

## Simon Newcomb Award 2022

*This award is given for excellence in astronomical writing by an RASC member.*

# Chris Vaughan

of RASC Toronto Centre

Chris Vaughan is known as the “AstroGeoGuy” since he is also an Earth Scientist.

Aside from his hard work at the Toronto Centre where he is an operator and tour guide for the David Dunlap Observatory’s 74” telescope, he is also the co-creator and presenter in their Skylab planetarium. In between his public outreach appearances, he writes a weekly astronomy news bulletin called Astronomy Skylights that is geared towards non-astronomers. In this newsletter, he not only points out what’s in the sky, he also explains things in an easy-to-understand manner and educates his readers, who can be found in all parts of the world. As well, Mr. Vaughan has been writing for Space.com since 2016, and he is also is a regular contributor to SkyNews magazine.

His content is also used in the very popular app Star Walk 2 as well as the Starry Night software package. Most recently, Chris co-authored 110 Things to See with a Telescope, together with RASC member John Read of the Halifax Centre.