

The 86th Annual Peoria Academy of Science Banquet

April 8, 2016
6:00 P.M. Social • 6:30 P.M. Dinner
Barrack's Cater Inn - Pioneer Parkway

Guest Speaker
Renae Kerrigan

US Funded Telescopes in Chile

Renae Kerrigan, Planetarium Curator at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, has worked in informal astronomy education since 2009. Kerrigan first became interested in astronomy during her tenure as an Education Intern at Lakeview Museum. She became immersed in planetarium programming, presenting shows to the public and school groups. After receiving her Bachelor of Science from Bradley University in 2011, she began working full time for the museum as a Learning Coordinator. In this role, she regularly presented science and astronomy programs to a broad range of audiences. In 2014, she assumed the role of Planetarium Curator, responsible for managing all aspects of the planetarium, including staff, budget, show creation, presentation, maintenance, participation in national and local astronomy organizations, and outreach activities. Quickly becoming known as the "Space Lady" in Peoria, Kerrigan regularly appears at public events and uses social media to promote science and astronomy, and hosts a popular series of adult events at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

In June of 2015, Kerrigan was honored to be a part of the National Science Foundation funded Astronomy in Chile Educator Ambassador Program. Nine astronomy educators from the United States were sent to the Southern Hemisphere to visit the NSF funded telescopes in Chile - some of the most advanced telescopes in the world! The Ambassadors visited Gemini South, the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory, and the Atacama Large Millimeter-submillimeter Array. The goal of the program is to educate people in the United States about these telescopes, and why the US is building a huge astronomy infrastructure in Chile.

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Section Calendar

Astronomy: www.astronomical.org

- **Monthly meeting** first Wednesday of each month
7:30 P.M. at Riverfront Museum Planetarium
- **Observatory** on any clear Saturday evening after dark,
from May 21st though October 15th.

Audubon: www.peoriaaudubon.org

- **Monthly meeting** second Wednesday of each
month 7:00 P.M. at Forest Park Nature Center
- **May 7, Spring Bird count** statewide bird survey

Entomology: www.centralillinoisinsects.org

- **April 16, 2016 - 9 a.m. Sand Ridge field trip (Henry Gkeasin Oreserve).**
Leave from old Lakeview Parking lot at 9 a.m.
- **May 21, 2016 - 9 a.m. Rock Island Trail Park field trip.**
Leave from old Lakeview parking lot at 9 a.m.

Geology: www.pasgeology.com

- **Monthly Meetings** fourth Tuesday Monthly
at Forest Park Nature Center 7:00 PM
- **Lapidary class** Miller Center in Pekin \$3 the first 4
Thursdays of every month
- **53re Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show** - August 27/28
TravelInn,(formerly Grand Hotel) Peoria, IL FREE to all.

Herpetology: www.centralillinoisherp.com

- **Monthly Meeting** - first Thursday of every month
7:00 PM at Forest Park Nature Center
- **25th Annual Amphibian and Reptile Fair** - August 20/21
TravelInn,(formerly Grand Hotel) Peoria, IL Saturday 10-5 Sunday 12-5

Ichthyology: www.facebook.com/TriCountyTropicalFishSociety

- **Monthly Meeting** - Immanuel Lutheran Church,
506 East Washington Street, East Peoria
second Wednesday of the month 7PM
- **Annual Fish Show** - Labor Day weekend, Northwoods Mall

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