

Middle-Atlantic Planetarium Society Conference 2015
Garden City, NY -- Wed-Sat, May 13-16 -- "Universal Knowledge"
Conference Information Summary

Conference Hosts:

Cradle of Aviation Museum
One Davis Avenue
Garden City, NY 11530

AND

Nassau Community College
One Education Drive
Garden City, NY 11530

<http://www.cradleofaviation.org>

www.ncc.edu

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The Jet Blue Sky Theater at the Cradle of Aviation has a 76 foot tilted dome with raked stadium seating for 300. It features the Fidelis Bright Digital Planetarium System and Uniview Software for SCISS to create live interactive programming. Nassau Community College is host to a Spitz A4 Opto-mechanical projector with a 16 foot dome and seating for 30 people.

Conference Hotel:

Long Island Marriott
101 James Doolittle Boulevard, Uniondale, NY 11553

Rate: \$169/night

Weblink: <http://tinyurl.com/lp76puk>

Call to reserve: 1(800) 832-6255 or (516) 794-3800

Reservation info to provide: Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society (MAPS)

Cut-off date: April 15, 2015

Amenities: - Free parking
- Free Wireless Internet in Lobby/Public Areas (\$9.95/day for in-room wifi)
- Pool and Fitness Center

Conference Highlights:

- Programs for both digital and opto-mechanical planetariums
- Thursday mini-theme: "Beyond Astronomy" – Opening digital domes up to other disciplines
- Friday mini-theme: "The Interactive Planetarium" – The importance of live shows to engage audiences
- Saturday mini-theme: "Planetarium as a Classroom" – How to maximize student learning in a planetarium
- Night sky observing at Jones Beach (will be scheduled according to weather forecast)
- Thursday Night Karaoke at the Hotel Bar
- Margaret Noble Address: Steven Mitch – Past President of MAPS

Preliminary Conference Schedule:

Wednesday – May 13, 2015

Anytime - Vendor Hall set-up

Afternoon - Check-In, Conference Registration

Evening - Reception at Cradle including museum tours, planetarium programs

Late evening - Aquarius session at the Cradle of Aviation

Thursday - May 14, 2015

Morning - Breakfast, Vendor Hall open, workshops and presentations

Afternoon - Lunch with special guest speaker, workshops and presentations at the Cradle of Aviation

Evening - Dinner with special guest speaker, planetarium programs at the Cradle of Aviation

Late evening – Aquarius session at the Cradle of Aviation

Friday - May 15, 2015

Morning - Breakfast, Vendor Hall open, workshops and presentations

Afternoon - Lunch with special guest speaker, workshops and presentations at Nassau Community College

Evening - Banquet at the Cradle of Aviation, Margaret Noble Address by **Steven Mitch**, past president of MAPS

Late evening - Aquarius session at the Cradle of Aviation

Saturday - May 16, 2015

Morning - Breakfast, workshops and presentations

Afternoon - Door-prizes, closing remarks

Conference concludes at 1:00pm

Other Local Events/Info:

- Fri, May 15th - Nitro Circus at Nassau Coliseum (right next to the hotel)
more information and details: <http://nitrocircus.com/>
for tickets: <http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/00004D38B0154E23>
- Sat, May 16th – Don Rickles at NYCB theatre (10 minute drive)
for tickets: <http://concerts.livenation.com/event/00004D799A643605>

Nearby attractions:

- Roosevelt Field Mall (10th largest in the U.S.) – 5 minute drive
- Jones Beach State Park (beaches, boardwalk, outdoor recreation along the ocean) – 15 minute drive
- Manhattan (NYC) – 30 minutes by car or train (Long Island Railroad)

