

Northern Colorado Astronomical Society Meeting Minutes 4/4/24



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Agenda

JPL/NASA - The Sky Tonight Presentation
 Reports

Treasurer - Beth Edens
 Outreach Coordinator - Greg Halac

Announcements?
 "TED" Talks in July

Tonight's Speaker
 Dr. Vicky Hamilton - Sample Return from Asteroid Bennu: Early Results

Treasurer's Report - Beth Edens

Membership 2024
 85 paid

7 new members: Anthony Arnerich, Jeremy Kirkendall, Dee Pistilli, Rosalind Pistilli, Kelly Sticca, Guy Turenne, Paul Wolaver

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Outreach Report - Greg Halac

Balance	
\$1,396.61	Checking WF
\$1000.08	Savings WF
\$3,075.00	Checking FNBO
\$2,000.00	CD FNBO
\$. 212.76	PayPal
\$. 75.00	Cash/Check
Subtotal: \$7,759.45	
Expenses	
\$0	None
Income	
\$ 287.85	Dues

Date	LAST MONTH EVENTS	Visitors	Hours
16-Mar	FCNA Fossil Creek Res	18	1
16-Mar	Stargazer Observatory	0	0.5
23-Mar	Loveland Lib SOLAR	107	2.5
30-Mar	FC Old Town Lib SOLAR	33	2
30-Mar	LCP Horsetooth Mtn OS	26	1.5

Date	CANCELLATIONS	Visitors
None		

Date	UPCOMING EVENTS	Start
5-Apr	FRCC Observatory	8p
8-Apr	Fossil Creek Park SOLAR ECLIPSE	11:30a
11-Apr	Polaris ES	8p
12-Apr	FCNA Fossil Creek Res	8:30p
13-Apr	Lvld Sylvan Dale	8:30p
15-Apr	Poudre Learning Ctr	8:30p
20-Apr	FCMoD SOLAR	11a
20-Apr	Stargazer Observatory	8p
28-Apr	Sunrise Ranch	8p

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Announcements?

I am looking to do three short "TED* like talks for our monthly meeting in July.

These talks will be 15 minutes long with 5 minutes for questions and answers.

Think about what passion you have in astronomy and send a proposal to me including:

- Name email and topic you want to discuss

A Survey Monkey will go out to the club next month to vote on which topics they want to see.

The top three will be notified by the end of May so they have time to prepare.

Speaker

Dr. Vicky Hamilton: Sample Return from Asteroid Bennu - Early Results

Dr. Vicky Hamilton is an Institute Scientist at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) in Boulder, Colorado. She received her Ph.D. from Arizona State University and her A.B. from Occidental College. She is a geologist specializing in laboratory spectroscopy of minerals, meteorites, and returned samples, numerical modeling of infrared spectra, and infrared remote sensing of planetary surfaces to determine composition and physical properties. She has been a science team Co-Investigator and Deputy Instrument Scientist/Principal Investigator on NASA planetary science flight missions to Mars and asteroids, including Mars Global Surveyor, 2001 Mars Odyssey, Mars Science Laboratory, OSIRIS-REx, and Lucy. She is also the Chair of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), a research community based, interdisciplinary forum providing the science input needed to plan and prioritize NASA's Mars exploration activities.