



Cleveland Astronomical Society

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Thursday, May 5, 2011 Meeting Announcement

6:15—7:00 p.m. – Get acquainted and snacks 7:00—7:45 p.m. – Buffet Dinner (Reservations Required)

7:45—8:00 p.m. – Short Business Meeting 8:00—9:00 p.m. – Featured Speaker (Free to public)

Leonard Krieger CanalWay Center

4524 East 49th Street (turn onto Whittlesey Way to reach Center),
Cuyahoga Heights (216-206-1000)

Speaker -- Dr. Gary Mechler

Astronomy -- Department of Physics-Geosciences
Pima College, Tucson, Arizona

The Cosmic Perspective of Carl Sagan

Many think that Carl Sagan was one of the greatest public science communicators ever. Sagan impressed both his professors and colleagues with his ideas and his assertiveness. His public promotion of astronomy and science began shortly after he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, and by the early 1960's he was on national television. Sagan produced, co-wrote, and hosted the memorable series COSMOS. He inspired many to follow science careers, planetary science in particular. This talk will emphasize Sagan's broad arena of critical thinking and his scientific concerns, which he communicated so well. Dr. Mechler will share a variety of excerpts from Sagan's work. Astronomy and physics teachers, in particular, may find special guidance in what Carl Sagan said and how he said it.

High School Teachers interested in bringing two students, as our guests, please contact Bob Sledz, President, at 440-333-7827 or isledz@yahoo.com by the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting date.