

3 Month Plan

January 2021

Video and event production

Hawaii Video shorts

Work on Hawaiian Islands live

Organization and logistics for Mars landing event

The Hawaii shows, whether they be about astronomy, the environment, or geology, are excellent ways to appeal to people in Northeast Michigan during the winter, or any other time of the year. Hawaii is one of the most romanticized states in America, being the only tropical state, and having a unique and diverse environment allows it to be a subject of great interest to a lot of Americans. While I cannot say for sure that everyone will be overly fascinated with the topics I want to bring forward, I can at least say that I am really interested in these topics and I believe that I have the capability to share my passion and curiosity with everyone who watches or reads my content.

Finishing the short videos and topics won't be all that hard as I can usually complete one with a few hours of undisturbed work. I was able to create the Southern Cross video in about 3 hours. The actual MSL style show will happen in February if I can get through all of the short video content, as the main planetarium show will be a culmination of the information presented in the short videos, as well as some other content that I've arranged for the show. Such as a comparison of the skies in Alpena.

As for making the planetarium feel more tropical, I could put a nice photo or photos on the door of the planetarium of Hawaii's night sky, I could play Hawaiian music while guests come into the planetarium, and I could also wear Hawaiian shirts during the shows. I would likely run the show all month-long during February, or even longer if it's really enjoyed.

February

Video and event production

Production and presentation of Hawaiian Skies live

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Continued refinement of other 2 Hawaiian shows

Mars 2020 event

1. Streaming event live in planetarium
2. Mars Cookie Cutter
3. Mars poster giveaway(s)
4. Educational Event from free toolkits
5. Collaboration with Library, plans on Mars education kits.

The Mars 2020 event in my head is best done as an in-person event in which people would have reserve spots for, simply having people pay admission to the museum for the ability to participate in everything happening at the museum/ planetarium. I figured on the day of the event, I would open up the planetarium doors and let people watch the live stream of the landing process from NASA. I could stay in the planetarium and run the stream, answering questions audience members may have, as well as adding commentary for parts that may not be overtly clear for the common person. Outside of the planetarium I would like to have a small goody bag with the Mars cookies I plan to make, we can use the sprites left over from Christmas too, as well as any resources that didn't get used at that time.

I would also like to have one or two educational events going during this time outside the planetarium. I, Amanda, and maybe one or two volunteers would help run these education stations during the live stream. The events would be from the kits we got from the NISE Network, and we would simply need to figure out ways to make them safe for a socially distant perspective.

Lastly, the Library said that they would work on education kits that they could send home. My idea on how to run those kits is to tie them to admission, giving one education kit to each group that comes in. The kits are made by the library though, so they will ultimately have discretion on how they want to dispense them.

March

Video and event production

Production and presentation of one other Hawaiian Islands live show

Continued refinement of other Hawaiian show

Observing/ Astronomical events

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In March there will be a few interesting astronomical events worth mentioning and studying. I will take some time during this month to create short videos about these events, as well as attempt to photograph and livestream some of them including an equinox and a supermoon.