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Celebrate International Astronomy Day with us!

Tomorrow is International Astronomy Day, a tradition started in 1973 by then President of the Astronomical Association of Northern California Doug Berger.

What better way to celebrate a day of Astronomy recognized around the world than participating in astronomy yourself? Here's a couple of ways you can get involved in the celebrations

#AstronomyAcrossCanada

May 2

While we're apart, we can still feel united because we all share the same sky. Let's star gaze together!

Join Canada's science centres and astronomy enthusiasts in celebrating International Astronomy Day, Saturday May 2nd. Use the hashtag #AstronomyAcrossCanada to share your passion for astronomy on social media during the day. As the sun goes down across the country, we will share posts about what's in the sky that night.

Virtual Astronomy Day with RASC Ottawa

May 2

On International Astronomy Day there will be a livestream going ALL DAY thanks to our friends at the Ottawa Centre. Live views of the Sun, Moon, Venus and various deep sky objects will be shown throughout the day. If the weather doesn't cooperate there are a number of speakers lined up to talk as well, so no matter what there is a ton of content to watch. Follow the link below to see a full list of speakers/presentations.

[Find out more!](#)

Halifax Centre Member Meeting

May 2, 12 pm ET

Halifax Centre is holding its monthly Members' Meeting via zoom webinar. All RASC Members are welcome to attend! [Visit their website for details of the meeting and how you can register to attend.](#)

The speakers for the afternoon are:

- Paul Gray - Provides the monthly photo montage
- Dave Chapman - The Sky This Month (May)
- Paul Heath - Food for the Soul
- Judy Black - News from the Board and the Observer's Handbook presentation re Weather Resources on the Internet
- Jerry Black & Blair MacDonald - Part 3 of Anatomy of an Imaging System: What toys do you need?
- **Special Guest:** Phil Groff - A conversation with the new RASC Executive Director

Canadian Women in Astronomy

May 8, 7 pm EDT

Join RASC member Heather Laird as she presents a history of some of the important women actively involved in the advancement of amateur and professional astronomy and astrophysics in Canada over the last century.

[Find out more about this Speaker Series Event!](#)

Virtual General Assembly

June 7, 2pm ET

RASC Virtual General Assembly 2020
Youth outreach program featuring talks from Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Joshua Kutryk, Sara Seager, and Bob McDonald

Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 11:00AM-2:00PM PDT. Live streamed on the RASC YouTube Channel youtube.com/c/rascanada

Updates to be provided at: ga2020.rasc-vancouver.com

Other content available through The RASC

If you are too busy during International Astronomy Day to take part in any of our celebrations, please don't worry. There is a ton of great astronomy content on tap.

Check out the great Tim Yaworski (@livingskyguy) and his new video series #astronomytime hosted on RASC National's YouTube account! This series, focused on showing beginner observers the ropes, is an excellent way to take your first steps into astronomy.

[Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!](#)

The Insider's Guide to the Galaxy
Galaxy Season
Hosts: Chris Vaughan, Jenna Hinds

The Insider's Guide to the Galaxy is a weekly livestreamed session that you shouldn't miss. Hosts Jenna Hinds and Chris Vaughan do an incredible job talking about astronomy, and you should check it out!

[Find out more about Insider's Guide to the Galaxy](#)

Self-Isolation Star Party
Observing tips for new astronomers

Hosts: Ryan Marciniak, Jenna Hinds

Our Self-isolation star parties are a great way to learn and have fun at the same time! Our hosts do a great job keeping conversations light while providing in-depth and interesting information on the cosmos. Make sure to check out the next Self-Isolation Star Party by following the link below.

[Find out more about Self-Isolation Star Parties](#)

RASC Speaker Series
Apollo 13: The Flight That Failed

Speaker: Randy Attwood
Special Guest: Fred Haise

Our RASC Speaker Series (hosted with our friends at SkyNews) is a blast. Check out this session with former RASC Executive Director Randy Attwood about the Apollo 13 mission. There is a very special Q+A session at the end of the live stream with astronaut Fred Haise, so make sure you check it out!

[Find out more about our Speaker Series](#)