

The Volunteer Voice

A newsletter for Kingman Museum volunteers



Discover Arctic and Ocean Wonders at Kingman Beach!

Kingman Beach will be held April 6-8 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Join Kingman Museum staff for our annual spring break ocean vacation camp. The themes for this year's camp will be "Ocean Life" on Tuesday, "Marine Mammals" on Wednesday, and "Creatures from the Polar Regions" on Thursday. Each day will bring a new adventure as we explore salt water, ocean food webs, habitats, fish, marine mammals, penguins, and other animals adapted to live in an ice world. Activities include salt water experiments, making a model of a coral polyp, designing your own fish, playing educational games, creating ocean habitats, learning about blubber, and cleaning up feathers after an oil spill.

Cost is \$25 a day for members or \$50 if you sign up for all three days and \$30 a day for non-members or \$75 if you sign up for all three days. This program is for children age 6-12. The museum will be open for early drop offs at 8 AM. Pick up registration forms at the museum gift shop or find them on our website www.kingmanmuseum.org. Please call (269) 965-5117 if you would like a registration packet or need more information.



Volunteer Opportunities 3/10 - 4/10

Please call 965-5117 x13 or

Email: knelson@kingmanmuseum.org

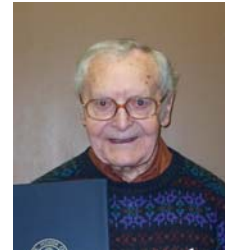
Kingman Beach - Volunteers are needed to prepare materials, assist the educator during the program, and help clean up. See above for dates and times.

Planetarium Operator - Volunteers 18 years and older who have an interest in astronomy are needed to help present planetarium shows on Fridays or Saturdays. Must be able to volunteer at least one day a month for five hours.

Gift Shop - Gift shop manager Kathy Ward is looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in being trained in the gift shop. Volunteers are needed for both special events and weekday shifts.

Grounds Maintenance - The melting of snow and warmer temperatures means weeding season is approaching! Volunteers are needed to help maintain the rock and native plant garden, along with other areas around the building. This involves mostly weeding and some planting and mulching.

Volunteer of the Month



January
Bob Carpenter



February
Don Vire

Volunteer Hour Milestones

50 Hours

Katie Hamlin
Sharon Ohm
Barbara Porter

100 Hours

Ruth Avery
John Dammers
Gail Hladky
Carl Janowsky
Karen Mackey

Save the Date!!!
KMI Golf Outing
Saturday, July 17
8 a.m. Shotgun Start
Cedar Creek



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 Battle Creek, MI 49037
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 www.kingmanmuseum.org

"Down in their hearts, wise men know this truth: the only way to help yourself is to help others."

- Elbert Hubbard

The Future is Wild at Kingman's Planetarium

Beginning March 5, Kingman Museum will be showing two wild and unique shows in its planetarium,



The Future is Wild and *Violent Universe*.

The earlier show for younger families, *The Future is Wild*, is based on a television series that premiered on Discovery's *Animal Planet* and offers a glimpse at what might be the future of the animal kingdom on Earth. A team of researchers has been looking into how animals and plants will change and evolve over the next 5 to 200 million years. Experience a future fantastic, based on real science. The later show for older audiences, *Violent Universe*, shows how the beauty of a starlit sky conceals violent forces at work within our universe. From the upheaval of a giant star that explodes to release its material into space, to a future encounter between the Earth and a large asteroid that is too close for comfort, audiences will witness the forces that hold the universe together and occasionally try to rip it apart. Trailers and a complete schedule can be found at

www.kingmanmuseum.org/planetarium.cfm or call 965-5117 for more information.



Volunteer Outreach Event Coordinator Needed

Kingman participates in community events throughout the year, with the majority during the summer months. A volunteer is needed to help recruit other volunteers to work the events and transport supplies. The volunteer needs to be able to work a minimum of four hours at each event. Times and dates will vary. This is a great opportunity for marketing students home for the summer and who are looking for experience. Email knelson@kingmanmuseum.org or call 965-5117 x13.

Darwin's Darkest Hour Screening Rescheduled

Due to a February gift from Mother Nature, the original free screening of *Darwin's Darkest Hour* was rescheduled for Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m. This two-hour scripted drama tells the remarkable story behind the unveiling of the most influential scientific theory of all time, Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection. The program is a special presentation from NOVA and National Geographic Television, written by acclaimed British screenwriter John Goldsmith and directed by John Bradshaw.



Schedule of Events March - April

- 3/5 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 3/6 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 3/9 "Darwin's Darkest Hour" Movie Screening, FREE
- 6 p.m.
- 3/12 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 3/13 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 3/16 Teacher Professional Development: *Future is Wild*
- 4:30 p.m.
- 3/19 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 3/20 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 3/26 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 3/27 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/2 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/3 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/6 Tuesday Lecture Series *The Black Squirrel*, FREE
- 6 p.m.
- 4/6- Kingman Beach
- 4/8 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 4/9 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/10 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/16 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/17 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/20 Teacher Professional Development: *New Horizons*
- 4:30 p.m.
- 4/23 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows
- 4/24 *Future is Wild* and *Violent Universe* Planetarium Shows

*** Planetarium shows are at 4 and 5 p.m. on Fridays and every hour from 1:15-4:15 p.m. on Saturdays**
www.kingmanmuseum.org/events.cfm#planet
1 p.m. show on the fourth Friday of every month