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Museum gets 'stellar' turnout at family opening of astronomy exhibition

***Heavens Above: Photographs of the Universe from the Hubble Space Telescope* is on view at Stamford Museum & Nature Center through July 29**

(Stamford, Connecticut—May 2007) ... *Heavens Above: Photographs of the Universe from the Hubble Space Telescope* and *Star Crazy!* are now on view at Stamford Museum & Nature Center. The exhibitions opened with a Family Preview Party on April 28 in Stamford Museum & Nature Center's Bendel Mansion Museum Galleries.

More than 250 people came to see images taken by Hubble strikingly displayed in illuminated light boxes, as well as *Star Crazy!* a display of the museum's own collection of prints by Etienne Leopold Trouvelot, a late 19th century amateur astronomer, and of some of the museum's own telescopes.

The crowds munched on moon pies and Milky Way bars, while watching *ViewSpace*, a constantly updating Internet-fed display of the latest presentations in space-based science provided by NASA.

Heavens Above and *Star Crazy!* will be on view through the end of July. During the exhibition, the museum is extending its gallery hours on Friday nights to host a series of weekly interactive astronomy programs by Todd Sullivan, NASA Ambassador



and Fairfield County Astronomical Society member. They will be held 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday nights, starting May 4 with “Hubble’s Amazing Adventure.” For a complete listing of programs, visit www.stamfordmuseum.org. Afterwards, visitors are invited to Observatory Friday Nights with resident astronomer Charles Scovil, who helped organize *Star Crazy!*.

Stamford Museum & Nature Center will also hold a Hands-On Astronomy Day, Saturday, June 23, 10-12. Pre-registration is required; call 322-1646 ext.6521 or visit www.stamfordmuseum.org for more information.

Heavens Above has been organized by the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art of the Midland Center for the Arts in Michigan and NASA’s Space Telescope Science Institute of Baltimore. It closes July 29.

Stamford Museum & Nature Center is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of art, the natural and agricultural sciences, and history. The Museum is a vital cultural and educational resource for the community, and a focal point for family activity and interaction, seeking to inspire creativity, foster self-discovery, and nurture an appreciation for lifelong learning through exhibitions, educational programs, and special events that enhance the visitor’s experience on its unique site.

Stamford Museum & Nature Center is located at 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT (3/4 mile North of Merritt Parkway Exit 35.) For more information call 203.322.1646 or visit www.stamfordmuseum.org.



Hours

Heckscher Farm

Daily 9am-5pm

Animal Embassy

Tues-Sun 10am-2pm

Summer 10am-3:30pm

Nature's Playground

Daily 9am-5pm

Bendel Mansion (main building)

Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

Sun 11am-5pm

Admission Fees*

SM&NC members – always free

Stamford residents – always free on Wednesdays

Adults \$8

Seniors (65+) \$6

Students (18+) \$6 (with valid ID)

Children (4-17) \$4

Children (3 and younger) Free **Excludes festival days*

Planetarium Show: 2nd Sunday of each month at 3 p.m.

Members Free. Adults \$3; Children 5 and older \$2

Observatory: Friday nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, weather permitting.

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