

The Daily Planet Cafe Announces October 2013 Science Cafe Events

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RALEIGH, NC, October 02, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Dean Ogan, owner of Rocky Top Hospitality, has announced that The Daily Planet Cafe, in conjunction with the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, will host five science cafe events throughout the month of October. The talks are scheduled to take place each Thursday in October as part of the museum's science programming.

October's first Science Cafe event is the next installment of Science Trivia! Held in The Daily Planet Cafe on the first Thursday of each month, Science Trivia is a fun opportunity to mingle with friends and compete for prizes and bragging rights as individuals battle to answer questions about science facts, current events, pop culture and scientific discoveries. This event will take place Thursday, October 3 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit:
<http://naturalsciences.org/programs-events/science-trivia-2>

"Plague: Old Disease - New Research" will explore the deadly disease that changed the course of European history. Dr. Bill Goldman, professor and chair of microbiology and immunology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will explain why scientists continue to study the plague and what it can tell us about the evolution and emergence of highly virulent pathogens. Through the discussion, participants will be able to gain a better understanding of how we as a society can learn more about new diseases by understanding old diseases. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. For more information visit,
<http://naturalsciences.org/programs-events/science-cafe-plague-old-disease-new-research>

"Discovery of the Olinguito" will uncover the mysterious creature that has been a victim of mistaken identity for more than 100 years. Participants will hear from scientists who recently completed their study on this remarkable animal, an investigation that took them on a journey from museum cabinets in Chicago to cloud forests in South America. The result found the olinguito to be the first new carnivore species to be discovered in the Western Hemisphere in 35 years. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit
<http://naturalsciences.org/programs-events/science-cafe-discovery-olinguito>

"FBI Safeguards for Science and Technology" will discuss the breakthrough research and development that is taking place on the nation's campuses and through its research facilities. FBI Special Agent Luis Velasco will look at how U.S. Counterintelligence Strategic Partnerships works to safeguard those technologies which, if compromised, would result in catastrophic losses for the nation's security. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit
<http://naturalsciences.org/programs-events/science-cafe-fbi-safeguards-science-and-technology>

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"Bats: Beneficial, Beautiful and Burdened" will explore the often misunderstood and underappreciated world of bats. Extremely diverse, bats are found worldwide, and play important ecological, economic and even medicinal roles. Today though, bats face unprecedented threats to their existence as a result of devastating environmental pressures. Lisa Gatens, research curator for the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, will discuss the fascinating roles of bats on society and their complex, unique diversity. The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit <http://naturalsciences.org/programs-events/science-cafe-bats-beneficial-beautiful-and-burdened>

QUOTES:"The science cafe events have become a staple of The Daily Planet Cafe, and we are excited to announce October's slate of discussions," said Ogan. "From bats to the FBI, science cafe topics give attendees the opportunity to engage in exciting conversations surrounding the world of science today. We encourage everyone to come out and participate!"

NEW MEDIA CONTENT: Dean Ogan on Twitter:<http://twitter.com/DeanOgan>

Rocky Top Hospitality website:<http://www.rockytophospitality.com/>

ABOUT ROCKY TOP HOSPITALITY Rocky Top Hospitality restaurants have consistently rated among the Triangle's most popular local dining choices since its first restaurant opened in 1998. The Rocky Top Hospitality name includes a variety of unique restaurant concepts under its umbrella, such as Dean's Seafood Grill & Bar, The Daily Planet Cafe, Twisted Fork and Rocky Top Catering, a thriving events facility and catering business. Dedicated to supporting the North Carolina economy, all Rocky Top Hospitality restaurant menus items are made with local beef, seafood, poultry, pork, dairy and organic produce, whenever possible. Dishes are made fresh daily, in house by the chefs and never come out of a box, and all beef and pork used are free of growth hormones, additives, antibiotics or chemicals. Named one of the Triangle's Top Corporate Philanthropist by the Triangle Business Journal, Dean Ogan, owner of Rocky Top Hospitality, and his employees are actively involved in giving back to the community and supporting its local efforts. Ogan was named the 2011 Restaurateur of the Year by the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association (NCRLA). For more information on Rocky Top Hospitality, visit <http://www.rockytophospitality.com/>.