support of our visiting vendors, I have been able to utilize those funds to help pay for this event. As such, our rate is much lower than the original, tentative registration fee of \$250! Thank you to all the vendors who visit with us! There are also lower, single day registration fees if you can only attend for part of the event. If you are a student and are employed at a planetarium, we have a special rate of \$100 for full registration. I feel that it is important to involve younger minds in a unique learning experience such as attending our conference.

Note, this offer is NOT open to volunteers, full-time employees, nor educators. If you are a full member of SEPA, are currently employed in an active planetarium, not a vendor, and require financial assistance to attend, then you can apply to the SEPA Scholarship Fund. Please fill out the application and submit it for approval. If the Scholarship Fund Committee approves your application, then registration is free! The deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2010. If the Committee deems that enough funds are available, there may be more funds to help pay for travel and lodging.

East Tennessee is in the heart of the gorgeous Appalachian Mountains. Early June's temperatures and humidity are quite modest. The highs are in the 80s and the lows are in the 60s. It is also a great place to bring your family. Why, you may want to arrive early or stay later to enjoy more of the region on your own. Our region is served by the Tri-Cities Airport (TRI) and includes carriers like Delta Connection, US Airways Express, and Allegiant Air. Two main interstates, I-26 and I-81, intersect just south of Kingsport to provide very easy automobile access. Once you arrive, you're going to have a great time. If you do fly in to the TRI and need shuttle service to the conference hotel, you can contact the Marriott MeadowView Conference Center and

Resort and request a shuttle. It costs \$15 for the 30 minute ride. If you know you want to use the shuttle, I have been informed that you will want to contact the hotel before your arrival and let them know your flight and arrival time. That way, they can meet you there. Their phone number is 1 (800) 820-5055 or 1 (423) 578-6600.

Tuesday afternoon, June 8, 2010, will start with a hearty welcome from the very professional staff of the Marriott MeadowView Conference Center and Resort when you check in for your four-star hotel room. Bays Mountain staff will also be there to continue that welcome and



provide you with a special collection of registration materials (some of which are top secret and will only be revealed to you in person) and to assist you with any of your

needs. You may have heard of Southern Hospitality and so we intend on living up to that saying. Once you arrive, all your meals, activities, and conference transportation will be taken care of. You are our guests.

The Marriott MeadowView Conference Center and Resort is a four-star facility and it really shows. They have been most helpful with making sure our conference is a great success. The rooms are not only beautifully

appointed, but also feature amenities like a fridge, coffee maker, iron and board, flat screen TV and more. The room rates have been locked in at \$109 per night



and up to quadruple occupancy. The resort has a handsome indoor swimming pool and hot tub, fitness center, a professional level 18-hole golf course, and more. Please contact them if you have any questions about other benefits.

Tuesday evening will officially start the conference with a shuttle to Bays Mountain Park where we'll have a very nice reception with yummy treats before we enter our newly renovated planetarium theater. You'll be witness to the second Carl Zeiss planetarium installation of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, and the first in the SEPA region! But, there is no complete theater like this in the world! It includes

a Carl Zeiss
ZKP-4 optical star
projector,
Spacegate
Quinto full-dome
projection, 40'
Astro-Tec Ultimate
Seam dome,
ECCS Advanced
Pleiades LED cove
lighting, a unique
6.1 surroundsound audio



system (including one at the zenith), comfy seats by Greystone Int., and a fabulous design complete with custom metal sculptures.

We'll then enter uncharted territory with the first-ever Mini Black Holes! It's your way to express your skills with bad taste! Yes, you are allowed to make the worst short presentation ever. It has to be no more than five minutes, be original (not created from the web), and be in either rectangular or full-dome video format. The technical quality can be poor and so can the grace. But, its gotta be funny. Please read the details on the special application form and return it with your registration.

One of the many great activities of this conference will be planetarium shows. There's limited available space, so contact me early if you are interested in sharing your program. We already have a few new shows lined up, but please keep visiting sepadomes.org to find out the latest list of offerings.

If a collection of letters can be considered a family making up a word, then a close relative of astronomy is gastronomy! We won't let you down in this domain as we've lined up a fantastic variety of meals that will be sure to please even the most discriminating taste buds! Please peruse the detailed menu of all meals later in this registration form. To keep expenses down for SEPA, but provide the greatest amount of service, I have arranged for a special \$7 voucher for breakfast at MeadowView on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. MeadowView has a restaurant with a full menu and two buffets. There

is also a coffee shop that features excellent baked goods, Starbucks coffee, and more. The voucher will cover at least a baked good and a drink at the coffee shop. Any





will not be charged to SEPA. But, if you would like a more hearty meal from the restaurant menu or buffets at a significant discount, please use the voucher to deduct \$7 from your bill. You'll have plenty of time for breakfast as the coffee shop is open from 6:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. and the restaurant serves breakfast from 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. These extended hours are perfect for those of you who wake up early and like to enjoy daybreak. Lunch at MeadowView will be similar, but its voucher will cover up to the full buffet if you wish. Again, SEPA will only be charged for the amount you use. Hours for serving lunch at the

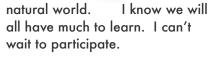
restaurant are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are a vegetarian, please mark this on the meal choice form.

You will want to take advantage of a unique opportunity to learn the art of storytelling this year. Professional storytelling instruction will be provided in a workshop hosted by the East Tennessee State University

> Storytelling Institute. Two amazing storytellers will be a part of the Storytelling Institute, Lynn Moroney and Fran Stallings. Lynn specializes in Native American sky lore and is

well known in the planetarium

world. Fran specializes in storytelling about the



Throughout the conference while at MeadowView, the vendor hall will be open. Make time to call on our visiting vendors and thank

them for their support of our conference.

This is a valuable time to talk in person with representatives of companies across the globe that specifically serve our planetarium community. Please keep checking sepadomes.org to see who is attending. Along with the vendor hall, please attend their



presentations to learn even more. Some vendors have even planned on bringing special, and new, equipment to demonstrate in our theater. This is always fun to see new products under the dome. Is our job cool, or what?

The silent auction has become an important part of SEPA. The proceeds go directly to the SEPA Scholarship Fund to provide financial support for conference attendance. Those wishing to donate to the auction should contact Dave Maness at the Sharpe Planetarium in Memphis, TN. Most any item is fair game. Collectables are quite sought after. Please e-mail Adam Thanz an image of the item with a brief description so it can be posted on sepadomes.org. before the event. I also wanted to make sure all delegates had plenty of time to peruse the tables and to start bidding early. So, the tables will be available for the auction items on Wednesday morning. I am hoping we can have the greatest turnout ever, but only you can make it so.

SEPA is designed to serve its constituents. Its members rarely meet, so it's important to be a part of its governance. The SEPA pre-business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday after lunch. This meeting is important as we will have Council elections this year. Please attend to discern who you want to be your next Council officers. Then we will meet on Friday after lunch to participate in democracy by voting for our future Council members. Voting is limited to full SEPA members, but all delegates are welcome to attend the meeting.

A big part of the conference is made up of presentations by you. Space is limited, so submit early. I just know that it will be great to hear about someone's project, new show, activity, or such. Workshops are special in that they run for a longer time and sometimes include making something or at least provide hands-on instruction. Again, space is limited, so submit early.



Special activities and field trips abound this year. The first will be on Wednesday with a distinctive nature program at Bays Mountain Park about our wild, and most beautiful, gray wolves. Learn from our Senior Naturalist. Fred Hilton, about their lives and what makes them so majestic. You'll also learn about their recent adventure during this last winter!

Later on Wednesday will be a performance by renowned singer/songwriter/storyteller Chuck Brodsky. You may have already heard one of his many songs, "Radio," at the end of the 2003 movie of the same name. Based on a true story, it starred Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed

Harris and includes a cameo by Chuck in the last scene.

Wednesday night continues in the planetarium with a very special storytelling under the stars with none-other than Lynn Moroney as she will grace us with some Native American star lore stories.

Following Lynn will be the infamous Constellation Shoot-Out. Jon Bell will host this annual favorite where you will compete in pointing out constellations, asterisms, stars with names, and deep sky objects with Messier numbers or names. You'll go round-robin until there's only one left. Even if you don't participate, I highly recommend attending as you'll learn so much about the night sky.

Wednesday night is the first Hospitality Suite of the conference. If you've never attended a SEPA conference, this is where much meeting and greeting occurs and is always much fun and a great way to unwind. You may even witness a sighting of the Great Woodchuck! Thursday and Friday nights will both be capped off with a Hospitality Suite as well. So be sure to attend and have lots of fun!

Thursday afternoon includes a field trip into the past.
Four to seven million years in the past! We'll get a
private tour of the Gray Fossil Site which boasts one-of-akind discoveries and is possibly the largest



used.



Leaving the Miocene, we'll go forward in time to the 18th century to visit the Rocky Mount Living History Museum. It boasts original structures and implements of the time, but with first person interpretation. So, you'll get to experience what daily life was like all those years

ago. It was also the home of William Cobb. This is where the Governor of the Southwest Territory, William Blount, held residence. This made Rocky Mount the US Territorial Capital from 1790-1792.



Thursday evening features storytelling with Heather Forest. She is part of the International Storytelling Institute's Storyteller in Residence Series and will be a real treat. She specializes in a minstrel style of storytelling and will really fit the ambience

of Rocky Mount.

Friday ends with the gala banquet. To allow time to rest and get ready, all activities will end by 4:30 p.m. Friday evening starts with a cash bar and the last chance to make bids on the silent auction. Remember, this money goes directly to the SEPA Scholarship Fund. Then, we'll all make our gentle way to the banquet hall where a sublime meal awaits. But, it doesn't end at the dessert. Last, but definitely not least, is the keynote speaker. Dava Sobel will complete our storytelling theme as she

will speak on "Galileo as a Working Scientist." Ms. Sobel describes this talk as: "Although Galileo was the father of modern science, he still had to scramble for funding, publish to establish the priority of his discoveries, and suffer the indignities of peer review. He even made mistakes." If you are not familiar with her, she is an internationally known



author. She has written many scientific articles for the general public, but she is best known for her books. Longitude, Galileo's Daughter, and The Planets have all garnered acclaim. Longitude has even been made into a TV mini series starring Jeremy Irons and Michael Gambon. My wife and I have this series and it is quite excellent. As a side note about some behind-the-scenes news, Ms. Sobel told me over the

phone that she is currently working on a play about Copernicus! I asked about the timeline for completion and she said: "In a few hours." I am very excited to meet such an important person in the field of science literacy. I know you will be, too. Ms. Sobel also let me know that she is happy to autograph her works. The Bays Mountain Park Association will be providing copies of her work for purchase as well.

The final official activity is the door prize drawings on Saturday morning after the catered breakfast. If you would like to donate something for the drawings, contact me. It will definitely be appreciated by a fellow delegate. If you would like to win a door prize, then you must be present.

If you choose to stay in the area a little bit longer, you will be able to attend a public presentation by Dava Sobel at Northeast State Community College that is near the airport in Blountville. It is free to the public and starts at 2 p.m. in their brand new auditorium. The title of her talk is "Galileo's Beliefs." Ms. Sobel described it as: "The Galileo Affair defines the separation of Church and science, though Galileo himself was a practicing Catholic, and both his daughters were nuns. His trial and its outcome have implications for the interplay of science and faith today." This will be quite interesting as we are in the Bible Belt.

Those with families can enjoy much more of the area. There is an endless inventory of wonderful activities and places of interest available, but let me list just a few. Bays Mountain has 25 miles of trails, a barge ride, many animal habitats, and mountain bike trails for those with registered, proper mountain bikes (registration is only \$2 per bike and must be inspected). Furthermore, all SEPA delegates and their families will be the guest of Bays Mountain Park during the event. They will be able to enter the park for free and receive free passes to any of

our scheduled programming. We have planetarium shows, nature programs (many different topics that change daily), barge rides (a 45 minute tour of natural



habitats on the lake's edge as seen from a covered pontoon boat), wolf feedings, and more! Other places to visit in the region include The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It is a treasure trove of trails and history.

There are a number of large caves in the region and even some very close like Bristol Caverns. Whitewater rafting on the Nolichucky River is also available for those with a more adventurous spirit. For a longer outdoor excursion, the famous Appalachian Trail passes nearby.

History is plentiful in our region. Kingsport has the Exchange Place and The Netherland Inn House Museum and Boatyard Complex. Nearby historic Greeneville, TN includes the Andrew Johnson National Historical Site. Even closer is Jonesborough, TN, the oldest town in Tennessee and the home to the International Storytelling Institute.

It is our honor to host this conference for SEPA and its members. We will do everything we can to make this the greatest planetarium event of the year. I recommend letting other active planetarians, especially new ones in the field, know about this event. They will benefit the most as they will find out that we have this great, big family in the planetarium community and that they are welcome in it. See you in June!

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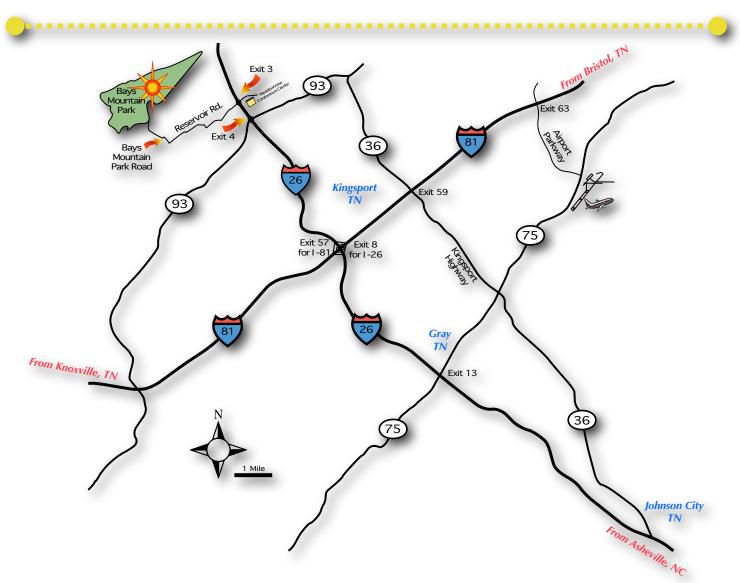
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Meal Descriptions

Thursday Lunch

Please Mark Preference on Registration Form!

1. Gourmet Garden Salad

Mixed Salad greens, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes, cranberries and sunflower seeds.

2. Divine Signature Salad

Mixed salad greens, topped with feta cheese, cucumbers, tomatoes, green peppers, cranberries and sugared almonds with a sweet-hot vinaigrette dressing.

3. Fruited Chicken Salad Croissants

Divine recipe chicken salad with celery, grapes, apples, and pecans served on a croissant.

4. Four-Cheese Pimento Cheese on Ciabatta Buns

5. Super Club

Smoked turkey, glazed ham, bacon, white American Cheese, lettuce and tomato served on white or wheat hoagie.

6. Turkey Hoagie

Smoked turkey, on white or wheat hoagie with white American Cheese, lettuce and tomato.

7. Ham Hoagie

Spiral glazed ham, on white or wheat hoagie with white American Cheese, lettuce and tomato.

8. Tuna Apple on Wheatberry Bread

Tuna, apples, celery, raisins and seasonings.

Each Sandwich comes w/Pickle & Chips

All lunches include Brownie, Sweet & Un-Sweet Tea, Variety of Soft Drinks

Tuesday Reception:

Petite Chicken Salad Croissants

Ham Biscuits

Petite Wraps: Turkey Bacon Ranch; Chicken Caesar; Turkey; Ham; Roast Beef; Super Club

Divine Café Fiesta Dip w/Tortilla Chips

Fruit Tray and Fruit Trifle

Vegetable Tray with Dip

Baked Spinach Dip with Breads

Cubed Cheese Tray, Cracker Variety with Frosted Grapes

Petite Pimento Cheese Pinwheels

Pastry Wrapped Baked Brie with Raspberry Preserves

Petite Desserts: Variety of Cookies, Iced Brownies, Lemon Bars

Sweet & Un-Sweet Tea

Wednesday & Friday Breakfast at MeadowView: Courtyard Café Coffee Shop:

Muffins
Bagels
Breakfast Breads
Starbuck's Coffee (all types)
Orange Juice
Milk
Iced coffees

Wednesday & Friday Breakfast at MeadowView: Meadows Restaurant:

On the Buffet: Note, there is a Healthy Start Buffet that has cereals and fruits. The Full Buffet includes everything:

Freshly Baked Scones, Danishes, Pastries, Bagels, Seasonal Muffins, Breakfast Breads etc.

Assorted Cream Cheeses & Butter

Seasonal Fresh Fruits: Strawberries, Orange segments, Pineapple, Honeydew, Cantaloupe, Grapefruit,

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Friday Banquet

Please Mark Preference on Registration Form!

Caesar Salad Fresh Breads and Rolls

Choice of:

1. Pecan Crusted Chicken

Served with Vidalia Onion Smashed Potatoes, Southern Style Green Beans, Whole Grain Mustard Demi-Glace, Black-eyed Pea Relish

2. Grilled Mahi-Mahi Steak

Served with Lemon Orzo, Sweet Chili Sauce, and Vegetable Stir Fry

3. Blueberry BBQ Glazed Pork Loin

Served with Sweet Potato Souffle with Papaya-Raisin Salsa, Sauteed Spinach, and Bourbon Glaze Sauce

4. Vegetarian Entree Available

Caramel Apple Granny Pie (Granny Smith Apples, Pools of Buttery Caramel and Creamy Toffee Stuffed Custard on top of a Butter Shortbread Crust)

100% Columbian Brewed Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Specialty Teas, and Iced Tea.



Blueberries, Grapes

Seasonal Fresh Whole Fruits: Red Delicious Apples, Bananas, Peaches, Granny Smith Apples, Plums, Nectarines, Pears, etc.

Assorted Cold Cereals

Whole, 2%, Skim Milk, & Chocolate Milk

Assorted Yogurts

Hard Boiled Eggs

Sliced Deli Meats (Turkey & Ham)

Eggs any style prepared to order

Omelet Station: Onions, Peppers, Mushrooms, tomatoes, Ham,

Cheddar Cheese, etc.

Egg Whites & Egg Substitute

Waffles, Pancakes, and French Toast

Scrambled Eggs

Bacon

Sausage Links

Sausage Gravy

Biscuits

Bacon & Cheddar Frittatas

Breakfast potatoes

Corned Beef hash

Wednesday & Friday Lunch:

The Meadows Restaurant Lunch Buffet: Note, there are two buffets. There is the Soup, Salad, and Dessert Buffet and then there is the Full Lunch Buffet.

Soup and Salad Bar:

Two Soup du jour options, sandwiches and compound salads (These items vary each day)

Dessert Bar:

A large selection of cakes and pies, Betty's Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce and Soft Serve Ice Cream with assorted Toppings.

Hot Buffet:

Action Station Item of Chef's Choice (i.e. freshly carved meat)

Chef's choice of entrée

Chef's choice of appropriate starch (2-3 options)

Chef's choice of appropriate Vegetable (2-3 options)

Warm Dinner Rolls with butter

Wednesday Dinner:

Fresh, Hand-Pulled Pork Smoked Chicken Jonathan's Smokehouse Beans Real Mashed Potatoes Garlic Toast and Rolls Fresh Dill Pickles "Killer" Banana Pudding Iced Tea

Vegetarian entree available

Thursday Dinner:

Chicken Tender Sauté with Honey Mustard & Barbeque Sauces Filet of Beef Tex-Mex Roll Ups with Guacamole & Salsa Feta, Asparagus, Yellow and Red Tomatoes, Sugar Snap Peas with a herb vinaigrette

Bruschetta trio: olive Tapenade, hummus, and traditional tomato with basil served with grilled garlic baguette

Tabhouli Salad

Sunshine Penne Salad

Peach Cobbler and Cherry Cobbler with Ice Cream

Drinks & Coffee

Saturday Breakfast:

Breakfast Quesadilla (Warm Flour Tortilla with Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Pepper Jack Cheese, and Roasted Vegetables)

Chicken Apple Sausage

Sour Cream and Salsa on the side

Assorted Fresh Danish, Muffins, Croissants, and Breakfast Breads Chilled Orange Juice

Coffee

Specialty Teas

Vegetarian entree available

• The SEPA 2010 Not-So-Tentative Schedule • Why, You Could Say it's Somewhat Confident!

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

2 p.m. MeadowView...... Delegate Check-In.

Pick up a very special bag of goodies especially tailored for the discriminating planetarian.

Afternoon MeadowView...... SEPA Council Executive Meeting.

4:30 p.m. MeadowView...... Check-In Stops.

5 p.m. MeadowView...... Buses Leave for Bays Mountain.

There will be two MeadowView vans and one city transit vehicle provided to whisk you on your way. Two runs will be provided.

5:45 p.m. Bays Mountain......Possible New Member Meeting.

The New Member Meeting is a wonderful way to welcome new members to SEPA and the conference. Please, all new members attend and meet some of your colleagues and the SEPA Council. This is a great way to get the most of SEPA and the conference. All other registrants are welcome to attend as well.

6:30 p.m. Bays Mountain......Welcome & Reception.

Be greeted by Bays Mountain Staff, City of Kingsport officials and have a great time. Heavy hors d'œuvres will be served. Please, food and drinks are NOT allowed in the planetarium.

7:30 p.m. Bays Mountain....."Mini Black Holes!" & Planetarium Shows.

The "Mini Black Holes!" is a new way to showcase your production skills and bad taste! Submissions can be on just about any topic. Examples can be spoofs, vignettes, or general silliness. Guidelines for submissions: They can be no more than five minutes long; The format can be either rectangular or full-dome. Contact us for format details; The production must be original and not generated from the Internet nor other source; Submissions must not be advertisements nor promotions of professional productions; Any delegate, including vendors, can submit, but only one; Submissions must be received no later than one month before the start of conference (May 8, 2010); Bays Mountain has the right to refuse any submission, even if it's in good taste!

Enjoy some great original planetarium shows submitted by Bays Mountain and visiting registrants. Check out sepadomes.org for details of known shows as of this printing.

9 p.m. Bays Mountain......Dome Crawl.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at our theater and its hidden treasures!

9:30 p.m. Bays Mountain..... More Great Planetarium Shows.

11 p.m. Bays Mountain.....Buses Leave for MeadowView.

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Morning MeadowView...... Breakfast.

Use your voucher at either the Courtyard Café Coffee Shop or the Meadows Restaurant. The Coffee Shop features yummy muffins, StarBucks coffee, milk, OJ, and more! The restaurant has a full menu as well as two types of buffets. Anything you order will be excellent. If you want more than the voucher covers in cost, then you pay the difference.

The Coffee Shop is open from 6:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. The Restaurant is open for breakfast from 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

All Day MeadowView...... Silent Auction.

The tables will be open for your bidding pleasure in the vendor area. All funds generated go towards the SEPA Scholarship Fund. Bid high! Bid Often! For your previewing pleasure, please go to sepadomes.org to get a glimpse of what is known to be offered. Keep checking to see what is added!

If you want to donate, please contact Dave Maness (pegasus321@aol.com) for info. Please e-mail Adam Thanz (thanz@ci.kingsport.tn.us) with an image of the donation and a short description.

9 a.m. MeadowView...... Storytelling Workshop Part 1 & Vendor Time.

This is a rare opportunity to learn some skills in storytelling! This program will highlight two experienced storytellers from the ETSU (East Tennessee State University) Storytelling Institute. They even offer a Master of Arts in Reading/ Storytelling degree! SEPA delegates will join the ETSU group for part of the day in joint instruction. This is a must-attend for all SEPA delegates!

The instructors will be none-other than Lynn Moroney and Fran Stallings!

Lynn Moroney is a daughter of the prairie. A citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, Lynn's Native American ancestry and pioneer roots are deeply woven into her stories. As a child growing up in Oklahoma, she would gaze in wonder at the stars and constellations that would cascade across the evening sky. For more than 30 years, Lynn has captured those wonders and wrapped them with folk tales and myths from all cultures. Her repertory abounds with sky tales from around the world ... most particularly the sky myths and stories of indigenous peoples. Whether in performance or conducting a workshop, Lynn invites listeners and participants to appreciate the starry night and to know better the great wonders and mysteries of the Universe. (from http://www.lynnmoroney.com/ meet lynn moroney.html)

Fran Stallings grew up in a tradition of family storytelling. Although she trained as a biologist (that's another story!) she has been a professional storyteller since 1982. As an Artist In Residence for the Oklahoma Arts Council from 1985 to 2001, she worked with thousands of students preK-12. She continues to reach thousands more students through her workshops training educators and librarians in storytelling and its curriculum applications. Fran has been an instructor at the National Summer Institute of Storytelling, the Asian Congress of Storytelling (Singapore), and at several National Storytelling Network annual conferences. (from http://www.franstallings.com/)

At the same time, the Vendor Hall will be open.

10:15 a.m. MeadowView...... Coffee Break in Vendor Area.

10:35 a.m. MeadowView...... Storytelling Workshop Part 2 & Vendor time.

11:45 a.m. MeadowView...... Lunch

Use your voucher for a scrumptious lunch at the Meadows Restaurant. They have a full menu as well as two buffets.

The restaurant serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1 p.m. MeadowView...... SEPA Pre-Business Meeting & Vendor Time.

This is an important meeting to get a preview of those running for SEPA Council, any possible By-Law amendments, and to review SEPA documents like the annual financial statement and minutes of the 2009 meeting.

2 p.m. MeadowView...... Break with Snacks in Vendor Area.

Enjoy some refreshing iced tea and fresh popcorn!

2:15 p.m. MeadowView...... Vendor Plenary Session.

This is your chance to learn about our vendors. For all presentations during the conference, they can be on most any related topic and will be limited to ten minutes plus two for questions.

4 p.m. MeadowView...... Buses Leave for Bays Mountain.

5:00 p.m. Bays Mountain......Nature Program About Our Wolves.

Learn from our senior naturalist Fred Hilton about our grey wolves and their recent adventure! We'll visit their natural habitat and witness their interactive behaviors. A true highlight!

Fred Hilton has worked at Bays Mountain Park for eleven years and has a degree in biology and education from East Tennessee State University. Prior to Bays Mountain, Mr. Hilton taught high school and middle school science for 18 years and worked 5 summers as a seasonal ranger with the National Park Service. Mr. Hilton enjoys working with young people and especially enjoys introducing youngsters to the wonders of the natural world.

Bays Mountain is a fantastic nature preserve. Most visitors think we are state or nationally run, even though we are run by a city. Our animal habitats are designed to be natural, spacious, and serve the purpose of enclosure and safety to the animals and visiting humans. We're proud to share our facility with you and show off its beauty.

6:00 p.m. Bays Mountain......Dinner.

Sit down and set a spell with a great BBQ meal in our rustic Farmstead Museum.

6:45 p.m. Bays Mountain.....Live Music with Chuck Brodsky.

This down to earth musical storyteller, with his dry, barb-witted social commentary combined with a deep underlying compassion, knows that the best stories are the little things in the lives of everyday people trying to muddle through with some grace. His great gift as a writer is to infuse these stories

with humanity and humor, making them resonate profoundly with his listeners. His spoken introductions to his songs can be as spellbinding as his colorful lyrics, which he brings to life with a well-travelled voice and a delivery that's natural and conversational. His groove-oriented strumming and fingerpicking draw on influences from the mountains of western North Carolina where he now lives, and from lots of different good old traditional folk stuff of all kinds. (From www.chuckbrodsky.com)

8 p.m. Bays Mountain......Astronomical Storytelling in the Planetarium.

Lynn Moroney will take us on a celestial tour with her Native American storytelling under our beautiful planetarium sky.

9 p.m. Bays Mountain......Constellation Shoot-Out.

Show off your sky knowledge in this fun competition. Brush up on your constellations, star names, asterisms, deep-sky objects, and more! Even watching affords great learning.

10 p.m. Bays Mountain.....Buses Leave for MeadowView.

10:30 p.m. MeadowView...... Hospitality Suite.

This is a SEPA favorite where you can let your hair down and share stories with your colleagues. Snacks and drinks of all sorts abound. Why, even the mighty Woodchuck would be proud!

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Morning MeadowView...... Breakfast.

Use your voucher at either the Courtyard Café Coffee Shop or the Meadows Restaurant. If you want more than the voucher covers, you pay the difference.

The Coffee Shop is open from 6:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. The Restaurant is open for breakfast from 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

All Day MeadowView...... Silent Auction.

The tables will be open for your bidding pleasure in the vendor area. All funds generated go towards the SEPA Scholarship Fund.

9 a.m. MeadowView...... Buses Leave for Bays Mountain.

9:30 a.m. Bays Mountain......Vendor Demos in the Planetarium.

This is where our sponsoring vendors get to show off their latest and greatest. You don't want to miss this opportunity to see and compare many different technologies. Note: Only demos that actually need to use the planetarium theater will be shown. No Power Point!

10:45 a.m. Bays Mountain......Stretch Your Legs Break.

Remember, food and drinks are NOT allowed in the planetarium.

11 a.m. Bays Mountain......Vendor Demos Continue in the Planetarium.

12:30 p.m. Bays Mountain......Buses Leave for Gray Fossil Site & Boxed Lunch.

Make sure you don't miss the bus! The city transit vehicle and one or two school buses will ferry us on a thirty minute ride to nearby Gray, TN. There is no second run! En route, we'll munch on a yummy boxed lunch that you have pre-chosen when you registered.

1 p.m. Gray Fossil Site......Gray Fossil Site Tour.

The Natural History Museum is dedicated to discovering, investigating, preserving, and interpreting regional biodiversity through time and to providing enjoyable, experiential educational programming for people of all ages.

Scientists have discovered an entire ecosystem that existed on this site 4 to 7 million years ago. For the first time the world knows what the southern Appalachians looked like at the end of the time known as the Miocene Epoch.

Many of the plants and animals are extinct—others are still around, but not in eastern Tennessee. Some plants, like the oak and hickory tree, were part of the main diet for our Miocene animals and are still in the landscape today. Animals like the sabertoothed cat and pot bellied rhino are now extinct, but four species of turtle found in the Miocene world continue to lumber in our forests. The Gray site has provided the largest cache of tapir fossils anywhere in the world. Two new species, red panda and badger, have been discovered here.

The limestone bedrock—typical of Tennessee—led to the formation of a sinkhole which filled with sediment and water becoming a vibrant pond, rich in plants and animals. Like a magnet, this watering hole attracted a variety of animals. Some, like fish and frogs, lived at the pond permanently. Others, like rhinos, tapirs, and saber-toothed cats, visited from the surrounding forest to drink, swim, browse

and hunt. Many died here leaving their bones for scientists to study. The fossil remains of the Gray site have been uniquely preserved by the rich organic matter that filled the sinkhole. As the climate changed, new ecosystems came and went. While Ice Age animals and humans moved in, the fossils, preserved in the sediment of the waterhole, waited centuries to be discovered.

Our paleontologists, staff, and volunteers have excavated thousands of specimens including alligators, camels, sloth, elephant, rhino, tapirs, peccary, and species totally new to science. The Gray Fossil Site is nearly five acres in size and 100 feet deep. There is plenty more to be discovered! (from www.grayfossilmuseum.com)

3:30 p.m. Gray Fossil Site...... Buses Leave for Rocky Mount and Snacks.

We'll take part on another thirty minute ride to Piney Flats, TN where we'll travel not in miles, but centuries. Along the way, you'll dig in to some milk and cookies! (We're riding on a school bus, you know.)

4 p.m. Rocky Mount...... Guided Tours of Rocky Mount Living History Museum.

This is the US Territorial Capital from 1790-1792. When William Cobb arrived with his family in the western frontier of North Carolina in 1769, he did not realize that his new home would play such an important role in shaping the future of our country. Passing through the door of William Cobb's home, visitors step back in time to the year 1791. George Washington is President of the United States and has appointed William Blount as Governor of the Southwest Territory. Governor Blount has taken up residence at Rocky Mount to conduct the business affairs of the new territory. The tour experience invites one to become part of the happenings of the year 1791 through the first person interpretation of daily lifestyles, domestic and work skills, food, clothing, furnishings and games. (from www.rockymountmuseum.com)

6 p.m. Rocky Mount..... Group Photo & Dinner.

We'll plan on some gorgeous weather and have a group photo taken. Then, we'll delight in a wonderful meal that will be sure to please.

7 p.m. Rocky Mount..... Live Storyteller Heather Forest.

The International Storytelling Center in nearby Jonesborough, TN will provide for us a unique

opportunity to have Heather Forest, one of their storytellers in residence, give a performance for us!

You're sure to enjoy this special treat!

Heather Forest's unique minstrel style of storytelling blends original music, folk guitar, poetry, prose and the sung and spoken word. She has toured her repertoire of world folktales for the past thirty years to theatres, major storytelling festivals, and conferences throughout the United States and abroad. (from http://www.heatherforest.com/disc.htm)

8:15 p.m. Rocky Mount..... Buses Leave for MeadowView.

9 p.m. MeadowView...... Hospitality Suite.

It's another chance to entice a visit from the Great Woodchuck and meet with each other. Please enjoy the increased time for visiting. And, I hope our woodchuck patch is the most sincere.

Friday, June 11, 2010

Morning MeadowView...... Breakfast.

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All Day MeadowView...... Silent Auction.

The tables will be open for your bidding pleasure in the vendor area. All funds generated go towards the SEPA Scholarship Fund.

9 a.m. MeadowView...... Presentations & Vendor Time.

This is the time for you to present. For all presentations during the conference, they can be on most any related topic and will be limited to ten minutes plus two for questions.

10 a.m. MeadowView...... Coffee Break in Vendor

Cup-A-Joe. Cup-A-Joe.

10:20 a.m. MeadowView...... Presentations Continue & Vendor Time.

11:30 a.m. MeadowView...... Lunch.

Use your voucher for a scrumptious lunch at the Meadows Restaurant. They have a full menu as well as two buffets.

The restaurant serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

1 p.m. MeadowView...... SEPA Business Meeting.

This is the official annual meeting of SEPA. Please attend as there will be voting and your chance to be a part of this organization.

This is very important for full members to attend.

2:30 p.m. MeadowView...... Break in Vendor Area.

Iced tea will be served.

3 p.m. MeadowView...... Workshop Sessions & Vendor Time.

These workshops are a great hands-on way of learning a new skill you can use in your theater. Concurrent sessions will take place.

4:30 p.m. MeadowView...... All Activities/Sessions/Vendors End.

It is our goal for you to have some time to relax and change before the banquet.

So relax!

6 p.m. MeadowView...... SEPA Silent Auction & Cash Bar.

The silent auction is a great way to provide materials that others would want to bid on. All proceeds go to the SEPA Scholarship Fund. Bid high! Bid much!

7 p.m. MeadowView...... Banquet.

After a great conference, it is nice to dress up and enjoy each other's company and a sumptuous meal.

8 p.m. MeadowView...... SEPA News.

Thank yous and more will abound.

8:30 p.m. MeadowView...... Keynote Speaker Dava Sobel.

Ms. Sobel will present "Galileo as a Working Scientist." Abstract: Although Galileo was the father of modern science, he still had to scramble for funding, publish to establish the priority of his discoveries, and suffer the indignities of peer review. He even made mistakes.

Dava Sobel, a former New York Times science reporter, is the author of Longitude (Walker 1995 and 2005, Penguin 1996), Galileo's Daughter (Walker 1999, Penguin 2000) and The Planets (Viking, 2005). In her thirty years as a science

journalist she has written for many magazines, including Audubon, Discover, Life and The New Yorker, served as a contributing editor to Harvard Magazine and Omni, and co-authored five books, including Is Anyone Out There? with astronomer Frank Drake. (from Dava Sobel biography)

She has received numerous awards for her work. Both Longitude and Galileo's Daughter have been transformed into plays, television dramas and documentaries. It is an honor to have Dava Sobel speak on the blending of science and storytelling.

As an added bonus, Dava Sobel will give a different presentation to the general public at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 in the auditorium at Northeast State Community College (NSCC) in Blountville, TN. This is a wonderful addition to their Lyceum Lecture Series and is free to the public. The school is next to the TRI Airport in Blountville.

She is currently working on a play about Copernicus and is slated to be performed in the future! Ms. Sobel has informed us that she is happy to sign copies of her work. The Bays Mountain Park Association will also be providing copies of her work for purchase.

10 p.m. MeadowView...... Hospitality Suite.

This is your last chance to make a sighting of the elusive woodland creature. See if you can catch one!

Saturday, June 12, 2010

9 a.m. MeadowView...... Special Breakfast & Door Prizes.

We'll enjoy a special breakfast quesadilla at our last official gathering of SEPA 2010. You also don't want to miss the chance to win from the incredible array of door prizes! Who knows what wonders await you? You must be present to win.

2 p.m. NSCC...... Lyceum Lecturer Dava Sobel.

Dava Sobel will give a free, 1 hour presentation to the general public. The school is next to the TRI Airport in Blountville. All are welcome.

Her presentation will be "Galileo's Beliefs."

Abstract: The Galileo Affair defines the separation of Church and science, though Galileo himself was a practicing Catholic, and both his daughters were nuns. His trial and its outcome have implications for the interplay of science and faith today.

SEPA 2010

Delegate Registration

Please fill out one per delegate

Registration (including all filled out forms) is due with a postmark of May 18, 2010 or earlier. \$25 late fee is applied if after May 18.

Last day for refund is May 18, 2010.

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name						
(The Middle Initial is important - you'll see)						
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Work Phone	_Fax					
Mobile (opt)	Home Phone (opt)					
Work E-mail						
Other E-mail (opt)						

Food Choices (please circle):

Vegetarian Choice for Other Meals?

Thursday Lunch:

- 1. Gourmet Garden Salad (V)
- 2. Divine Signature Salad (V)
- 3. Fruited Chicken Salad Croissants
- 4. Four-Cheese Pimento on Ciabatta Buns (V)
- 5. Super Club
- 6. Turkey Hoagie
- 7. Ham Hoagie
- 8. Tuna Apple on Wheatberry Bread

Friday Banquet:

- 1. Pecan Crusted Chicken
- 2. Grilled Mahi-Mahi Steak
- 3. Blueberry BBQ Glazed Pork Loin
- 4. Vegetarian Entree Available

Please enclose a check for the total registration cost made out to the Bays

Mountain Park Association or use a credit card. If you wish to use a credit card
but do not wish to send the card information through the mail, contact the Bays

Mountain Park Association at (423) 229-9449 between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT.

I'm sending a check made out to the Bays Mountain Park Association______

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Name on credit card (please print clearly)________

Please mail or fax all necessary registration forms to:

Adam Thanz - SEPA 2010
Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium
853 Bays Mountain Park Road
Kingsport, TN 37660, USA

phone:______(423) 229-9447
fax:______(423) 224-2589
e-mail:_____thanz@ci.kingsport.tn.us

Liability Release:

I hereby release SEPA, its officers, the conference host, the City of Kingsport, the Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium, and all their members from liability while traveling to, while at, and while returning from the 2010 SEPA conference.

Name: ______ Date: _____

Delegate Registration Fees

or the Planetarian:			
Delegate Full Registration Fee (\$200): \$	Spouse/Guest Registration:		
(includes entrance, bag of goodies, all activities, meals, & transportation)	Name:		
Student Full Registration Fee (\$100):\$ Possibly a first! This option is designed to encourage the participation of students who may not otherwise attend our conference. They are our future! If you are a student who is employed at a planetarium, then this opportunity is for you. Please fill out all the student information on the Registration Form. Note, this is NOT open to full time planetarians. School Attending Major Year Freshman Sophomore Age Junior Senior Graduate School Age	Tuesday Evening - Includes Opening Reception (\$25)\$ Wednesday Evening - Includes Ride to BMP, Wolf Nature Program, Dinner, Live Music with Chuck Brodsky, Live Storytelling with Lynn Moroney in the Planetarium, Constellation Shoot-Out, Ride Back to MV		
Scholarship Full Registration Fee (\$0): \$	(\$35)\$		
This is for those who have been awarded the scholarship. Congratulations! Please fill out all forms as normal, including the one for paper submission.	Vegetarian?:		
	Thursday Afternoon & Evening -		
Single Day Wednesday Registration (\$100). \$ Single Day Thursday Registration (\$100) \$ Single Day Friday Registration (\$125) \$	(Must get self to BMP by noon.) Includes Boxed Lunch, Ride to GFS, Gray Fossil Site Tour, Afternoon Snack, Ride to RM, Rocky Mount Tour, Dinner, Live Storyteller Heather		
Late Registration Fee - if postmarked > May 18 (\$25):. \$	Forest, Ride Back to MV (\$60) \$		
Annual SEPA Dues - • required for attendance • See sepadomes.org for full details of membership requirements Full Members - one year (\$25); Full Members - two years (\$40); Associate Members (\$15); Supporting Membership (\$100) \$	Friday Evening - Includes Cash Bar, Banquet, Keynote Speaker Dava Sobel (\$50)\$ Dinner selection:		
Donation to SEPA Scholarship Fund \$	Saturday Morning - Includes Breakfast (\$20)\$		
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SEPA 2010 Delegate Paper Submission Form

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SEPA Scholarship Application

From the SEPA Scholarship Fund Committee:

For the past several years, SEPA Council has worked to set up a scholarship fund. Proceeds from the silent auction at conferences, along with donations from members, have quietly collected a bit of interest in the SEPA accounts. This is the first year in which scholarships will be awarded and we are very excited about it. Each scholarship will cover the amount of registration, and (depending on how the costs come out) perhaps a small stipend for travel or hotel stay. Recipients' names will be sent to the conference host (so they don't have to pay the registration fee when submitting conference materials). If there is a stipend, it will be in the form of a check, given to recipients at the end of the conference (so they'll be reimbursed for part of their expenses).

To apply, one must be currently employed at an active planetarium (i.e. be a member of the planetarium staff) in the SEPA region, be a full SEPA member, and not be a vendor. They must meet deadlines for submitting the scholarship application, and, if selected, for conference registration and paper presentation.

Scholarship recipients will present a paper or poster at the conference. The paper or a write-up of the poster will appear in the fall edition of SEPA's journal, Southern Skies. Recipients of the scholarship this year will be ineligible for the award next year.

Candidates will complete this application form. The form must be sent to April Whitt and include the candidate's resume, and an abstract for his/her paper or poster. Deadline for applications is midnight EDT April 15, 2010.

Name:	e:Planetarium:			
Postal address:		E-mail address:		
Phone number where you can be re	ached directly:	Fax number:		
In what year did you join SEPA?	How long ha	ve you worked in the planetarium field?		
Without financial aid, will you be al	ole to attend the upcomin	g SEPA Conference?		
Can your employer/planetarium promuch?		ince or pay part of the conference expense? If so, how		
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Do you plan to attend any other pla	netarium conferences this	s year, with or without financial assistance?		
If selected for this scholarship, descr	ibe your paper or poster	for the conference		
The committee will discuss the applic	cations and choose recipi	ents by April 30, 2010.		

applications.

Send to: April Whitt; Fernbank Science Center; 156 Heaton Park Drive, NE; Atlanta, GA 30307; USA

Successful applicants are notified by e-mail to allow the registration process to move along smoothly. The

Scholarship Committee takes great pleasure in supporting the SEPA membership and is looking forward to excellent

SEPA 2010 Address Vendor Registration ______ State_____ Zip____ City____ Country___ Please fill out one for your Work Phone_____Fax____ company in addition to your Work E-mail_____ delegate registration. Web Address SEPA truly appreciates the support the attending vendors vendor part of the conference section of the provide. Both financially and physically. Being a part of sepadomes.org website. For detailed measurements of our annual conference allows fellow planetarians to our planetarium theater, please download the learn about your wares in a very solid way. "Planetarium Theater Layout" document on the same page. For any additional information or questions, For details on support levels, their associated benefits, please contact Adam Thanz at thanz@ci.kingsport.tn.us and all other details, please download the "Sponsorship or (423) 229-9447. Levels and Benefits" document. It can be found in the Vendor Registration Fees et Al. Please Follow the SEPA 2010 Sponsorship & Benefits PDF Document for all Pricing & Guidelines: Sponsorship Title_ Abstract of Presentation Needs for planetarium or plenary session, depending on level of support. If planetarium, note electrical, audio, equipment placement, etc. needs. Contact Adam Thanz to arrange exact times for setup in the theater. Additional Planetarium Time (\$500/15 min. based on availability)......\$_______\$ Additional Exhibit Space (\$225/space based on availability)......\$______ Bag Stuffing Fee (\$50/item or mini portfolio)......\$ Item(s) to Stuff______

Total..... \$__