



Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center

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October 2011 Program Schedule

Make your reservation today for Mike Lynch's Star Watch Party on October 25, 7-9 pm. Call 715-262-0104.



Thursdays, October 6, 13 from 2-6 p.m., Prescott Farmers Market

The Prescott **Farmers Market is open Thursday from 2-6 p.m.** near the pavilion at Freedom Park. Stop by and purchase garden fresh, locally grown produce- squash, potatoes, honey, onions, pumpkins and more! Stay and enjoy the beautiful views of the changing autumn splendor on the banks of the Mississippi.



Sunday, October 9, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Artist Reception- Art Nordstrom and Friends

Come to a reception for "Art and Friends" featuring the works of 6 local artists. The exhibit runs through November 6 and a portion of art sales support the education programs of the Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center. Artists include: Art Nordstrom, Garnet Anderson, Merle Borchers, Audrey Keller, Nancy Schaefer and Charlotte Vick. Artwork includes oils, watercolors, pastels, pottery and jewelry.

Wednesday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. Senior Gathering Council

Come and join the discussion of the creation of a Community Center for Prescott as well as options for senior housing. The Senior Gathering Council is open to all seniors and all are cordially invited. For questions, please contact Genny Taevs at 715-262-8323.

Sunday, October 16, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Senior Potluck Luncheon

Come and share in the fellowship of a delicious potluck luncheon. Stay for the public program, "The Great Rivers Confluence Project".

Sunday, October 16, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Great Rivers Confluence Project, with Randy Thoreson, National Park Service Trails Assistance Program.

Prescott and the Friends have been involved for 2 years in the Great Rivers Confluence Project, working to strengthen partnerships, create and link trails, protect our natural resources while promoting economic growth, and forging new community relationships. Come and learn what has been happening between Prescott, Hastings, Pierce County, Dakota and Washington counties in these areas. It is pretty cool stuff!



Tuesday, October 25. Mike Lynch's Star Watch Party. Sponsored by Prescott Kiwanis. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ages 8 and up. Free.

Indoor presentation (reservations required, limited seating) from 7-7:30.

Outdoor Star Watch Party (no reservations required) 7:30-9 pm.

(Note: The Center's gift shop carries the "Night Sky Field Guide to the Constellations", complete with a red light mini flashlight), and "Night Sky"

playing cards- purchase it soon and get a head start on constellation ID!)

The entertaining 30 minute indoor presentation (7-7:30) will be followed by fabulous outdoor viewing using telescopes to explore constellations and more, as well as learning the legends behind the stories of the stars! Reservations for the limited seating indoor portion begin October 1.

On October 25, you're invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to make yourself comfy for the outdoor presentation beginning about 7:30 pm. Come out and make the stars your old friends! Catch the amazing celestial show in the skies over Prescott. Get to know constellations like The Big Bear, Cassiopeia the Queen, Cygnus the Swan, Pegasus the Winged Horse and many of the great stories about how they wound up among the stars.

We'll also use large reflecting telescopes, including a giant 20" reflector, one of the biggest mobile telescopes in the upper Midwest for close up views of the planet Jupiter, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, and other wonders in our skies. You'll get spectacular views of our more distant universe through a brand new state of the art astronomical camera-telescope system that will amaze you!

Mike Lynch is a meteorologist at WCCO Radio and has been teaching astronomy classes for over 39 years. He writes a weekly stargazing column for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and many other newspapers across the U.S. Glow in the dark "Galaxy on a Gut" t shirts will also be available for purchase along with a new mp3 star map package so you and your family get a virtual star hike with Mike Lynch anytime you want. Your universe is waiting.... Make the Stars Your Old Friends!