

A Light Has Gone Out

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In May of this year, a vital, long-standing member of NEKAAL's Education and Public Outreach shone bright for the last time. During a presentation to dozens of school children in Manhattan, the lamp in our Dell projector went dark.

The lamp had done hours of work showing the wonders of astronomy to NEKAAL members, students and the general public. Acquired with funds from the NASA education grant, it has allowed us to do outreach in a way not possible before. It performed its duties well and without complaint up to the very end.

As testimony to its unique contribution, it has taken months to find a bulb to take its place, and, when finally acquired, that replacement cost \$299, plus shipping.

In memory of the work done by Dell Lamp, we are holding a special collection to cover the cost of his replacement. Donations (tax-deductible) can be made to NEKAAL, marked for the Dell Lamp Fund, and sent to Nancy Cole.