

### **Science Cafés:**

Join us at the Bishop Planetarium at **7pm** on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month as we bring local scientists and the science-curious together for fun, enlightening conversations about topics you don't get to discuss every day. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase.

**July 14th: Save Our Seabirds:** Join us along with a special guest from Save Our Seabirds wildlife rescue to discuss threats to our local seabird population and what they're doing to help. Free; RSVP appreciated.

**August 11th: Why do we disagree about climate change?** — Frank Alcock, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Environmental Studies at New College of Florida, will lead a discussion on the science, politics and public perception of climate change. Free event; RSVP appreciated.

**September 8th: Exploring the Future of Energy—Part 1** As recent events have demonstrated, energy is a critical part of modern society. This three part series with Mike Alexy explores the details of energy consumption, production and technologies. This month's program will investigate two related energy topics: the first half explores the importance of energy, particularly oil, globally and specifically in our society; the second half will try to answer the question: Should the Sunshine State switch to "sunshine electricity"?

**October 13<sup>th</sup>: Exploring the Future of Energy—Part 2**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>: Exploring the Future of Energy—Part 3**

***For more information, contact Amara Cocilovo at 941-746-4131 x11***

### **Family Nights at the Museum:**

On the **1st Saturday** of each month the Museum stays open late for an evening of family fun! Every month has a different theme with hands-on activities and special performances or films. You can also enjoy a live star talk, a space show in the planetarium and a manatee presentation. Admission is half-priced after 4pm; members are free. Food available for purchase.

**July 3rd: No Family Night** — In honor of Independence Day there will be no Family Night in July. Happy 4th!!

**August 7th: 'Toons & Tunes** — Indulge in this rare opportunity to watch silent animated film shorts accompanied by fun and playful live music. Local musician Peter Tavalin is sure to impress! Films begin at 4:15. Theme related activities to follow in the planetarium lobby.

**September 4th: Gone Batty!** — Join us in welcoming Mindy Simmons back for some fun new songs about bats and other friendly creatures. Explore the new BAT exhibit in the East Gallery, "Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats", and enjoy themed crafts and activities in the planetarium lobby beginning at 4pm. You may just get to meet a real, live bat—don't be scared, they're nice!

***For more information about this program, contact Amara Cocilovo at 941-746-4131 x11***

**Life on Earth Film Series:**

**Thursdays, July 8th—August 26th at 7pm**

Our Summer 2010 film series—***Life on Earth***—features breathtaking documentaries focused on our planet's inhabitants presented from anthropological, wildlife, technological, and environmental viewpoints. Each Thursday during the series, we will present film screenings at **7pm**. Please join us early in the planetarium lounge for our selection of beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. \*\*Please note: The theater may be cold, sweaters / jackets are recommended.

**Pricing:** \$9 General Admission  
\$7 Senior/Student Admission  
\$5 Member Admission

*(Seating is limited; reservations are strongly recommended)*

***For more information and reservations, please contact Jessica Schubick at 941-746-4131x27***

**Lineup:**

**July 8th – *Earth*** – G; 90 min. (2007) A feature length version of the dazzling BBC series ***Planet Earth***, this stunning look at nature depicts whales cavorting in the oceans, rivers crashing down mountain-height waterfalls, the migratory patterns of several species and many other wonders of nature.

Underlying the beautiful images is the manmade damage being done to the wild. Narrated by James Earl Jones.

**July 15th – *The Unforeseen*** – Not Rated; 93 min. (2007) When residents learned that a real estate deal threatened a much-beloved swimming hole and fragile limestone aquifer, the community decided to fight back, sparking one of the nation's earliest and most important environmental movements. This engrossing, beautifully crafted documentary from director Laura Dunn and executive producers Terrence Malick and Robert Redford intimately chronicles the ensuing political battle.

**July 22nd – *Winged Migration*** – G; 98 min. (2001) Presented with almost no narration and filmed primarily from a bird's perspective, this study of the lives and habits of migrating birds re-creates as nearly as possible the actual experiences of the birds themselves. Breathtaking cinematography and gorgeous music drive this Oscar-nominated documentary, a thrilling visual adventure.

**July 29th – *For All Mankind*** – G; 80 min. (1989) Director-journalist Al Reinert sifted through 6 million feet of film and 80 hours of interviews with astronauts to deliver a dazzling, Oscar-nominated documentary chronicling the American space program and its rush to put a man on the moon. With Brian Eno's atmospheric score, the film uncovers vibrant, never-before-seen footage of the space race, creating a poetic, non-linear tapestry of man's journey to the moon and back.

**August 5th – *Deep Blue*** – G; 83 min. (2005) Shot in more than 200 locations across the globe, this extraordinary film reveals the striking variety of plant and animal life of the ocean's deepest depths and surrounding eco-systems. The film features amazing cinematography that captures the everyday drama of animals including killer whales, polar bears, seals, crabs, fish and other fascinating creatures.

**August 12th – *Aliens of the Deep*** – G; 47 min. (2005) & ***Sacred Planet*** - G; 40 min. (2004) ***Sacred Planet*** ventures to some of the most exotic and beautiful regions of the earth that are untouched and unchanged by human hands – a celebration of the magical sights and sounds of nature.

***Aliens of the Deep*** follows the quest of director James Cameron (***Avatar***) and a squad of NASA scientists as they explore volcanic vents in the ocean which spew superheated water that serves as a haven for creatures unlike anything ever seen before.

**August 19th – *Microcosmos*** – G; 80min. (1996) Employing microscopic cameras and powerful specialized microphones, French biologist/filmmakers chronicle one full day in a French meadow teeming with insect life. Light on narration and context, this film is nevertheless a fascinating look at the seldom-explored world of insects—earth's most ancient creatures—as they go about their daily lives.

**August 26th – *Encounters at the End of the World*** – G; 99min. (2007) Filmmaker Werner Herzog takes you on a wild journey to the South Pole—from the National Science Foundation's headquarters Island to some of Antarctica's most remote and dangerous terrain. With a keen eye for the wonders and peculiarities of this icy land's animal and human inhabitants, Herzog offers an astounding look at the world's most inhospitable landscape.