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Museum After Dark celebrates 10th anniversary of space exhibit

Ginny and John Freyer chaired the 2013 Museum After Dark fundraiser for Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Photos by David Zalubowski, Special to The Denver Post

Ted Vial, left, his wife, Nancy Walsh, benefactor Janet Mordecai and museum president George Sparks.

How does one begin a trip Across the Universe? Astronauts board rocket ships. But since the parking lot at Denver Museum of Nature & Science isn’t equipped with launching pads like the ones at Kennedy Space Center, the 550 guests at Museum After Dark blasted off to the museum’s west entrance in golf carts piloted by valets from RPM Parking Companies.

When they reached their destination, they were greeted by costumed characters from “Star Wars” and escorted to a futuristic walkway that led to an atrium festooned with a galaxy of solar system-inspired ice sculptures and floral arrangements, neon-bedecked stilt walkers and a backdrop for the bandstand that looked like the night sky.

John Freyer, president of Land Title and a member of the museum’s board of trustees, chaired Museum After Dark with his wife, Ginny. He explained that the theme, Across the Universe, was chosen because 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the museum’s award-winning exhibition, Space Odyssey.

The Freyers and Land Title also were the event’s presenting sponsors.

Some of the female guests played into the theme by wearing silver; museum vice president Bridget Coughlin, though, was the most authentic by selecting a navy blue gown patterned with delicate images of constellations.

“You can’t judge a book by its cover’ is so true, especially when it comes to medical conditions with no outward signs. The Invisible Disabilities Association has an annual gala to honor its champions, and Joanne Davidson has details in her Mile High Style blog.

Online: Gala honors those living with ‘invisible disabilities’

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