



Glad to hear that COVID is abating!!

Discovery Dome News

Summer is at hand, and we are delighted that planetarium demand is returning!

We are so glad that vaccinations are making our customers more comfortable to enter domes, and we want to help you get kickstarted!

- <u>Discovery Dome</u> is the best value portable on the market, with more choices in projection technology, more choices in domes (including Dish and Handicapped-accessible domes), and the only one woman-owned and headed by an Astronomy Professor! I'm always here to help you get started or solve problems! And we give most of our profits to help underserved communities... see the new Youtube video from our installation in India! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eM1iHrxoUY
- There are new versions of MediaShow and Stellarium we are offering free training sessions on MediaShow, Stellarium, Fishtank and World Wide Telescope this summer If none of the times are good for you, let us know the times you would like and we can set up a training. MediaShow is great for mirror or fisheye systems, and allows multilanguage subtitles easily we also use it for all our streaming shows!
- New "Free" Movie: "Space Opera" from Matteo Gagliardi. It's a forty-minute fisheye (that you can play back with Fishtank on mirror systems). If enough folks (4 or 5) want it pre-warped, we can split the cost of having it done (\$500). He is asking only for a donation, and I suggest at least \$150 to him if you get it from him. Fishtank Lite is only \$150, and allows you to show *any* fisheye *or* 360VR movie on the mirror. (We include it in all systems these days). You can also purchase a full version of

Fishtank from the Windows store, but we also have it for Mac.

- Eclipse June 10: Remember we have free fulldome (and prewarped)
 eclipse animations that Don Davis did for us for the 2017 eclipse, paid for
 by NASA so free to use. We have updated the eclipse diagrams, too.
 Feel free to use (with attribution). Sign up here to be on our eclipse
 mailing list, and be sure to select "planetarium educator", and other
 groups you are interested in. Here are some good websites about this
 eclipse: this one for general info and this one also has a live stream.
- 4K / laser projectors: We are testing protocols for 4K projectors.
 Meanwhile, Epson has some affordable laser engine projectors, which will have much longer life and faster cool down and startup! We'll send more info to folks who choose "projection equipment" as one of the groups you want info on. Choose "update preferences" to be sure you get the info you want.
- Mac Users: As we told you, MediaShow at present doesn't run on MACOS 10.15 "Catalina" and higher, but there might be a solution on the horizon. Meanwhile, our recommended software (including World Wide Telescope) works great on Windows!

Got a new laptop? We can help you get everything installed.

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HMNS has been using the "Discovery Dish" for rentals but requests are now coming in for dome rentals!!

We miss seeing you all!!

We will be at CAST in Fort Worth in November, and <u>NSTA National</u> looks like it will be in person IN HOUSTON next March 31 - April 3 - yea!!! So, we'd love to see you then. If you will be coming to Houston any time before that, let us know and we can show you all the neat hardware and software we have been working on!

Contact us! We are here to serve you!

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