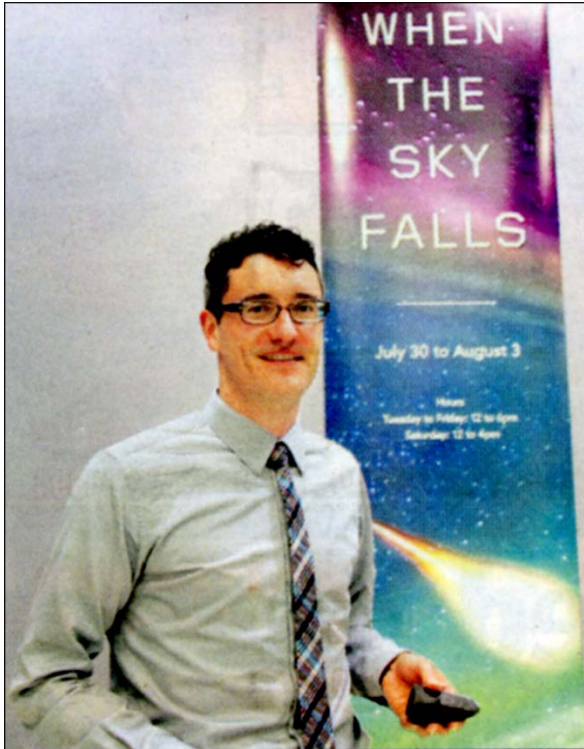


Meteorite exhibit lands in Edmonton



In a gallery not so far, far away, meteorites from Russia’s fireball and Western Canada’s most famous shooting stars are on display.

When the Sky Falls, an exhibit hosted at the Enterprise Square Galleries, features over a dozen meteorite specimens, including five from the meteor that streaked over Chelyabinsk, Russia earlier this year.

“That was a huge event, that was a once in a lifetime sort of thing,” said Chris Herd, curator of the exhibit. “We have actual samples of that event here on display ... it’s the first time in Canada, that’s the draw.”

“It’s interesting to learn about nature and the evolution of nature. It’s a natural interest to people,” said Marina Ivanova, a senior scientist at the Vernadsky Institute in Moscow.

The exhibit also spotlights meteorites from falls across Western Canada with photographs and stories accompanying the rock samples to help paint the picture.

“In some ways these are the crown jewels of the U of A’s meteorite collection,” Herd said. “It shows what was happening around the time of these events as well.”

The exhibit runs from July 30 to August 3.