



Soar into Museum of Discovery and Science, Spend an Evening with a NASA Astronaut and Textile Artist Karen Nyberg for Quilting & Space Event on Friday, October 8, 2021

Adults 21+ only are invited to RSVP for the “making” event with cocktails and lite bites at 6 p.m. at MODS

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (October 7, 2021) – It’s not often a NASA astronaut invites you for a cocktail. Adults are invited to join **Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS)** as astronaut, engineer, space traveler and textile artist Karen Nyberg brings her craft to MODS on **Friday, October 8, 2021, at 6 p.m.**

Sip stellar cocktails, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and learn about life in space with accomplished astronaut, earth ambassador and artist, Karen Nyberg. MODS is excited to offer this first-of-its-kind, textile art and maker experience with an astronaut.

Join Nyberg, the 50th woman to travel to space, for a fun, intimate VIP evening. You will hear personal stories of space missions while creating a unique, take-home art piece designed by the astronaut herself. This special maker project is inspired by Nyberg’s time spent looking out of the International Space Station (ISS) Cupola (domed observatory module) towards Earth. Attendees can frame the finished artwork, sew it onto a future quilt or put it on a gift tote bag. Makers of all skill levels are welcome and class size is extremely limited. You will not want to miss out on this unique experience to create a make-and-take activity like no other.

“MODS mission of connecting people to inspiring science is best activated at zero gravity!” said **Joseph P. Cox**, president & CEO of the Museum. “The maker movement includes adults; Our community’s mission, should they choose to accept it, is to enjoy an evening out at MODS and an out-of-this-world immersive STEM experience with Karen Nyberg, whose fascinating stories of space travel and quilting in space will transport guests to another galaxy.”

While living in space for 180 days, Nyberg documented authentic, personal moments of life on the International Space Station. She created daily videos to stay connected with her son on Earth and showed the world how to sew and wash your hair in space. While living in space, Nyberg gained a profound understanding of the interconnectedness of life and the fragile beauty of our planet.

Nyberg, a retired astronaut, mechanical engineer, avid quilter, is on a mission to work with brands, organizations and people who are taking steps to make the world a better place.

“I am excited to work with MODS and connect with the South Florida community during the first-ever space-themed textile art maker event,” said **Nyberg**. “STEM is not just for students! Adults will love this hands-on experience, where we will use fabric to interpret one of my favorite space memories.”

The cost of the evening event is \$75 for MODS members and \$80 for non-members. RSVP is required at mods.org/astronautevening. Space is limited. Masks are required when not eating or drinking. Event supported by Aurifil, Olfa, Osomtex, Robert Kaufman Fabrics and Thermoweb.

Nyberg also will host field trips for underserved schools and a members-only meet-and-greet event during her weekend in residence at the Museum.

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ABOUT KAREN NYBERG

Dr. Karen Nyberg is an engineer, astronaut, and artist who, through nearly 30 years of experience in human spaceflight, has gained an appreciation for the value of working within and across diverse political ideologies, cultural values, and world views to advance critical missions.

Nyberg was selected as a member of the NASA Astronaut Corps in 2000. She made her first trip to space aboard Space Shuttle Discovery in 2008, during the height of International Space Station (ISS) construction, delivering and installing the Japanese Laboratory. On her second spaceflight in 2013, Karen launched on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft and lived and worked at ISS for 166 days.

Prior to astronaut selection, Nyberg worked as an Environmental Control Systems Engineer at the Johnson Space Center where she led several design and analysis initiatives in the areas of space vehicle and space suit thermal and environmental control. Recently retired from NASA, Nyberg is currently pursuing interests in the areas of conservation and sustainability, fully appreciating the responsibility for innovation and technology to strive to meet those needs.

Nyberg received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Dakota and graduate degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and has been honored with the highest alumni award from each alma mater. She lives in Houston, Texas with her husband, Astronaut Doug Hurley, their Dinosaur loving son, Jack, and two sweet dogs, Leo and Luke. For more info, please visit karenyberg.com.

ABOUT MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. In addition to daily

hours, MODS is currently offering virtual and offsite programming, which allows us to continue connecting people around the globe to inspiring science - whether at home or in virtual classrooms. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films, experiential programs and an aviation-themed Makerspace. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, awesome avatar tours and private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more.

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit mods.org or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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