

## For Immediate Release: Preserving our Night Sky! Marc Deshowitz

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1903 Wells Fargo Rd  
Leeds, UT 84746  
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February 22, 2020 at 10am

Cost: \$4. (Includes museum and mine tour)

# Preserving Our Night Sky!

Please join us on February 22, at 10 AM at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant next to the Wells Fargo/Silver Reef Museum in Leeds Utah for a fascinating presentation entitled, **"Preserving one of our most precious resources... our night sky."**

Would you like to know how you can help preserve the night sky?

Then join us for this presentation on the importance of the night sky to people throughout history, and the causes, impacts, and solutions to light pollution.

Do you remember the first time you saw the Milky Way?

Did you know over 80% of the people in our country can no longer see the Milky Way from where they live?

Did you know the increased and widespread use of artificial light at night is not only impairing our view of the universe, it is adversely affecting our environment, our safety, our energy consumption and our health?

Do you want to know how you can help preserve the Leeds night sky?

### Topics

- A personal light pollution journey to the dark side
- A dialogue about our heritage
- What is light pollution, air pollution, sky glow, clutter..
- Health concerns – birds, bees, trees, and people
- Safety – home security and driving
- The collateral impact of neighboring communities
- What does night sky compliant lighting look like or not
- Economic incentives
- Some inexpensive or free solutions
- What you can do

**Featured speaker: Marc Deshowitz**

Marc is a native of the Boston area. Upon completion of his undergraduate and graduate studies in Geology, he went to work in the energy sector for 30+ years, including five years in Research & Development.

Marc and his wife Chrystal retired in 2008 and are currently employed by Dixie Road Scholar where they jointly lead educational excursions across the Colorado Plateau and beyond.

Marc's interest in preserving our night sky, and background as a scientist, has led him to perform independent research on light pollution over the past ten years and he has experience in the design and implementation of light retrofitting projects in our area. He has provided presentations and advice on night sky preservation at local and state levels in both Utah and Nevada.

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