

## Skin Cancer Institute's *Protect Your Skin* kit chosen for "Tucson in 100 Objects"



The Skin Cancer Institute's "Protect Your Skin" (PYS) sunscreen dispensers were highlighted as one of the "Tucson in 100 Objects" by the Arizona Daily Star in May. The dispensers are part of the Protect Your Skin program, which includes 2 sunscreen dispensers, 2 signs with sun safe tips, and 1 gallon of sunscreen. The dispenser highlighted in the article can be seen at the Pima Air and Space Museum. PYS kits are also used in several areas on the U of A campus, including Campus Health and the Cancer Center on North Campus. We hope to see the kit being used in more and more local businesses, as Tucsonans need as much help protecting themselves from the harsh Arizona sun as possible!

## SCI Hosts the 9th Annual Living in Harmony with the Sun

The Skin Cancer Institute hosted the 9th annual Living in Harmony with the Sun event at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum on Saturday, May 31st. The event was part of the museum's "Cool Summer Nights" series.

As in year's past, we had educational booths, the telescope from the Mt. Lemmon Sky Center, children's activities and free skin cancer screenings. We ended up screening 71 people for skin cancer, and 2 possible melanomas were found!

Every year, we reach hundreds of people with our sun safe messages. It's a great opportunity to come out and enjoy the beauty of nature at the museum, while learning how to protect yourself from our intense Arizona desert sun.

A big "Thanks" goes out to all of our wonderful volunteers who come out to help with the event every year. Without the dedication of our staff and friends, this event would not be possible!

We look forward to hosting this great event again next year. See you then!



## Festival of Books

The Skin Cancer Institute (SCI) and our Project SASS (Students are Sun Safe) volunteers had a great time at Tucson Festival of Books on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

We shared a booth with the Cancer Center in Science City and we also had the always popular skin analyzer machine in the University of Arizona Health Network tent.

As in previous years, the SCI also set up five sunscreen stations throughout the UA Mall. We went through 7 ½ quarts of sunscreen!! The SCI also provided sunscreen packets in the author and volunteer lounges.

Turn-out was fabulous and we reached many visitors with our sun safe messages. We were able to answer a lot of questions and provide brochures and materials about all the important work we do protecting our community from skin cancer!



Volunteers with SCI Mascot Ray at the Festival of Books

## Skin Cancer Institute

We are on the web:  
[azskincancerinstitute.org](http://azskincancerinstitute.org)

Visit our other sites:  
[protectyourskinaz.org](http://protectyourskinaz.org)  
[sassproject.org](http://sassproject.org)

Have you "Liked" us on Facebook?

You can keep up-to-date on the latest information,  
and community outreach activities!

### SAVE THE DATE

#### "Melanoma Walk 2014"

at the University of Arizona Cancer Center—

North Campus

Saturday, November 1st, 2014

2-6pm

#### Featuring:

- Δ 1.5 mile walk to benefit skin cancer research and outreach
- Δ Educational booths
- Δ Skin Cancer Screenings (first-come, first-served)
- Δ Kids Educational Activities

**[Register at fightmelanomatoday.org](http://fightmelanomatoday.org)**

### SCI and Research



The Skin Cancer Institute (SCI) co-hosted the International Skin Carcinogenesis Conference (ISCC) June 5th –8th.

This meeting brought together scientists who are at the forefront of understanding the molecular basis for skin cancer development. The conference

promoted the exchange of ideas by a diverse group of experts from around the world. Featured highlights this year included the most recent and relevant advances in the biological, cellular and molecular changes that occur during skin cancer development. There were also presentations on squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma and melanoma.

Congratulations to Tim Bowden for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for skin carcinogenesis research which was presented during the meeting. His amazing research with the Arizona Cancer Center over the years has been invaluable and makes us proud.

The SCI would like to thank Drs. Sally Dickinson, Robin Harris, Georg Wondrak and Tim Bowden for participating in the program planning committee. Special thanks go out to everyone who helped make this meeting such a great experience. We could not have done it without Tracie Blades and Denise Spartonos from the SCI.

It was an honor to support this exciting meeting of great minds. The SCI strives to support research in all areas of skin cancer prevention, detection and treatment.

### "Hats ON" Baby Hat Program Highlighted at Summit Hut

We are proud to announce that the Summit Hut outdoor gear stores in Tucson are now participating in our "Hats ON" baby hat program. Hats for babies and young children are being sold along with our brochure teaching parents and caregivers about young children's special sun protection needs.

The SCI is trying to make sun protection for young children reliable *and* affordable. The "Hats ON" program is important because it is hard to find inexpensive, wide-brimmed hats for young children in local stores. Through our program, very sun safe hats are offered at a greatly reduce price that everyone can appreciate!

Baby hats can be purchased at either store location:

5045 E. Speedway Blvd.

7745 N. Oracle Rd.



**Baby Hat Program**  
"Hats ON" to Tucson Babies!

Our goal is to put a sun hat on every baby in Tucson. The Skin Cancer Institute is making durable, adorable hats affordable to all!

**\$10** each

Sunscreen is not recommended for babies under the age of 6 months. If you have to spend time outside, then seek shade and keep your baby protected with a sun hat, sun safe clothing, and a stroller cover.

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