



*The BAA Observatory is located under the dark rural skies and spectacular scenery of Beaver Meadow Nature Center in North Java, NY*

Whether you own a telescope, binoculars, or just love to look up at the night sky the BAA has a universe of experience to offer. To **become a BAA member** complete the membership application below.

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city.....state.....zip.....

tel/home.....tel/work.....email.....

membership dues/  **\$25** individual  **\$20** student  
 **\$30** family  **\$20** senior (aged 65 and ove)

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tell us about your interests:.....  
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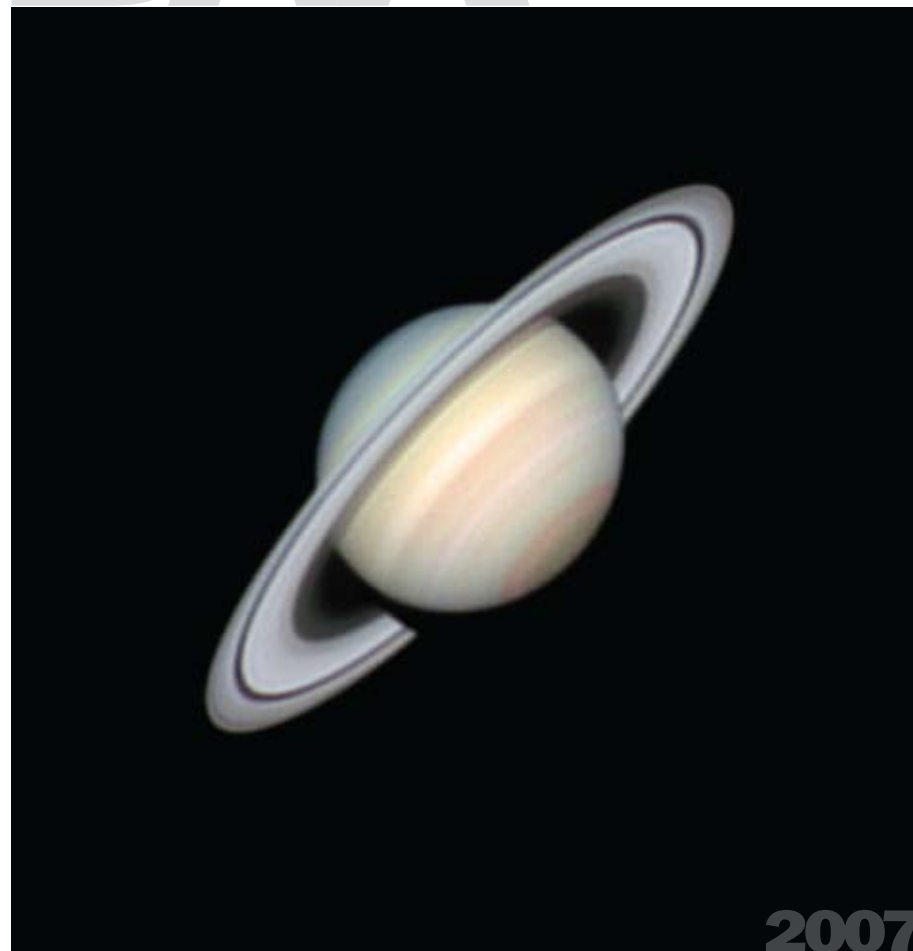
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# BAA

## Buffalo Astronomical Association



For more than sixty years  
a friendly place for Western New Yorkers  
who love the night sky

**The Buffalo Astronomical Association** is an organization composed of people from all walks of life who share in common a love for the wonders of the universe. Our goal is the preservation of astronomy on the amateur level and to this end we pledge our talents and resources.



*Sidewalk astronomy on Elmwood Avenue*

Member interests within our organization vary tremendously. We have telescope designers, telescope makers and telescope users. Members observe visually and image the night sky with pencil and paper, film and digital techniques. We even have armchair astronomers who prefer theory to observation. We have experts and beginners of all ages working together to further our understanding of the universe around us. Members share experience and good fellowship through many and varied activities. Anyone who shares our love for astronomy is welcome to join the BAA.

There are many valuable benefits to membership in the BAA. Our **meetings** are held on the second Friday of each month from September through June (except for the March dinner meeting) at 7:30 pm in the New Science Building auditorium (room NS213) on the campus of Buffalo State College. Featured speakers and presentations explore a wide gamut of astronomical topics. Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings. During July and August, informal weekend **Star Parties** are held at numerous dark sky locations in Western New York. Members are encouraged to bring their telescopes. We are an affiliate organization to the **Buffalo Museum of Science** and our collaboration on museum exhibits and programming brings the wonders of astronomy to a diverse city audience. Our bi-monthly newsletter, **the Spectrum** features articles by club members on all topics of astronomy. And our on-line discussion group, the BAA **E-Group**, gives members a casual forum to share thoughts, observations and the latest astronomy news flashes. Info on our events and activities can be found on our **website [www.buffaloastronomy.com](http://www.buffaloastronomy.com)**

**The BAA maintains an observatory** at the Audubon Society's Beaver Meadow

Nature Center in North Java and conducts public programming at the Remick Observatory in Lockport. Beaver Meadow observatory is open to the public on the first and third Saturdays of each month from April through October, rain or shine. The Remick Observatory conducts public observing sessions on the second and fourth Saturdays. At these public nights, BAA members take observatory visitors on a guided tour of the night sky using a collection of telescopes ranging in aperture from 6 to 20 inches. If the weather does not allow observing, slides, videotape and telescope clinics substitute for a clear sky. New members are encouraged to attend both as spectators and as helpers.

### **The 2007 Public Night Schedule at Beaver Meadow Observatory**

*April 7*

*April 21*

*May 5*

*May 19*

*June 2*

*June 16*

*July 7*

*July 21*

*August 4*

*August 18*

*Sept. 1*

*Sept. 15*

*October 6*

*October 20*



*The 20" Obsession at Beaver Meadow is the largest public telescope in WNY*

*To reach the Observatory, take route 400 to East Aurora rte. 20A. Turn left on 20A and continue 10.8 miles to rte. 77. Turn right on 77 and continue south 6.9 miles to Welch Rd. Turn left onto Welch Rd. The parking lot for Beaver Meadow Nature Center is on your right 1/4 mile down the road. The observatory is the building closest to the parking lot.*