



## February 2026 Newsletter

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### This month, Feb. 21st at 9:00 AM:

#### The Creator's Amazing Design for Sugar



**Dr. Mark Deming**

Life is made of molecules and there are four groups that stand out as the basic building blocks that form life: sugars, amino acids, nucleic acids and lipids. No life exists on earth that does not use all four, and they are interconnected. You cannot have one without the others. Dr. Deming will focus on the sugar group collectively called carbohydrates and

show where we find them in the parts we can't see and in the large structures that are built from them that we can see. He will then do a little tracing of how these sugars are used for energy from the simplest cell to us. We will see details on what is going on in ALL of life, forming a bigger picture that is astonishing! These details are all on the internet and accessible if you know what to look for ... that is hidden in plain sight. What we will find is that life is not as natural we have been told, yet the implications are "Sweeter than honey in the honeycomb."

**\*Dr. Mark Deming** earned a bachelors degree in chemistry in 1986 from California State University at Los Angeles, CSULA, and a Ph.D. in chemistry in 1992 from the University of Southern California, USC, where he did research on the mechanisms of carbon-hydrogen activation at Osmium phosphate molecules. He has taught chemistry at Pasadena Community College and when moving to the northwest has spent most of his time teaching chemistry and mathematics at Portland Community College and is presently retired. He has presented lectures at DSA in the past on the Human Genome Project and on the Engineering Marvels of Cholesterol. He has been married for 42 years and has two grown children.

Our meeting starts at **9:00 AM Saturday, Feb. 21** at Greater Portland Bible Church, [2374 SW Vermont St.](#)

For those who cannot attend in person, the meeting will also be livestreamed from a link on our website at <https://designsciencenw.org/livestream>

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## The [Mount St Helens Creation Center](#)



## can use you as a volunteer Docent

A **docent** is a museum host/hostess and as such you will greet visitors to the Center, guide them to displays and video presentations, and cashier the purchase of books and other materials. Training is provided. Some visitors are believers and some are not, so you might have the **opportunity to share the Gospel!** The Center is in downtown **Castle Rock, WA** at I-5 exit 49, about an hour drive from Portland and generally open 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday. Call Director **Bill Hoesch** at **(360) 274-5737** or email

[info@mshcreationcenter.org](mailto:info@mshcreationcenter.org) and include the word "Volunteer" in the subject line.

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## New on Our DSA Website

If you have eagerly wondered what is the topic **next month** and the **month after that** at DSA, those details are now on our website under [Upcoming Events](#) on the Meetings page. .

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## Coming up at our **March 21 Meeting** **Michael Calcagno** will be speaking on **Continuous Environmental Tracking**

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Check out DSA's website <https://DesignScienceNW.org> for additional events.

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