



KEYNOTE INTRODUCTION

The Spirit of a Star Sailor, the Soul of an Artist: The Story of Moonwalker and American Artist, Alan Bean

Alan Bean is the only artist to walk another world, return to earth, and paint what he saw and felt. Inspired by other explorer artists, Thomas Moran, Charles Russell, and Frederic Remington, whose paintings opened the world to the American West, Alan Bean opened the world to the universe.

Today, Alan's daughter, Amy will tell us how a small-town Texas boy achieved his dreams as an Aviator, an Astronaut, an Artist. With personal stories and video footage of him painting, you will hear why Moonwalker Alan Bean left NASA and the opportunity to fly the Space Shuttle, to pursue a new dream to become "The Apollo Artist."

A Navy veteran, Amy served around the world as both a military officer and a civilian. Amy raised 3 children, managed a small business, then in 2017 returned to Houston to work with her father. Before Alan's death, he encouraged Amy to "carry the fire," by writing and speaking about her Moonwalker Daughter experiences and his Apollo art.

Here she is. Please let us welcome Moonwalker Daughter, Amy Bean.