Ella's Inside View: January 15-28

**Planetarium Launch Party**

Happy New Year! 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, as well as the 50th anniversary of our very own Hurst Planetarium. To celebrate these stellar milestones, the Ella Sharp Museum is celebrating all year long, with exciting new programming and special events. We kick things off with a Planetarium "Launch Party" starting at 4:30 p.m. on January 17. Join us for a chance to see the updates and improvements we’ve made to the facility.

Join us on Thursday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m. for our Planetarium Launch Party

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**Eclipse Viewing Party**

January 20, 2019
9 p.m.-12 a.m.

View the lunar eclipse in style at the Hurst Planetarium! We will be hosting an eclipse viewing party featuring planetarium shows, outdoor observing using telescopes and more!

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**Calling All Artists!**

Submit Your Design for New Bike Racks for Ella Sharp Museum

The Ella Sharp Museum is seeking design proposals for functional, artistic bicycle racks to be installed on the museum’s campus in the spring of 2019.

Applicants are encouraged to create a site-specific design that reflects the history of Jackson County or the Ella Sharp Museum. Each artist or team can submit up to 3 designs.
Selected artists will receive a stipend of **$1,000** intended to provide recognition and financial support to purchase materials necessary to successfully complete the project. Artist(s) may partner with a fabricator for the construction of the bicycle rack.

Questions? Contact Rachel Veramay at rachel@ellasharp.org. To enter, please click the button to the left.

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**Volunteer Kick-Off**

**January 24**  
**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Join us for the annual volunteer kick-off at Ella Sharp Museum! Discover opportunities to develop new skills, expand your knowledge of Jackson, meet new people and connect with your community.

Volunteers can participate in our annual events, interpretive programming, collections, maintenance, development and the administrative department. It's also an opportunity to get to know the staff behind Ella Sharp Museum and Cell Block 7 and gain a greater understanding of how the museum works.

**Bonus!** The new director of the Art, Beer, and Wine Festival will be joining us and the evening will be the first time to sign up as a festival volunteer. **Don't miss out** on snagging your favorite volunteer position for the June 8th ABW festival!

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**MID-WINTER MIXER**

**February 2**  
**5-9 p.m.**
In 1912, Ella Sharp willed her property to the City of Jackson for residents to enjoy. In that spirit, please join us at the museum on February 2 to celebrate the halfway point from the winter solstice to the spring equinox. Enjoy a mix of activities—there's something for everyone. For Game of Thrones fans... ever wonder about the strange seasons of Westeros? Why some summers can be so long, but always that “Winter is coming?” Dive into a different world with Hurst Planetarium! Live music and snowshoes will fill Farm Lane as you enjoy Vito’s Espresso, cash bar, bonfires, dog sledding, and more.

Third Coast Conversations: Dialogues About WATER IN MICHIGAN

5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 7
1 p.m., Saturday, February 9

Ella Sharp Museum is one of 18 organizations in the state to receive a "Third Coast Conversations" grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. These grants foster conversation about how the people of Michigan connect with water. Join us to share your experiences, stories, and memories and help us shape a community-based exhibit. Light refreshments will be provided.

Be Like Ella!

More than 100 years ago Ella Sharp willed her home to the people of Jackson to become a museum. Sustaining her legacy requires ongoing dedication and resources. Your generosity now helps ensure that Ella’s gift will last into the future. Show your commitment to Jackson by donating to the museum today!

Donate Here

2019 Planetarium Public Shows

Sundays at 2:30 p.m. & Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Eclipse
January 17 and 20

January 20, 2019 provides a great opportunity to experience one of the solar system’s many spectacular phenomena. Lunar eclipses occur when the Full Moon travels through Earth’s
shadow. When the Moon is completely covered by the shadow, it can turn a deep orange color that is a wonder to behold. The Hurst Planetarium will be hosting shows leading up to the eclipse where viewers can learn everything they need to know about this phenomenon.

**Chasing the Ghost Particle**  
**Thursdays, January 24-February 14**

Deep in the ice at the heart of Antarctica, the biggest and strangest detector in the world waits for mysterious messengers from the cosmos. Chasing the Ghost Particle will take you on a journey, from the South Pole to the edge of the universe, that you will never forget.

**The Sun: Our Living Star**  
**Thursdays, February 21–April 30**

The Sun has shone on our world for four and a half billion years. The light that warms our skin today has been felt by every person who has ever lived. Discover the secrets of our star in this planetarium show and experience never-before-seen images of the Sun’s violent surface in immersive fulldome format.

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**EXHIBITS at the ELLA**

**IMAGE AS IDEA**  
Now–March 3, 2019

**PETTICOAT PATRIOTS**  
December 21, 2018–March 3, 2019

**THE LIVING WILDERNESS**  
January 11–June 30, 2019