



DREAMING THE UNIVERSE: THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE, FICTION, & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA explores the history of science fiction in Southern California from the 1930s to the 1980s, and how it interacted with the advances of science, the changes in technology, and shifts in American society. Curated by Nick Smith, former president of Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, the exhibition brings together an unusual range of artifacts, fine and graphic arts, books, ephemera, and photographs from the many different mediums of science fiction.

Southern California ushered in the Rocket Age in 1936 with the first rocket tests in Pasadena's Arroyo Seco. The growth of the aeronautics industry in the area was closely paralleled by the growth of the creative science fiction community. Science fiction is often regarded as the literature of the imagination, but it was here in Southern California that the worlds of speculation, science, and society overlapped in ways that helped to change the world. *Dreaming the Universe* will be on view through September 2, 2018.

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APRIL PROGRAMMING

SPACE PATROL: MISSIONS OF DARING

Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 pm

Relive the thrilling days of early live TV as journalist Jean-Noel Bassior, author of *Space Patrol: Missions of Daring in the Name of Early Television*, takes you behind the scenes of this ground-breaking series that paved the way for science fiction film and TV. Before *Star Trek*, there was *Space Patrol*, a wildly popular 1950s TV show shot live at ABC. It was a time when just about anything could happen live on air – and did – before millions of viewers.

GROWING UP WITH RAY BRADBURY

Thursday, April 19, 6:30 pm

Ray Bradbury's daughter Ramona invites you to pull up a chair in her virtual living room as she shares an intimate evening of memories about growing up in the eclectic Bradbury household in the Cheviot Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles. The format is a conversation with historian Richard Schave (Esotouric Bus Adventures, Los Angeles), followed by a Q & A session.

Tickets include light refreshments and entrance to the exhibition *Dreaming the Universe* starting at 6:00 pm. Advanced reservations required as space is limited. Tickets: Members \$10; General \$15

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