

3RD ANNUAL EXETER UFO FESTIVAL

LECTURE SCHEDULE

8am - Doors Open

8:00am-8:15am - Opening remarks

Pam Gjettum, Exeter Area Kiwanis: Welcome and Greeting. Tim Binnall MC: Opening of festival.

8:15am-8:30am - John Paul Oswald

8:45am-10:15am - Kathleen Marden

Betty and Barney Hill: Setting the Record Straight

10:30am-12:00pm - Jeff & Jess Finn

World Premiere of documentary film, *Strange Septembers: The Hill Abduction & The Exeter Encounter*

12:00pm-1:00pm - Lunch

1:00pm-1:45pm - Steve Firmani

2:00pm-3:30pm - Stanton Friedman

The Betty Hill Star Map in Perspective

3:45pm-5:15pm - Richard Dolan

5:30pm-6:30pm - Panel Discussion

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

9:30am

- Crafts & games
- Buckets of Chalk: ET & UFO drawings throughout town & Founders Park
- Beach Rock Painting: Founders Park, near Exeter Public Library
- Face Painting: Founders Park
- Story Circle: Founders Park
- Alien Seek for kids 12 & under at participating merchants (Contest Rules available at Starship Command & Santerre's Stones 'N Stuff Water Street, Downtown)

10:00am

- UFO Construction for Families: Founders Park
- Alien Crash Site & Debris Field: Construction Using Recyclable Materials - Prizes & Ribbons

12:00pm

- Alien Pet Costume Contest: Front Street, above the Band Stand (look for signs)

12:45pm

- Kid's ET Costume Contest: Founders Park

6:30pm-8:00pm - Live Music

- Alien Cafe (Loaf & Ladle):
Live Music by Bob Moore & the Peace Mongers

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Betty and Barney Hill: Setting the Record Straight:

Debunkers have had a field day with the Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience (the first publicized UFO close encounter and alien abduction in the US), disseminating so much false and misleading information over the past 45 years that most people have difficulty separating fact from fiction. In her totally new Powerpoint Presentation, Kathleen Marden, their niece, exposes the most flagrant false claims made by Carl Sagan, Philip Klass, and others and sets the record straight, time and time again, by presenting true documented evidence that indicates some well known debunkers are not only wrong, but have carefully manipulated the public's perception of the Hill case.

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September 19, 1961. White Mountains, New Hampshire. Close Encounter of the Third Kind. First modern alien abduction. Were Betty and Barney Hill really taken aboard a UFO? Was the CIA involved? Was there a connection to the Roswell Incident? What really happened to the Hills that night in the darkness of the White Mountains?

September 3, 1965. Exeter, New Hampshire. Close Encounter of the First Kind. 18-year-old hitchhiker about to enter the Navy. Two well-respected police officers. All three men witnessed a UFO. Was there more to their shared claim than a mere sighting? What role did the Air Force play? What really happened to Norman Muscarello, Eugene Bertrand, and David Hunt near a dark field in the dead of night?

2:00pm-3:30pm Nuclear physicist lecturer Stanton Friedman

The Betty Hill Star Map in Perspective

As a scientist I have been intrigued about the star map ever since first reading about it more than 40 years ago... I Met with Marjorie Fish who built more than 2 dozen different 3 dimensional models to try to identify the pattern stars in the map. I was the first to publish an article about her work and instigated the very important article in Astronomy magazine. I am still fascinated.

The map gives us a sensible new perspective on our local galactic neighborhood. Unfortunately it forces us to recognize that Copernicus was wrong. The Sun is not the middle of the Universe. We Earthlings are not the big shots in the neighborhood. It is worth reviewing what was observed and what it means to recognize that the base stars are not only a billion years older than the sun, but are just down the street from us and are more than 30 times closer to each other than the sun is from our nearest stellar neighbor. New paradigms are needed.

More coming soon!