

# Peoria Academy of Science

## 95th Anniversary Banquet

**Friday, April 18, 2025**

The Peoria Academy of Science invites you to attend the Annual Banquet on Friday, April 18, at the Cater Inn, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway between University Street and Knoxville Avenue. The facility will be open at 6:00 P.M. for socializing; and dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

### **Sheldon Schafer**

Sheldon Schafer retired in 2014 as Director Emeritus after 38 years as the Director of Education and Planetarium Curator at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. He concurrently taught the introductory astronomy course for non-science majors in the Physics Department at Bradley University from for 40 years, retiring in 2020.

### ***Archeoastronomical Astrotourism***

We all know that expressing our interest in the hobby of astronomy can involve hours of observing and imaging, and often the acquisition of a variety of instruments to aid in those activities. However, there are other ways to express one's interest in astronomy. For our speaker, that has included significant travel to sites of astronomical interest, such as the world's great observatories, visiting the homes and workplaces of famous astronomers, and chasing eclipses. Tonight, he will focus on a subset of those destinations, important sites in the pre-history of astronomy, exploring the realm of archeoastronomy. To our prehistoric ancestors, knowledge of the cycles of the Sun and Moon and stars was of vital importance. Ancient civilizations had to study astronomy for several critical reasons: first, to explore the natural order of events, thus establishing a calendar; second, as an element of social and civic planning; and third, to live in harmony with cosmic powers, thus providing a grounding for their spiritual beliefs. In his talk, he will explore how the first two played out at a dozen different sites in the Americas and Europe.

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I would like to make \_\_\_\_ reservations @ \$ 25.00 for the Academy Annual Banquet on Friday, April 18, 2025 at the Cater Inn Restaurant.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ , made out to the Peoria Academy of Science.

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