

# 2019 Awards

The Service Award is a major award of the Society given to a member in recognition of outstanding service, rendered over an extended period of time (at least 10 years), where such service has had a major impact on the work of the Society and/or of a Centre of the Society.

**Randy Groundwater** has been very active and involved in the RASC Windsor Centre its activities and public outreach since he became a member in 1977. He served as President of the Windsor Centre for 13 years and also as Director of Public Education and Centre Historian, has taken part in numerous public presentations and observing sessions, written more than 240 articles for the Windsor Star's astronomy column, and taught astronomy courses at St. Clair College. Randy has been very active in engaging not just Windsor Centre members but also the public to promote astronomy. One notable example is his work helping organize Clyde Tombaugh's visit to Windsor so that the general public could meet the him and learn about how he discovered Pluto. Prior to joining the RASC, as a teenager Randy helped organize the NOVA astronomy club in 1972 whose membership went from 3 to 30 persons. After NOVA was dissolved in the spring of 1978, Randy continued sharing his astronomy enthusiasm and activity engagement with the Windsor Centre. Randy has made numerous contributions to the RASC's mission of enhancing the understanding of our universe and inspiring curiosity through public outreach and education by doing just that countless times over the decades.