



2021's Best Sights

Happy New Year to you, our wonderful members! We have an entire year's worth of astronomical events to look forward to. Wondering what's ahead? Take a look at RASC Journal Editor, CBC Science Reporter and RASC member Nicole Mortillaro's [list of space events for 2021](#).

5000 Member Announcement!

As we welcome in a new year, the RASC is happy to announce a new milestone. As of December 16th, 2020 we have reached 5000 members! Despite the difficulties faced this year with Covid-19, all of our members, volunteers, and staff members have been working hard to provide a supportive and welcoming community. We want to thank all of our members and volunteers for your continued support. Going forward, we will continue to support the RASC's growth and we hope to provide an unforgettable experience for all!

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New Office Phone Numbers

Several members in the office have new phone numbers. This is in an effort to reduce after-hours calls to personal phones. You can still leave a message at the RASC National Office phone and we will get back to you ASAP. However, we are available at these phone numbers during work hours.

Adela Zyfi, Membership Coordinator: 519-783-1529
Katarina Holborough, Membership Assistant: 519-783-1497
Jenna Hinds, Outreach Coordinator: 519-783-1472
Philip Groff, Ph.D., Executive Director: 647-588-2336

Congratulations to 2020's Certificate Recipients!

This year has thrown us many curve balls, but RASC's membership (and our non-member friends) have been very productive in achieving certificates! We awarded a record 39 Observing Certificates, as well as 16 Astroimaging Certificates. We would like to extend our congratulations to all of you who achieved your Certificates this year.

Explore the Universe - Observing Certificate

Ian Bain, Chris Baldock, Stephen Brown, Luke Cacco, Stewart Cameron, Anita Carpenter, John Carpenter, Dave Chapman, Abby Choi, Karthika Das, Atul Dave, Lisa Ann Fanning, Eslie Ferguson, Karen Hamblin, Murray Hunt, Paul Jomm, Robert Millard, Arushi Nath, Denis Pilon, Chris Sarkassian, Swapna Shivastava, Blair Stunder, Troy Sweeney, Alexandre Viau, Alex Vio.

Explore the Moon Binocular - Observing Certificate

Andrew Bennett, David Hawkins, George Patten.

Explore the Moon Telescope - Observing Certificate

Charles Banville, Robert Millard, John Peddle, Tony Schellinck, Tim Yaworski.

Isabel Williamson Lunar Observing Certificate

Christopher Cokinos, Melody Hamilton, Mike Matwyuk, Robert Millard.

Messier Catalogue Observing Certificate

Mike Matwyuk.

Finest NGC Objects Observing Certificate

Tony Schellinck.

[Click here](#) for information regarding observing certificates.

To view each astroimager's submitted images, please click their names.

[Deep Sky - Astroimaging Certificate](#)
[Jim Johnston](#), [Sheila Wivchar](#), [Erich Krause](#), [Dalton Wilson](#), [Steve Holmes](#).

Wide Field - Astroimaging Certificate

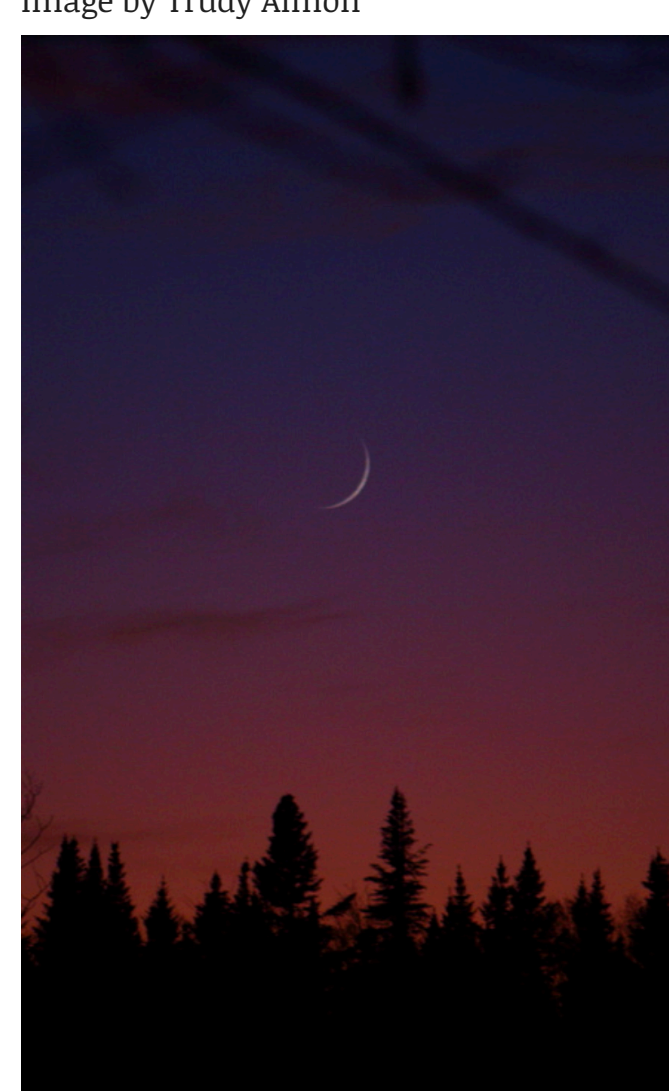
[Sheila Wivchar](#), [Tim Yaworski](#), [Alister Ling](#), [Rick Routledge](#), [Bill Gardner](#), [Trudy Almon](#).

Solar System - Astroimaging Certificate

[Ian Doktor](#), [Murray Paulson](#), [Rick Routledge](#), [Robert Lewis](#), [Tony Schellinck](#).

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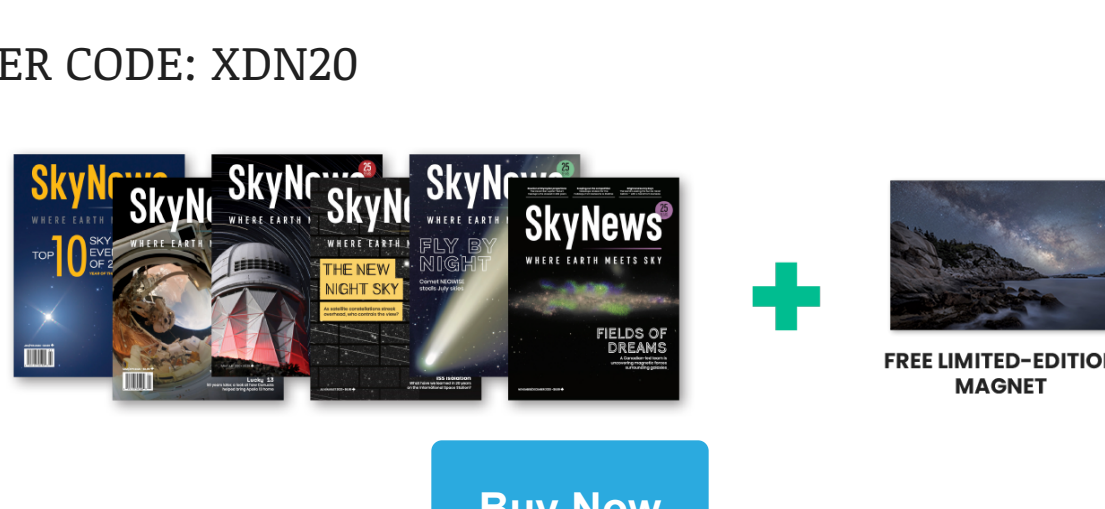


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Canada Summer Jobs Funding Application Now Open!

The federal government has announced the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program is now open for applications; deadline January 29th. National program is now open for applications; deadline January 29th. CSJ program is now open for applications; deadline January 29th. Through this program and benefitted greatly from the significant contributions they made to RASC operations. We'll be applying again this year. **Your centre, if a charity or incorporated not-for-profit, can apply to receive 100% of the wages paid to youth.** The main considerations are as follows:

- Youth must be between 15 and 30 years old, Canadian citizen, SIN number
- The earliest job start date is April 26, 2021
- Jobs can begin up to January 15, 2022
- The latest job end date is February 26, 2022
- Job duration: must be between 6 and 23 weeks
- Job hours: may be part-time or full time, between 12 and 40 hours a week
- Provincial minimum wage must be paid
- Vacation pay, EI, CPP and Workman's Comp. must also be paid

Applicants must meet the funding criteria of both CSJ and your federal riding. Contact with your MP is helpful as they approve funds awarded. The primary goal of the program is to provide youth with work experience.

Youth can work from their home to assist centres with communications such as newsletters, website posts, social media, or designing educational or promotional materials. Perhaps your centre could engage a youth to apply for funds. Your centre's observatory may need painted or the grass cut. Or there may be other needs specific to your centre's operations that could benefit from paid help.

Information and application guidelines are on the website: [Funding: Canada Summer Jobs - Overview - Canada.ca](#)

If you wish to apply and need any assistance, please contact me at ldiveto@rasc.ca or 519-754-1803 – well before the 29th!

Good luck!

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