

# The Eagle has Landed in Bay Area - Novato Museum gets a Lunar Module & Moon Buggy!

NOVATO, Calif., July 18, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- In honor of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 and 12 moon landings, the Space Station Museum has acquired large-scale replicas of both the lunar module and lunar rover (also called the "moon buggy") to be used in a new interactive exhibit.

These items will be featured at the upcoming Novato Space Festival on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Apollo 12 astronaut Dick Gordon. Unique to this museum, visitors will actually be able to get up close and touch these large, detailed copies of the vehicles used during the Apollo moon landings.

"Visitors will feel like they are on the moon with Neil Armstrong! I believe that this lunar experience will become one of the Bay Area's most popular must-see attractions," says Ken Winans, Co-President of The W Foundation (The W Foundation operates the museum.).

Since opening in 2011, the Space Station Museum has already become a popular regional attraction.

With its emphasis on space exploration (past and present), the public gets a unique tactile experience as they are allowed to touch space-flown artifacts. Artifacts are also rotated within the exhibit several times a year to help encourage visitors to return and see new items.

The Space Station is unique in the museum world as an efficient and effective way to offer quality, educational exhibits during this time of fiscal austerity:

1. The museum uses existing retail space provided by the Pacheco Plaza shopping center and admission is free.
2. The museum is 100% volunteer staffed and is open 4 days a week, 4 hours per day and by appointment.
3. The museum is 100% privately funded through donations and in-kind support from organizations such as: Winans Investments, Wreyford Family Foundation, Maserati Automotive, Men's Warehouse, Starbucks' La Boulange Bakery, State Farm Insurance, etc.

The W Foundation is a privately funded 501c3 non-profit corporation founded in 2004 by Ken Winans and Debbie Wreyford. It owns one of the largest private collections of U.S., Russian, and Soviet space exploration artifacts in existence. In addition to The Space Station Museum, artifacts have been on display for many years at Chabot Space Science Center, The USS Hornet Museum, and the "Navy in Space" exhibit during San Francisco Fleet Week.

The organization has attracted legendary figures such as Apollo 12 Astronaut Dick Gordon, award winning

actor Bill Pullman, and video game designer Will Wright to its Board of Advisors.

More information can be found at [www.thespacestationca.org](http://www.thespacestationca.org)

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