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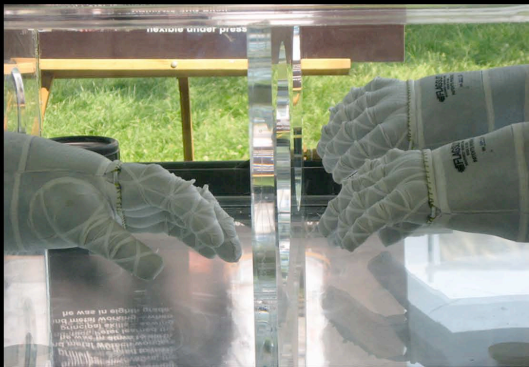
Tremont Maine

“Hands In Space” MDI Library Tour An- nounced

HANDS IN SPACE

The Astronaut Glove Experience August 2008

Created for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival



Reach into space and feel something new..

MDI Library Tour

Fri. 8th Southwest Harbor	9:00 am - noon
Thur. 14th Northeast Harbor	11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fri. 15th Bass Harbor Memorial	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Fri. 22nd Jesup Memorial	11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Island Astronomy Institute invites you to reach into space and feel what its like to be an astronaut.

“Hands in Space” features four prize winning astronaut gloves in a clear vacuum filled box. The four gloves, including one for children were manufactured in Southwest Harbor by Peter Homer. The exhibit grew out of successful MDI school programs and NASA events across the country. The tour started at this summer’s Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC. where it caught the attention of major museums, drawing in 10,000 people.

In the vacuum of space an astronaut’s glove swells up like a balloon becoming stiff and inflexible. In 2007 Peter Homer won \$200,000 in the first round of NASA’s Astronaut Glove Challenge with his innovative design that outperforms NASA’s for flexibility and ease of use. Peter Homer and Peter Lord will be on hand to share this remarkable story through hands on demonstrations.

For more information go to www.islandastro.org

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