



July 2020 Bulletin



Welcome to our new staff!

Now that it's summer time we have a few new staff members at the National Office! Thanks to the Canada Summer Jobs program we are adding two new wonderful people to our team.

Virginia Rufina Marquez-Pacheco
Marketing Assistant



Hello everyone! My name is Virginia, and I'm the new Marketing Assistant. I will be working in this capacity all summer. I am a youth member from the RASC Montreal Centre. I'm still a student, and I will be starting university in the Fall as a Physics Undergraduate at Bishop's University. In my time as Marketing Assistant, I want to boost the presence National and the local centres have in Canada with the help of social media, communication, and the structures behind it all. I hope to live up to and exceed expectations, and I cannot wait to work with all of you!

Katarina Holbrough
Summer Membership Assistant



I am a Bachelor of Fine Arts Student at OCAD U, working with RASC this summer as the Membership Assistant. This title covers a range of different responsibilities, from working directly with our RASC members to assisting with the daily administrative tasks, or preparing our products and welcome packages. Do not be surprised if you hear from me this summer asking for your experiences as a RASC member.

Explore the Universe with us!



Our outreach coordinator Jenna Hinds has been hard at work putting together amazing content for our members and the general public

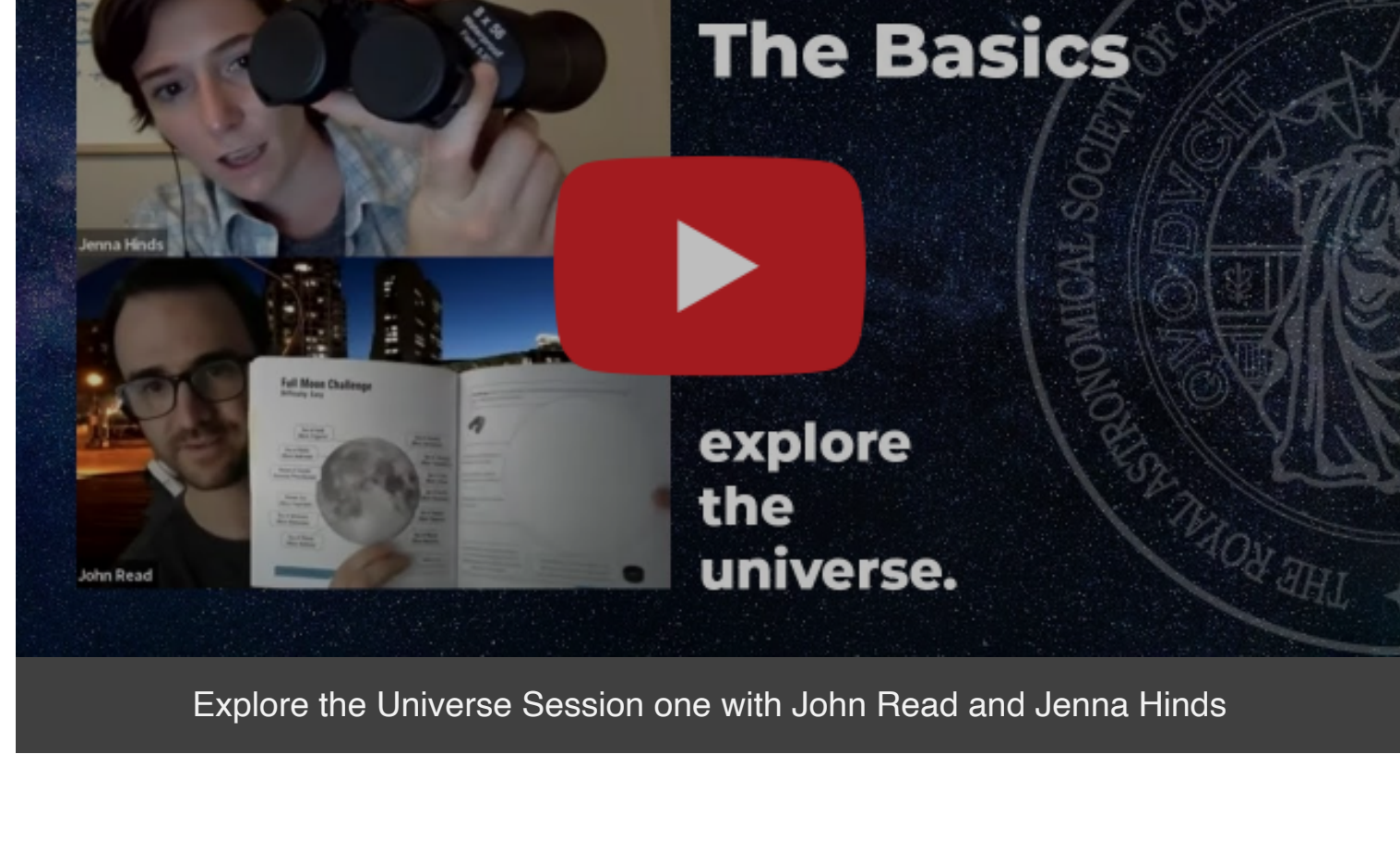
Explore the Universe Online guides new astronomers through our most accessible observing program. We will assist participants in finding enough targets to acquire their certificates and pins by the end of the series.

Find out more about the program, including timing, topics, and registration at rasc.ca/etonline.

Our next session is an **Introduction to Deep Sky Objects**. We're dialling up the challenge this week! We're going to introduce you to the wonderful world of Deep Sky Objects. We'll show you a few more tricks for navigating and finding constellations, but our main focus will be on some easy-to-spot clusters of stars, and the Lagoon Nebula!

You can catch up on our first session ahead of Thursday's right here:

[Register for ETU Online](#)



RASC AGM 2020



This past June, The RASC was faced with an unprecedented situation. Due to concern for our member safety in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic we had to make the difficult decision to cancel our in-person GA taking place in Vancouver.

Along with the General Assembly, our Annual General Meeting was also at risk of not happening. However, thanks to some hard working, resourceful members of the RASC, our first ever Virtual AGM and GA took place this past month. Congratulations to everyone who took part in organizing this event. You should all be tremendously proud of yourselves! It is a privilege to work for an organization that is cared for this much by its membership.

Of course, the GA sessions from our first-ever Virtual GA are still available online. You can check them out on our YouTube channel:



Get yourself some RASC merch!



There's a new item available in our online store and we want you to know about it! This RASC Fanny Pack lets you easily access/store handheld items while observing. It features an adjustable strap allowing you to customize your fit.

What are you waiting for? Get yours today before I buy them all for myself!

[Buy Now](#)

James Webb Telescope survey for RASC members

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is going to be the most powerful telescope ever built. In fact, it has been designed to be 100 times more powerful than the Hubble Telescope. This means that this joint NASA, CSA and ESA mission will be able to provide unprecedented information on the early universe, galaxy formation, star and planetary systems, as well as exoplanets.

The CSA has offered to host a JWST training session exclusively for RASC members. In order to determine exactly what The RASC audience wishes to know, and to fine tune the session for the centre, the CSA has sent out a survey to be completed by the members. It is not mandatory, but would be greatly appreciated. There are ten questions in total. You can access the survey by clicking the link below.

Thank you for your participation!

[Take the JWST Survey!](#)

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